Room 1: Information Flow

Mailing lists?

Networking during the pandemic?

greater engagement of researchers and refugee leaders from/in the global South

imbalances of information flow - imbalances of power structures

spend time together for a better information flow

Distribute information via social media - Population Europe as an example for successful platform

How can we distribute information on CfP, conferences... more equally?? List of Mailing list?

Joint commitment to have refugees and partners from the global South on all panels and research events.

Joint advocacy letter to research funder.

How scholars from diverse backgrounds can be supported to produce knowledge that can be present in academic journals.

networks are never flat! there are always 'gatekeepers' (in organizations, universities, disciplines, countries - both South and North)

North - South divide and localisation of refugee and forced migration research

Advocacy statement letter of all networks together to push things forward

predominance of networks from the North

open access?

Move from research partnerships to the localization of knowledge production.

Who is making the agenda

Leverage the movement on funding for Open Access to support "inclusive access"

Engage with structures of funding to address the political economy of knowledge production.

Work with journals to diversify the perspectives present in academic journals.

What are the conferences and events that your network (co-)organizes?

What were challenges during the pandemic and solutions you found?

What are strategies to make activities and events as inclusive and diverse as possible?

the 3rd Conference of the German Network of Forced Migration Researchers: "Contexts of Displacement, Refugee Protection and Forced Migrants' Lives" (online, 2020)
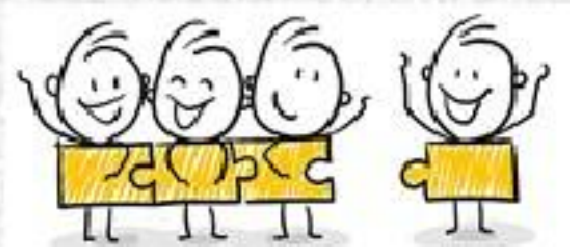
online workshop "(Im)mobility in international research cooperation: knowledge and partnerships between the South and North, East and West" on 22 June 2021 (9:45h-16:15h CET).

online workshop-series "Displacement, Immobility and Human Rights" - next Panel (probably) in July 2021 on "the EP Frontex Scrutiny Working Group's Report"

the FFVT Summerschool "Displacement, Governance and Human Rights" will take place in Nürnberg, Germany, July 10-15, 2022

the 4th conference of the German Network of Forced Migration Researchers will take place in September 2022 at the TU Chemnitz

travel restrictions,

impossibility to plan next steps (outside of the online sphere)

-> solutions:
- moving everything to the online sphere ?!
- record sessions and lectures to provide the content online as well (-> hybridity)
- good practice: the 'Human Rights and Migration' Course was offered fully online by the Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility

global calendar for research-related activities in the field

continue to make parts of conference available online/ zoom to make them more accessible to those without funding to travel (or those unable to get visas to travel)? -> hybrid events?

offer scholarships and (visa-)support for scholars to make events accessible

How can we establish structures for long-term cooperation among networks?

How can we best advocate for the people among whom we work?

How can we improve our engagement with refugee leaders and communities?

Question of how to represent different perspectives in umbrella organisations?

Challenge: Networks grow organically and are differently organised

Conference with networks present today on a larger scale could be a good next step; digital formats could help (e.g. with costs)

IASFM conference: This year virtual! Networking session prior to conference

Build on existing structures, like existing networks or conferences

Networks with lesser means who cannot submit a paper should be included

consider language barriers

Certain researchers in non-supported contexts should be brought in (e.g. Kurdish areas)

How can we learn from each other?

Use social media, set up network of network groups on LinkedIn and FB, share information of individual network activitgies, seek synergy effects whils avoiding duplication of activities

Structural issues: Would it be worth to organize blog series together? Tackling issues we may have each

Promoting other's erences

Overarching issues that are important for all of us, like research thics

Propose 3 areas: 1 discussing structural issues of/in networks & learning from each other; 2 coopertion in research (conferences, etc); 3 addressing overarching issues (ethics, etc)

create an e-mail network

Work towards inclusion

Question: Do we really need to advocate for someone else who already has voice and know what works best?

Connecting with our researchers should not only be based on exchanges results but also during the research projects

Take an applied science approach and engage with users to actually change things

Build on work by Share the Platform and others, which centres refugee expertise: https://www.sharetheplatform.org/

Virginia Tech is applying to the Trans-Atlantic Platform due July 12 –is anyone else applying

Overview to show what each researcher is CURRENTLY working on to enable collaboration during the research process

Conferences can be prohibitive for some reasons: other venues are needed; online tools could be useful in this regard

Aim at working together in joint projects in order to work together also throughout the research process; Getting to the results is already a critical point

Working together also during analysis

Engage with activist networks and offer academic skills to NGOs, provide our platforms to refugees, give voice to refugees

Ethical relationships, based on reciprocity and long-term commitment to communities.

Refugee representation on decision-making bodies and committees!