

# Turning the gaze on the global north: Reciprocal research as the new frontier in decolonising migration studies research

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The presentation focuses on the methodological nuances and reflections drawn from a study that explored Germany's refugee integration policies and municipal level government practices through a transregional lens and within the framework of reciprocal research.

The study was conducted between 2021 and 2022 in Freiburg and looked at the perspectives of the municipal government level policy makers/implementers as well as the individual refugees who are the intended beneficiaries of the integration policies. Reciprocal research as conceived within the study is underpinned by the need to create more avenues for researchers from the global south to conceive and do research in the global north contexts. In this regard, reciprocal research forms an emergent frontier in the global debate on the decolonisation and decentring of knowledge production, both geographically and intellectually.

The presentation points out the importance of engaging in transregional research which enriches the understanding of different yet connected contexts. The reciprocal approach allows researchers with a predominantly global south subjectivity to explore the global north contexts.



Dr. Khangelani Moyo has academic training in the fields of Sociology, Social Anthropology, Migration studies and Urban studies.

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