

Abstract

A Comparative Study of Social Work as a Human Rights Profession concerning Refugees in the Netherlands and Germany, addressing challenges and finding solutions in Europe's political right-wing shift.

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This thesis explores the challenges social workers face working with refugees in the current political right-wing shift in Europe, particularly in the Netherlands and Germany. Through qualitative research, this thesis compares the different political climates in both countries, how the Netherlands and Germany have dealt with migration challenges in the past, and how they currently implement restrictive asylum policies. This thesis emphasizes the importance of social work as a human rights profession. Through expert interviews with social workers, the solutions for upholding human rights standards for refugees are explored. The thesis is highly relevant looking at the current political events worldwide. The researcher hopes to inspire social workers to come up with solutions to safeguard the human rights of vulnerable people in society and shared their recommendations for social workers at the end of the thesis.