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Brown Bag Lecture and discussion \ **Hosting refugees as a political instrument: South African and Ugandan perspectives**

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States are fundamental to protecting refugees and implementing migration governance, yet especially in the African setting, we know very little about what choices are made and what stakes play a role. This presentation will discuss how hosting refugees has been used as a political instrument in South Africa and Uganda. On the basis of expert interviews and focus group discussions with refugee and host populations, the presentation will consider the political stakes of hosting refugees by discerning domestic interests versus external pressures and how political interest groups see things differently. The (mis-)attention and merging between labour migration and refugees will also be addressed.

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The talk on 15 December 2021 is taking place in the framework of BICC’s Brown Bag Lecture Series “Displacement and development” which aims to interlink conflict and displacement studies on the one hand and development, respectively humanitarian aid-oriented analyses on the other. The lecture series is organized by the BICC Project “[Trajectories of reintegration: The impacts of forced displacement, migration and return on social change](#)” (2019-2022), funded by German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

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