

### The MeDiMi Project

MeDiMi is an interdisciplinary research group funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), comprising ten projects at six academic institutions in Germany and the Netherlands. MeDiMi studies the “humanrightization” of discursive practices in migration societies. It analyzes the interwoven processes of legalization, politicization, and everydayization of references to human rights in migration-related conflicts, with the aim of developing a practice theory of human rights in contemporary societies.

### Concept of the Conference

The multidisciplinary conference aims to explore the intersection of human rights and migration. It is open to researchers at all career stages and of all backgrounds – from undergraduate and doctoral students to senior academics, experienced practitioners, and activist voices. Participants are invited to join us in discussing a wide variety of legal struggles, issues of in-/exclusion, and (self-)representations of actors in migration societies.

Rather than providing preliminary results and theoretical findings from our own research, we want to listen and learn what others have found out about the dynamics of humanrightization: the practices of human rights movements, the role of human rights law, the interplay of human rights and democracy, and the making of human rights consciousness in migration societies.



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**Registration is required via the MeDiMi website.**  
The number of places is limited.  
The conference is an in-person event.  
Sessions A, F, and I will be livestreamed.

The complete program, a book of abstracts and bios, and further organizational details are available at

➤ [www.medimi.de/en](http://www.medimi.de/en)

### Organizers:

Research Group “Human Rights Discourse in Migration Societies” (MeDiMi)

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# Human Rights in Migration Societies

*Exploring the Intersection of  
Human Rights and Migration  
in Law, Politics, and  
Everyday Life*

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# Conference Program

Wednesday, September 18

**Session A**

17:00 – 18:30 • Opening Keynote

**The State of the Human Rights of Migrants in Europe**

- ✦ MAXIMILIAN PICHL • RheinMain University of Applied Sciences, Wiesbaden

Thursday, September 19

**Session B**

09:00 – 10:30 • Roundtable

**Human Rights Movements in Migration Societies: Experiences and Practices**

- ✦ NELE ALLENBERG • German Institute for Human Rights, Berlin  
BERND KASPAREK • TU Delft & Transforming Solidarities, Berlin  
MICHELE LEVOY • PICUM, Brussels

10:30 – 11:00 • Coffee break

**Session C**

11:00 – 12:30 • Parallel Panels

- ✦ C1: Doctrinal Struggles  
C2: Diaspora Experiences  
C3: Activist Practices  
C4: Latin American Experiences

12:30 – 14:00 • Lunch break

**Session D**

14:00 – 15:30 • Roundtable

**Human Rights Law in Migration Societies: Migrants' Rights before the Courts**

- ✦ HANAA HAKIKI • ECCHR, Berlin  
ITAMAR MANN • University of Haifa  
MARIO SAVINO • Tuscia University, Viterbo

15:30 – 16:00 • Coffee break

**Session E**

16:00 – 17:30 • Parallel Panels

- ✦ E1: Trends in Jurisprudence  
E2: Health & Work  
E3: Imaginaries of Migration  
E4: Ethics of Rights

17:30 – 18:00 • Coffee break

**Session F**

18:00 – 19:30 • Roundtable

**What Does Democracy Mean in Migration Societies? Human Rights, Participation, and Solidarity**

- ✦ MEMBERS OF HERE TO SUPPORT • Amsterdam  
KLAAS MÜLLER • Verfassungsblog, Berlin  
ELIZABETH NGARI • Women in Exile, Potsdam

From 19:30 • Dinner and informal get-together at the venue

Friday, September 20

**Session G**

09:00 – 10:30 • Panel

**The Making of Human Rights Consciousness in Migration Societies**

- ✦ AGHOGHO AKPOME • University of Zululand  
ANDREA FRITSCHKE • University of Innsbruck  
JOACHIM SAVELSBERG • University of Minnesota

10:30 – 11:00 • Coffee break

**Session H**

11:00 – 12:30 • Parallel Panels

- ✦ H1: Framing of Rights  
H2: Politics of Rights  
H3: Knowledge Cultures of Rights

12:30 – 13:00 • Lunch packages

**Session I**

13:00 – 14:30 • Concluding Keynote

**Research on Human Rights and Migration: The Way Forward**

- ✦ ANUSCHEH FARAHAT • University of Vienna