

## 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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Campus Law and Economics  
Hörsaalgebäude: Bar Menachem Hörsaal (HS 5)  
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**Registration is required via the MeDiMi website.**  
The number of places is limited.  
The conference is an in-person event.

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*

September 18–20, 2024

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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