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bonn platform for forced migration studies

Bonn is home to many experts working in the field of (forced) migration – in associations, international organizations, think tanks and universities. We pool this expertise in various active formats and expand it together, particularly in the area of transdisciplinarity.



The **Bonn Platform for Forced Migration Studies** is a collaboration established in 2023 by researchers and academic managers. It brings together bicc (Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies), FFVT (Forced Migration and Refugee Studies: Networking and Transfer), the University of Bonn, and the Bonn Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Learning (BIM e.V.), including its House of Diversity Migrapolis.

Through the platform, we foster a trusting exchange among experts from NGOs, international organizations, think tanks, and universities in the field of forced migration. We facilitate roundtable discussions for dialogue and collegial consultation in a young, transdisciplinary, and sensitive research area. Additionally, we contribute to institutional matters such as research ethics and the requirements of transdisciplinary work.

Activities

The platform regularly hosts **roundtables** to bring together researchers, practitioners and migrant self-organizations on (forced) migration. Our **IMPULSE Cafés** promote interdisciplinary dialog between researchers.

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Milestones

The coordinating team collaborated in the **5th Conference of the German Network for Migration Studies** in 2024 and in the **International Days 2023** at the University of Bonn. Another major success was gaining funding for the project **“Reflexivity in (Forced) Migration Studies”** (2024–2025) from the Transdisciplinary Research Area (TRA) ‘Individuals, Institutions, Societies’ at the University of Bonn.

The initiative’s member bicc is doing pioneering work in refugee policy by establishing a **Refugee Advisory Board for Germany** in cooperation with the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Federal Foreign Office and the Robert Bosch Foundation. The **national secretariat** will be hosted by bicc.