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Workshop Invitation: CoNet Connecting Networks- Strengthening international partnerships in refugee and forced migration studies, 31 May 2021

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Dear colleagues,

forced migration is an interlinked global and transnational phenomenon. We would like to **invite your network to strengthen the development of international partnerships** in this field by getting to know each other in two digital workshops jointly organised by the *German Network for Forced Migration Studies* (NWFF) and the cooperation project "*Forced Migration and Refugee Studies: Networking and Knowledge Transfer*" (FFVT) - further information below*.

This invitation was forwarded to more than 25 networks internationally, working in the field of forced migration and refugee studies. We appreciate, if you would like to share and disseminate it with your own networks.

Our first digital workshop addresses questions on structural/organisational cooperation among the networks. It is scheduled for

31 May 2021 2pm to 4 pm CEST

Please **register under the following link until May, 9th 2021**. Your network is welcome to participate with two or more members (also to allow a better representation in our planned break out rooms).

<https://forms.gle/GkBKFPx5tiW3LXu97>

Login details of the first workshop via ZOOM will be forwarded to you after your registration.

For our first workshop, we propose the following agenda. However, we would also like to **invite you to let us know about other concerns you would like to discuss with the other international networks**, by giving us feedback under the registration link.

Agenda:

1. **Welcome by NWFF and FFVT**
2. **Welcome statement by IASFM president**
3. **Short presentations of each network**
4. **Group discussion in break out rooms:**
 - Room 1: Information flow
 - Improve the flow of information between the networks
 - Internet presence in the respective partner network web sites
 - Supporting international lectures (eg. requests for international expertise in teaching and for conferences)
 - Room 2: Events and activities (conferences, lectures, etc.)
 - Ways of including each other at our network conferences
 - Planning of further joint conferences and/or workshops
 - Joint Publications and Blogs
 - Room 3: Cooperation and advocacy
 - Structures for long-term cooperation through official network partnership agreements
 - Supporting international research collaboration (eg. requests for research partners)
 - Room 4: open for suggestions
5. **Bundling up and next steps**
6. **Concluding remarks**
7. **Farewell**

The **second digital workshop** deals with content-related issues of cooperation among the networks. It is scheduled for

22 June 2021 (save the date, further details will follow)

We are looking forward to meeting you on 31 May 2021.

Best regards
NWFF and FFVT

* The CoNet initiative is organized by two networks located in Germany:

The German network "[Netzwerk Fluchtforschung](#)" is the central association of interdisciplinary research on forced migration in German-speaking countries. Founded in 2013, it has been registered as a non-profit association since April 2019 and has around 180 regular members.

The cooperation project "[Forced Migration and Refugee Studies: Networking and Knowledge Transfer](#)" (FFVT) aims, among other objectives, to improve the link of national level scientific activities in the field of Forced Migration and Refugee Studies with the international level. Through this linkage, interdisciplinary research on Forced Migration and Refugees in Germany will become an established research field and anchored institutionally in order to strengthen its international standing. Project activities include workshops and conferences as well as the establishment of study programmes and an exchange programme for academics.