

## CONFERENCE AND LAUNCH OF REPORT:

### "A firm hand – Denmark's policy on rejected asylum seekers and return"

Christiansborg, Fællessalen d. 28. September 2021 kl. 17:00-19:00

Registration (tilmelding): [kontakt@refugeeswelcome.dk](mailto:kontakt@refugeeswelcome.dk), deadline 23. September.

#### PROGRAM:

**17:00** Welcome by MP Sikandar Siddique, Independent Greens

Short introduction to the report by the author Michala Clante Bendixen, Refugees Welcome

#### PART 1

**17.15** Short presentations from the panellists

#### Does the current return policy work?

- Zachary Whyte, AMIS, Copenhagen University
- Niels-Erik Hansen, Danish immigration lawyer
- Malak Tumeh, refugee from Palestine/Iraq
- Jan-Paul Brekke, Institute for Social Research, Norway

#### What are the effects of the current policy on return?

- Eva Singer, head of asylum dept., DRC Danish Refugee Council
- Aya Abu Daher, refugee from Syria
- Solveig Gunnarsdottir, psychologist, Red Cross
- Carolina Sanchez Boe, Université de Paris / IMC Aarhus University

**18:00** Coffee break, 15 min

#### PART 2

**18:15** Discussion, panellists and audience (total 45 min):

#### Would a more humane return policy be more or less effective?

Moderator: Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, Copenhagen University

**18.55** Short summary by the moderator

*The conference is in English, but the audience can ask questions in Danish.*

*The conference will be live-streamed.*

*The report is also available in Danish and can be bought at the conference.*

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