SYLFF KOLLEG - FORCED MIGRATION

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:
AMBIGUITY AND CLEANSING: RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISM AS A ROOT OF FORCED MIGRATION

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In the last decades, the world witnessed an increase in fundamentalist movements in a struggle against postmodern ambiguities and cultural pluralities, linked to ethnic, lifestyle and religious identities. The prominence of such movements and their political relevance varies from country to country. Often, fundamentalist groups not only fight against minorities, but also aim for a purification of the mainstream society. This research projects invites doctoral students to investigate religious fundamentalism as a possible root cause in the context of forced migration. Research will be based on ethnographic fieldwork and participant observation. All regional contexts are welcome.