

Migration and Security Policy: African and EU Perspectives

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Abstract: As governments worldwide associate the uncontrolled movement of refugees, migrants and displaced people as a threat to their nation's sovereignty and security, migration and refugee politics are becoming increasingly securitized, emphasizing the need to protect the nation's borders and to curb migration flows.

More inclusive refugee policies that foster refugee integration and freedom of movement seem to conflict with greater control. Security actors worry about the limits to oversee refugees' activities in a setting without encampment policies and with further integration into national systems. However, refugees, migrants, and internally displaced people can also improve state stability by strengthening the economy, military, diplomatic standing, and civic values.

This plenary session aims at critically discussing the complex interplay between migration and security in various African countries. Taking differential perspectives on this matter, the four speakers will shed light on how Afro-European relations in migration control, national security governance and international refugee policies interact.



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