

# **OBEDIENCE AND DEHUMANIZATION: PLACING THE DUBLIN REGULATION WITHIN A HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

An Abstract of the Thesis By  
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In my thesis, I critically examine the Dublin Convention and its impact on asylum-seekers, disputing the claim that the Convention is in accordance with central human rights treaties. Drawing on case studies from the refugee shelter where I work and relevant case laws of the ECtHR and the CJEU, I demonstrate that the Convention has failed. By drawing on Deleuze and Guattari's historical perspective of contingencies, I discuss Hannah Arendt's remarks on Adolf Eichmann's "inability to think," accompanied by what she describes as the legalization of murder in Nazi Germany (1977). I suggest that similar processes of 'thoughtlessness' is at hand in the current human rights violations of the Dublin Regulation. With the historical legacy of the social work profession, I ultimately propose a social work model of disobedience as a counter strategy that applies principles of social justice, civil disobedience and advocacy in order to challenge inequalities.