Attributing Responsibility for Transnational

Violations of Migrant Rights

Spring 2024

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**26 February – 29 March. On-campus week in Gothenburg, 11–15 March**

Please note that accommodation in Gothenburg is covered for all PhD students who are admitted to the course.

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In this course, we track violations of migrant rights, such in cases of pushbacks, refoulement or dismal detention conditions, emerging in the context of such multiparty, transnational cooperation. We focus on forms of cooperation involving the EU, its Member States or both. For Northern states, it leverages power differentials between the North and the South while shifting legal responsibility for rights violation onto Southern partners. Attributing international legal responsibility for violations of migrant rights in a multiparty, transnational context is difficult, and the resulting responsibility gap might be an incentive for migration control by proxy.

This course has three main objectives. First, we shall examine how North-South cooperation increases the risk of violating migrant rights. We will focus on EU cooperation with four countries – Niger, Serbia, Tunisia and Turkey. Second, we shall explore how recent international legal debates on the expansion of responsibility attribution may be leveraged to address legal loopholes and to craft arguments that engage the legal responsibility of states in the North. Third, we will discuss the political logic of responsibility shirking through multiparty, transnational cooperation, and of the countermoves by academic researchers.

**Deadline for applications: 14 January 2024**

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