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WORKSHOP: FEMALE MIGRANT WORKERS IN THE LOW COUNTRIES, 27FEB

We will look out for the experiences of female migrant workers in Belgium and the Netherlands, both from past and present perspectives.

We apply a broad definition of work: apart from paid work, we will also address unpaid work and activities within the informal economy. Our workshop aims to provide a platform for sharing stories, studies and practical examples that bring this often neglected topic to life.

Location: KADOC, Leuven, 13-17u. Further information can be found [here](#) (Dutch only).

ADMISSION POLICY

Court: a serious relationship may still develop following suspicion of sham relationship

This case concerns an application for a residence permit as a partner of an EU citizen. In case of an EU partner, it is not necessary to return to the country of origin and pass one's citizenship exam. The application was turned down because the applicant was suspected of faking a relationship. For this new application, an address investigation by the municipality, statements of the joint bank account and the applicant's private account, letters from various authorities, income data on the claimant's business and the applicant's job, receipts from various shops and photos have been submitted. Subsequently, the claimant also submitted their marriage certificate and pictures from his and the applicant's wedding. The judge finds that all this proves that the relationship now really is serious.

Court: dependent partner loses residence rights following death of ill partner

This case concerns an elderly Sri Lankan woman who had moved to her daughter in NL with her husband. The husband fell ill and could not go home. For that reason, he was granted a delay of departure and subsequently a residence permit for medical treatment. The wife was granted a derived permit. Five years later, however, her permit was cancelled following the death of her husband. The judge finds that she is not ill enough, nor is her daughter's family life decisive, for an independent permit.

Court: weighing of interests in residence for MBO healthcare student

This case concerns an Egyptian girl who has come to NL with her parents. She has almost finished her MBO healthcare training. On the basis of being rooted in NL and her private life, she is applying for a residence permit. Her application has been turned down because her parents are still in NL as well and may apply for derived permits. The judge finds that the parents' presence should not influence the decision.

CHECK AND DETENTION

Court: light entry ban justified on exit to collect provisional residence permit (mvv)

This Surinam woman was to be granted a work-related residence permit and travelled home to collect her mvv, following two years' illegal residence. Upon her exit, an entry ban was imposed. The judge finds the ban is justified. In her supplication she failed to mention that she was in NL illegally and has not submitted any view. In fact, she may still be granted a permit as a light entry ban does not impede this.

ACTIVITIES

Email Members of Parliament: Help quash the asylum laws!

Let us put pressure on politicians to follow the Council of State's advice and block this law. Every member of parliament has sworn to uphold the Dutch Constitution and the international human rights. Choose whom you wish to send an email and whom you wish to convince. We have made it easy for you.

[Email the Members of Parliament with one mouse click.](#)

Put your name down for a child-friendly asylum policy

Do you agree that all children in the Netherlands deserve a bright future? Children must not fall victim to an icy cold asylum policy. That is why Ben&Jerry's, ASKV, STIL and Childsupporto demand that the Minister of Asylum and Migration allows these children to stay.

[Join us by signing the petition](#) and protect the future of hundreds of children!