

## **Transportation of Conflict**

### **The Significance of the Kurdish Conflict in the Everyday Life of Kurdish and Arab Refugees from Syria in Germany**

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As a result of the war in Syria, followed by the escape and migration to Germany in 2015, the Syrian community in Germany is still in the making. Given the large number, the recent migration will lead to the establishment of a new community, once those who recently arrived have settled in Germany. When migrants come from countries where violent intra-state conflicts take place, it is usually assumed that conflicts in the countries of origin have an increasing influence on the way different groups of migrants live and interact in the countries of settlement (Hanrath 2012: 8). Therefore, this work raises the question of whether and to what extent the conflict between Syrian Kurds and Arabs in Germany exists? The paper tries to get to know the people, to recognise their concerns or motivations and to understand possible tensions among each other.

Based on the conflict between Arabs and Kurds in Germany it is shown that developments, conflict structures and individual events and experiences in the countries of origin and the host country influence relationships and identity formation of migrant groups in the countries of settlement. Nevertheless, it is also the particular context in the host country that influences the relationships.

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