The fellows of the SYLFF Mikrokolleg will work on a variety of aspects related to international forced migration which is understood as a cross-border “migratory movement in which an element of coercion exists, including threats to life and livelihood, whether arising from natural or man-made causes” (International Organisation for Migration). The fellows will

- analyse the root causes of international forced migration in the home countries, including poverty, loss of land, and the persecution due to ethnicity, traditions and religious beliefs,
- evaluate the effectiveness of different international approaches to respond to forced migration in the home countries, such as humanitarian action, foreign aid, institution building and democracy promotion,
- focus on the rights of forced migrants and refugees in different legal orders and on the duties of the involved actors, including the host state, international of regional organisations.

The SYLFF Mikrokolleg invites the application of excellent young researchers with a strong interest in research on international forced migration, with a background in economics, law, political science or sociology and with a clear commitment towards cross-disciplinary cooperation.

Research perspective:
ORGANIZED VIOLENCE IN THE PROCESS OF FORCED MIGRATION

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Due mainly to climate change, fragile states, lack of development and organized violence the number of forced migrants – as IDPs and international – refugees is increasing. Most forced migrants concentrate in neighboring countries of their home. Only few risk the long, time and money consuming way to apply for asylum, mainly in rich countries of the North. Whereas many refugee related studies concentrate on the process of arriving and integrating in a host country, this project focuses on forced migration as an often enduring complex social and collective process and especially on the role of organized violence before, during and after the migration process. Based on retrospective longitudinal biographical and survey interviews the project will analyze the individual and collective processes of information gathering, socializing, making everyday life, administrating resources and taking decisions especially in the light of organized violence. The project will relate to the other SYLFF-projects and to a broader research consortium on the topic, organized at Ruhr University Bochum and Free University Berlin that centers on Turkey and Mexico as transit countries.