

***We are looking for Lebanon and Turkey-based researchers for our project:***

## **Removal Infrastructures for Syrians in Lebanon and Turkey (REMOVED)**

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REMOVED investigates the *principle of non-refoulement* in Lebanon and Turkey, two major refugee-hosting countries with land and sea borders with Syria, Greece, Bulgaria and Cyprus. Resisting binary distinctions between voluntary and forced returns, the project conceptualizes pushbacks, deportations, obliged returns and repatriations jointly as removals. The project enquires into the emergence, patterns and consequences of removals by approaching *removal infrastructures as multi-scalar entanglements of authorities, institutions and norms* through which the demographic composition of territory is controlled, negotiated and resisted by people in everyday practices. The project illuminates these multiple dimensions by generating empirical sources through mapping and observational interviews with both frontline border workers and Syrians subject to removals. By taking states, laws and borders as objects and not units of analysis, REMOVED highlights *removal practices* beyond the mere implementation of laws, the role of a broad range of *frontline border workers*, as well as *multiple displacements* of Syrians after initial removal attempts.

Would you like to join us in this 18-month-long project, from fieldwork to academic and societal engagement activities?

### Available scholarships:

- Syrian MA student based in Lebanon: 18 months (3 days a week, flexible)
- Lebanese researcher for fieldwork in Lebanon: 9 months (fulltime)
- Turkish post-doctoral researcher in Turkey: 7 months (fulltime, two months extension possible)
- Syrian (junior) researcher in Turkey: 2 months (flexible)

### We are looking for:

- Familiarity with migration and asylum governance in Lebanon or Turkey
- Good knowledge of the regions close to the Syrian border
- Availability and flexibility for fieldwork
- High ethical standards
- Connections with Syrian civil society organizations

If you are interested to join the research team, please send a CV and a short letter of motivation clearly indicating what scholarship you are applying for in one single PDF to [m.j.alpes@proton.me](mailto:m.j.alpes@proton.me). We would appreciate it if you could briefly answer these questions in your letter: Why would you like to be involved? What sparkles your curiosity or concern when you read the project description? What do you think you specifically can contribute to the project? How much time will you have at your disposal next to other commitments?

### Timeline:

Deadline for expression of interest: 19 June 2024

Online meetings: 26 June 2024

Start of the project: 1 September 2024 (scholarship starts are flexible September – December 2024)

We have some flexibility on the starting date and the duration of work. Please contact us, should you have questions and comments!