

Symposium & Panel Discussion

Return at any cost?

On migration policy, the reality of counselling and the situation in countries of origin

Monday, October 21st 2019 – Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstr. 8, 10117 Berlin

09.30 Registration

10.00 Welcome

Ramona Lenz, medico international

Introduction

Development cooperation in whose interest?

Barbara Unmüßig, Heinrich Böll Foundation

10.20 **Between deportation & „voluntary return“ –
Legal situation and political practice**

– in Germany

Stephan Dünwald, Bavarian Refugee Council & PRO ASYL

– on EU level

Claire Rimmer, European Council on Refugees and Exiles

Moderation: **Katherine Braun**, Bread for the World

11.00 Discussion

11.30 *Coffee break*

12.00 **Return politics tested in practice – part 1**

Humanitarian emergency and violence – Return to Afghanistan

Hadi Marifat, Afghanistan Human Rights & Democracy Organization

No safety in sight – Return to Syria

Till Küster, medico international

Moderation: **Kirsten Maas-Albert**, Heinrich Böll Foundation

12.40 Discussion

13.00 *Lunch*

13.45 **Assisted repatriation: Rescue operation or externalization of border protection? The example of Libya**

Sarah Tietze, International Organization for Migration

Martin Thümmel, Federal Foreign Office

Karl Kopp, PRO ASYL

Jill Alpes, Nijmegen Centre for Border Research & Coopetic Paris

Moderation: **Christian Jakob**, taz

15.00 **Return politics tested in practice – part 2** (parallel forum)

Forum 1: **Reintegration counselling and -reality in Nigeria**

Rex Osa, Migration Info Point Benin City, Nigeria

Moderation: **Katherine Braun**, Bread for the World

Forum 2: **Return to a „safe“ country of origin with persistent problems: Kosovo**

Thomas Schmid, journalist

Moderation: **Kirsten Maas-Albert**, Heinrich Böll Foundation

Forum 3: **Niger: Return corridor before Europe**

Azizou Chehou, **Moctar Dan Yaye**, **Laura Lambert**, Alarmphone Sahara

Moderation: **Meral Zeller**, PRO ASYL

16.00 *Coffee break*

16.30 **The reality of counselling in times of „voluntary return“**

Assisted repatriation in Germany

Valentin Feneberg, Law & Society Institute, HU Berlin

Insights into the consultation perspective

Kerstin Becker, Paritätischer Gesamtverband

The pressure of return:

Psychosocial consequences for traumatized asylum seekers and refugees

Elise Bittenbinder, German Association of Psychosocial Centres for Refugees & Victims of Torture

Spotlight Austria

Christoph Riedl, Diakonie Flüchtlingsdienst Austria

Moderation: **Sebastian Ludwig**, Diakonie Germany

17.30 Discussion

17.50 Wrap Up

Meral Zeller, PRO ASYL

18.00 *Snack*

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19.10 **Hadi Marifat**, Afghanistan Human Rights & Democracy Organization

Bente Scheller, Heinrich Böll Foundation

Christian Klos, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community

Uwe Kekeritz, Parliamentary Group Bündnis 90/Die Grünen

Bernhard Braune, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Moderation: **Kristin Helberg**, journalist/author

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