THE GEORG ARN HOLD FIELDWORK SCHOLARSHIP

GUIDING QUESTIONS
FOR THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

These questions will help us do an initial screening for potential fit with fellowship opportunities at the IRC.

Please read the list and indicate, if you are interested in any of the research questions? Include your answer in the application section for the Georg Arnhold Fieldwork Scholarships at the IRC in the application form for the annual summer conference.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE BELOW RESEARCH QUESTIONS?

GENERAL

- What local-level factors either promote or inhibit successful refugee integration?

- What are the effects of national political discourses on local-level dynamics related to refugee integration?

- What are the essential determinants of “local solutions” to challenges of refugee integration?

- What methods (or combinations of “mixed methods”) can be applied and developed to generate a strong research-based understanding of the challenges of integration in a specific local context (e.g. panel surveys, ethnography, key informant interviews, social media, focus groups etc.)?

EFFECTIVENESS

- Compared to more “top-down” approaches, what is the effectiveness of pursuing integration through approaches that are strongly client-centered and community-based, over both the short and long-term?

- Does research that is more client-centered improve our ability to identify and act on measures of impact, to advance our strategic outcomes and implement our OEF?

COST

- What are the respective costs and benefits of supporting refugee integration through participatory methods and community-based initiatives?

- How does being more client-centered affect our research timeframes, both for conducting research and developing interventions on the basis of findings?
What investments are required at the community level to enable participatory research that sustains adequate community commitment and involvement?

What are the costs and benefits of specific interventions to support early integration for refugees and other vulnerable migrants? These include the costs benefit of engaging volunteers, the delivery of strength-based case management services and other initiatives to promote early integration. This highlights an important contemporary concern in Europe, around “what works” to achieve integration and particularly the costs of investing in a highly mobile population that, in some cases, is perceived as likely to move elsewhere.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

- Do community-led and client-centered initiatives inform better actions to improve refugee integration?

**METHOD**

- Does more rigorous qualitative research lead to improved measures of refugee integration and inform more effective programming to support better integration outcomes at the local level?

**MEASUREMENT**

- How can we achieve a better balance between the standardization of measures to assess integration and the context-specific nature of integration, to accommodate diverse forms of local recognition of integration success?

**SYSTEMS/POLICIES**

- What policies, at different levels of government, have the most negative impact on the potential for refugees to integrate successfully at the local level?

- What government policies either intentionally or unintentionally foster conducive environments for welcoming refugees and other vulnerable immigrants?