

## GENDERED VIOLENCE AND DEPENDENCIES IN REFUGEES' (IM)MOBILITIES

WORKSHOP

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## THE BONN CENTER FOR DEPENDENCY AND SLAVERY STUDIES

hosts the Cluster of Excellence “Beyond Slavery and Freedom”, which aims to overcome the binary opposition of “slavery versus freedom”. We approach the phenomenon of slavery and other types of strong asymmetrical dependency from methodologically and theoretically distinct perspectives.

In displacement constellations, strong asymmetrical dependencies and everyday violence come directly to the fore. Both have a strong gender element. Displacement and encampment exacerbate the vulnerability of women refugees to a range of forms of violence, including sexual and gender-based violence (GBV), which are also shaped by patriarchal systems of domination and marginalisation. As a result, violence against (displaced) women is often normalised and permanently inscribed in highly unequal social relations. Conversely, violent conflict and forced displacement also expose men to new risks. Forced conscription into military service or armed groups poses an immediate threat to many young men, including male refugees who have sought protection from violence in another country.

In light of recent conceptual discussions on intersectionality and (im)mobility in Forced Migration Studies, the micro-sociology and embodiment of violence in Peace and Conflict Studies as well as precarity and strong asymmetrical dependencies in Dependency and Slavery Studies, the workshop invites selected scholars from these interlinked fields to jointly reflect on the intersections between gender, violence and dependencies.

We invite the workshop participants to discuss new empirical findings of a study on [‘Mobility, Translocality and Gendered Violence – Rohingya Women in the Bangladesh-Myanmar Borderlands’](#) that was carried out within the frame of the Cross-Border Conflict Evidence, Policy and Trends (XCEPT) research programme, funded by UK International Development. A research paper will be circulated before the event and will be presented by members of the research team from Dhaka University, BCDSS and bicc.

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## VENUE

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### Conference Organizers:

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Please **register** for the Workshop by **October 16, 2024**

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For more information, please visit

<https://www.dependency.uni-bonn.de/en/events/gendered-violence-and-dependencies-in-refugees-im-mobilities>



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## Wednesday, October 23, 2024

3:00 PM – **Welcome**

**Benjamin Etzold**

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3:15 AM

Mobility, Translocality and Gendered Violence –  
presentation of new insights on the lived experience of  
Rohingya in the Bangladesh-Myanmar borderlands

**Syeda Rozana Rashid**

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**Benjamin Etzold**

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4:00 PM

Commentaries on the research paper and  
gendered violence and dependencies from the  
perspective of

- Forced Migration and Refugee Studies

**Antje Missbach**

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- Dependency and Slavery Studies

**Sinah Kloß**

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4:45 PM – **Coffee Break**

5:00 PM

Intersections between Dependency and Slavery Studies, Forced  
Migration and Refugee Studies, and Peace and Conflict Studies  
– methodological reflections and pathways forward towards a  
critical and gender-sensitive research agenda

**Moderation: Benjamin Etzold**

6:30 PM – **Closure**

**Anas Ansar**

7:30 PM Joint Dinner at the city centre, venue TBC