

The Refugee Crisis and the Right to Health: Political and Practical Outcomes

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ABSTRACT: Through a case study of Germany and Greece in the current refugee crisis, this paper examines the political and practical outcomes that negatively impact refugee access to health care. Within the current framework, a certain legal status accorded to an asylum seeker will confer the rights that individual possesses, thereby deeming only some people as "deserving" of health care. However, in so determining deservingness, only certain individual need is legitimized. Ultimately, I demonstrate that the political and practical aspects of the framework in Germany and Greece do not institutionalize health as a right for refugees in the current crisis.

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