

## Summer Convention 2025

July 5 2025 – 10 am – 5 pm

Location: Bürgerräume Stuttgart-West at Bebelstraße 22, 70193 Stuttgart  
(accessible for people living with disabilities)

We warmly invite you to attend this year's spring convention on Saturday, July 5 2024 in Stuttgart. We are pleased to share with you the exciting and thematically diverse program for the day.

A live podcast is about racism and anti-racism. In two thematic phases, you can choose between information on refugees in Libya, questions on asylum and residence law, the situation of women in Afghanistan and what to expect from the new German government in the area of refugees and migration. In between, there will be plenty of opportunities for networking and exchange.

The convention is free to attend and is aimed at everyone active in the field of refugees and asylum.

There will be a vegan lunch meal, on-site childcare as well as interpretation for non-German speakers (German-English).

We seek to create a space that is safe for all participants. To ensure this, we ask all attendees to read our [Code of Conduct](#) and to embrace these guidelines.

### **Timeline:**

09:45 am: Registration and arrivals

10:00 am: Introduction

10:15 – 11:30 am: migranTEA - A Cup of Anti-Racism with a Dash of Counter-Rightwing-Activism, Please

Do you sometimes wonder whether political measures, such as border controls, are totally racist? Have you ever been praised for sorting your garbage properly and then asked yourself if you would have been praised if you were white or white-passing? Do you stumble across racist remarks from politicians, colleagues, perhaps people in your family and possibly even from yourself? Faisal Osman and Mersedeh Ghazaei give insights into their lives as migrants and talk about flight, politics and (anti-)racism. The talk will be a live podcast.

Speakers: Faisal Osman (Black Community Foundation) and Mersedeh Ghazaei (Migrantifa Stuttgart)

11:30 am: Break

11:45 am – 1:15 pm: Workshops - Phase I

Choose a topic from the following four options.

### 1st Topic: Refugees in Libya - Trapped in Violence

Thousands of refugees are trapped in Libya while trying to reach safer countries. They are subjected to serious human rights violations, including detention, rape, human trafficking, and abandonment in the desert — often with fatal consequences. Since 2021, refugees have begun to fight back against these human rights violations and demand that their rights be respected. One particularly impressive moment was the sit-in protest in front of the UNHCR office in Tripoli, which mobilized hundreds of refugees to put pressure on the UN. Our speakers have personally experienced human rights violations in Libya. They have become committed advocates for the often invisible and largely forgotten refugees suffering in Libya. They will provide insights into the current situation on the ground and report on their commitment to refugees in Libya.

Speakers: David Yambio and N.N. (Refugees in Libya)

### 2nd Topic: Structured Q&A Session on Asylum and Residence Law

We receive many questions about asylum and residence laws part of our advising service. This is not only due to the complexity of the topic, but also because of the constant legal changes in these fields. That is why we want to offer a space for your questions, giving you an opportunity to have a direct say in the content of this session.

During the registration period for the conference, you can submit your general questions on asylum and residence law in advance by adding them to this [digital document](#). You can also send an e-mail with your questions to [loeffler@fluechtlingsrat-bw.de](mailto:loeffler@fluechtlingsrat-bw.de).

For personal and data protection reasons, please refrain from describing individual cases and providing personal data. We will summarize the questions into thematic blocks in advance. Maria Kalin will provide a legal analysis in response to the questions in the sessions. Of course, you will still have the opportunity to ask questions during the workshop.

Speakers: Maria Kalin (Lawyer, Ulm)

### 3rd Topic: Women in Afghanistan

It is almost four years now, since the Taliban came to power again in Afghanistan. For four years now, women and girls have been massively restricted in their rights and have had to live in inhumane conditions. If they manage to flee to Europe, they receive refugee status here. But many cannot risk fleeing. What is their situation in Afghanistan? What prospects do they have? What legal options are there for entering Germany in terms of training, language courses, recognition of foreign qualifications, and employment? The speakers in this session will explore these questions. Please note: the session will not be discuss family reunification, humanitarian visas, and asylum.

Speakers: Lida Hazrat (Hazara International Einheitszentrum) and Anita Sauer-Nagel and Lisa Hauff (Fachstelle Migration Stuttgart)

### 4th Topic: What Can We Expect from the New Government Regarding Refugee and Migration Policy?

After a rhetorically charged winter election campaign with many promises, the coalition partners CDU/CSU and SPD want to follow up their words with deeds. Accordingly, the coalition agreement contains tough restrictive measures in migration policy. New measures, such as the suspension of family reunification for those entitled to subsidiary protection and controls at Germany's borders, have not just been announced, some have been implemented with great speed. What further measures can be expected and what are the consequences for refugees and the work of supporters for refugees? These and other questions will be discussed in this thematic group.

Speakers: Pro Asyl (requested)

### 1:15 pm: Lunch

### 2:15 – 3:15 pm: Activist Engagement - Projects & Networking

Three different initiatives related to refugees will present their projects and areas in which they are active. Afterwards, there will be time to network and exchange ideas.

- Duleem Ameen Haji provides insights into the magazine ÇÎYA, which he co-edits. It creates space for “invisible” voices and reflects the diversity of migrant perspectives on social, political and cultural debates.

- Kalilu Banja will introduce the Dialogue Forum for the Gambian Diaspora in Baden-Württemberg, a platform for networking between the Gambian community and friendly actors
- Naser Atu will report on the current situation of Yazidi and present a petition he has initiated to the Baden-Württemberg State Parliament against the deportation of Yazidis to Iraq.

3:15 pm: Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm Workshops - Phase II

Choose a topic from the following four. This is a repetition of the topics in the morning phase. You can choose a different topic for the afternoon.

- 1st Topic: Refugees in Libya - Trapped in Violence
- 2nd Topic: Structured Q&A Session on Asylum and Residence Law
- 3rd Topic: Women in Afghanistan
- 4th Topic: What Can We Expect from the New Government Regarding Refugee and Migration Policy?

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