





Lecture Series "Signatures of World Society"

Global Migration and Refugee Governance from Below: A Comparative Perspective

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How do self- and support organizations of migrants and refugees claim space(s) and meaningful participation in global governance processes? Two Global Compacts – one on safe, orderly, and regular migration (GCM) and one on refugees (GCR) – were agreed upon in 2018 and both stress the inclusion of all relevant stakeholders. However, starting from the deliberations and including the current monitoring and implementation phase, the opportunities for access have been limited and differ significantly between the two Compacts. This presentation will provide a comparative analysis of actors, networks, and strategies of migrant and refugee civil society. These include the "mainstreaming" of their agendas into global discourses, the meaningful participation in officially invited spaces as well as the creation of independently invented spaces for advocacy. The lecture also raises the question: why is there so little cooperation between the two clusters of civil society organizations despite their many shared issues and challenges?