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# “The Future of Asylum”

## FFVT International Summer School on Forced Migration and Governance

Call for applications

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Imperial Castle  
of Nuremberg



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**INTERNATIONAL  
SUMMER SCHOOL  
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Flucht- und Flüchtlingsforschung: Vernetzung und Transfer  
Forced Migration and Refugee Studies: Networking and Knowledge Transfer

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What is the future of asylum in an era of democratic backsliding? In what ways is the right to asylum preserved symbolically while practical access is restricted? How do global, regional, and national regimes shape contemporary asylum policies? What practical and policy measures can be implemented to safeguard the right to asylum and uphold human rights standards? To what extent is the future of asylum a litmus test for the sustainability of democratic governance and the protection of human rights?

Do these questions spark your curiosity? Examine these and other related questions with us as we critically discuss the uncertain future of asylum at the FFVT International Summer School on Forced Migration and Governance 2026. The international, interdisciplinary Summer School is hosted by the Center for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU CHREN) as part of the project "Forced Migration and Refugee Studies: Networking and Knowledge Transfer" (FFVT) and **takes place in Nuremberg, Germany, from 14th to 20th June 2026.**

The Summer School explores the uncertain future of asylum, offering in-depth perspectives on legal, political, and social-scientific dimensions, alongside the practical challenges of protecting asylum seekers in contemporary contexts. Participants will have the opportunity to critically engage with both theoretical frameworks and practical aspects of asylum and refugee protection, enhancing their understanding of current challenges, policy responses, and potential pathways for safeguarding human rights of refugees. As in previous years, the program will feature a diverse line-up of distinguished experts. An overview of past editions can be found here: <https://ffvt.net/en/summerschool>

The FFVT Summer School places a strong emphasis on interactive learning approaches. In addition to lectures, scholars will provide workshops designed to discuss and reflect on central topics with participants. Such input is complemented by a cultural program, an excursion in Nuremberg, the "City of Peace and Human Rights", and a gathering with practitioners working in the field to promote further debate. Finally, the FFVT Summer School provides time and space for participants to present their own projects, engage in discussion with peers, and build academic networks.

### Application Modalities:

Advanced Master students, early-stage PhD candidates as well as junior practitioners working in this field can apply for participation in the FFVT Summer School.

In order to apply for participation, please send us the following information:

- **Letter of motivation**, outlining your interest in taking part in the FFVT Summer School. You are welcome to briefly describe the projects you are currently working on.
- **Up-to-date CV**

As the number of participants is limited to 30, the selection committee will review all applications and select participants based on the information provided. Kindly note that you may need to submit further documentation for participation (e.g. degree certificates, valid visa, health insurance).

**Application deadline: February 28, 2026**

### Application submission:

Please send your applications via email to Tino Trautmann, Center for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg: [tino.tt.trautmann@fau.de](mailto:tino.tt.trautmann@fau.de)

You may also send your questions related to the FFVT Summer School to this email-address.

### Participation fees:

To cover the expenses (including accommodation and meals), participants need to pay a personal contribution of €895 for a double room, €730 for a triple room and €615 for a quadruple room. Participants need to cover the travel expenses themselves. Please indicate your preferred room type in your application. Due to the limited number of rooms, we cannot guarantee that your request will be considered.

### Scholarships:

For up to 10 participants of the FFVT Summer School 2026, we offer scholarships that cover the participation fee – in case the corresponding participants and their institutions cannot fund their participation. In this case, please enclose a proof from your home institution clearly stating that it cannot cover the costs institutionally.

### About FFVT:

The project Forced Migration and Refugee Studies: Networking and Knowledge Transfer (FFVT) aims to strengthen interdisciplinary research on forced migration and refugees in and beyond Germany.

Funded by the German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR), the project fosters academic exchange, networking and collaboration.

The FFVT project is jointly run by the Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies (bicc), the Center for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU CHREN) and the Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS, University of Osnabrück). The FFVT Summer School 2026 is furthermore co-organised by the KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt.

### Note on data protection:

By submitting your application, you give your consent to the processing of your data by this consortium. Your data will only be used within the framework of the FFVT project for the purpose of reviewing the applications.