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Start of Webinar series \ Zooming in on Migration and Asylum

On 30 June 2020, 13:00 – 14:30 hrs CEST, a new webinar series by EU-funded Horizon 2020 research projects working on migration and asylum will start. The project TRAFiG (Transnational Figurations of Displacement), coordinated by BICC, initiated the series and will host the first session tomorrow on “Doing research on migration and asylum. Responsibilities and limits”.

“One of the underlying problem we want to address in this session is that despite the repeatedly-shared urge to think out of the box, significant empirical research results often remain unacknowledged by policy and policymakers”, Benjamin Etzold, BICC and TRAFiG’s scientific coordinator, explains. On the other hand, researchers are invited to (self)critically discuss what kind of knowledge they (want to) produce on migration, displacement and asylum and how for refugees and other migrants could benefit of their research. Input-givers of the webinar will be François Gemenne, University of Liège, Carolien Jacobs, Leiden University, Jørgen Carling, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Julien Jeandesboz, Université Libre de Bruxelles as well as Luca Lixi, Migration Policy Officer at the European Commissions’ DG Research and Innovation

Starting with 30 June, the webinar series Zooming in on Migration and Asylum is co-organised by four research and innovation projects- TRAFiG, ADMiGov, MagYc, and MiGNeX-that are funded by the European Union in the frame of the Horizon 2020 program. The series aims to facilitate evidence-based discussions and action at multiple levels, focussing on some of today’s most pressing dynamics, including protracted displacement, the notion of crisis in the field of migration and asylum, internal displacement, refugee-driven solutions, and alternatives to current migration governance. “The Corona pandemic and its respective restrictions not only affected our research, we also have to re-orient our strategies to engage with key stakeholders in the field. Besides enabling us to virtually reach-out to policymakers, other academics and the public, the webinar series will foster mutual learning between the involved projects”, Benjamin Etzold highlights.

The webinars will be held once a month starting in June 2020, with the lead rotating between partners. Each 90min-webinar will be conducted via the webinar platform Zoom. The audience can pose questions via the Q&A format.

You will find the programme of the webinar series Zooming in on Migration and Asylum at https://trafig.eu/events/zooming-in-on-migration-and-asylum

You can register for the webinar series here. You will receive a confirmation email upon registration.