

SYLFF KOLLEG – FORCED MIGRATION

The RUB Research School in cooperation with the Tokio Foundation offers 4 grants for doctoral researchers within the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF). The Fellows will be part of a small, highly interdisciplinary research group and work on individual doctoral projects within different research perspectives under the overarching topic of **forced migration**. The different perspectives formulated by the cooperation professors are the following:

- **Prof. Dr. Thomas K. Bauer**, *Foreign aid and migration*
- Prof. Dr. Pierre Thielbörger, *International Refugee- and Migration Law*
- Prof. Dr. Eva Gerharz, *Transnational social movements and their global responsibility*
- PD Dr. Levent Tezcan, *Religious Difference and Forced Migration*

FOREIGN AID AND MIGRATION

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An important part of the migration policy of the European Union aims at improving the living conditions in important source countries in order to reduce migration pressure towards Europe. However, research on the determinants of migration flows suggest that improving living conditions might increase emigration rates because higher incomes allow more and more individuals in the source countries to finance migration. Against this background, the project aims to investigate empirically the effects of foreign aid on migration flows. In particular it will be investigated, whether foreign aid aiming at improving the economic situation in the potential source countries has different effects if compared to foreign aid directed into the development of institutions (democracy, anti-corruption, etc.).