

# NEIGHBOURS AT THE GATE

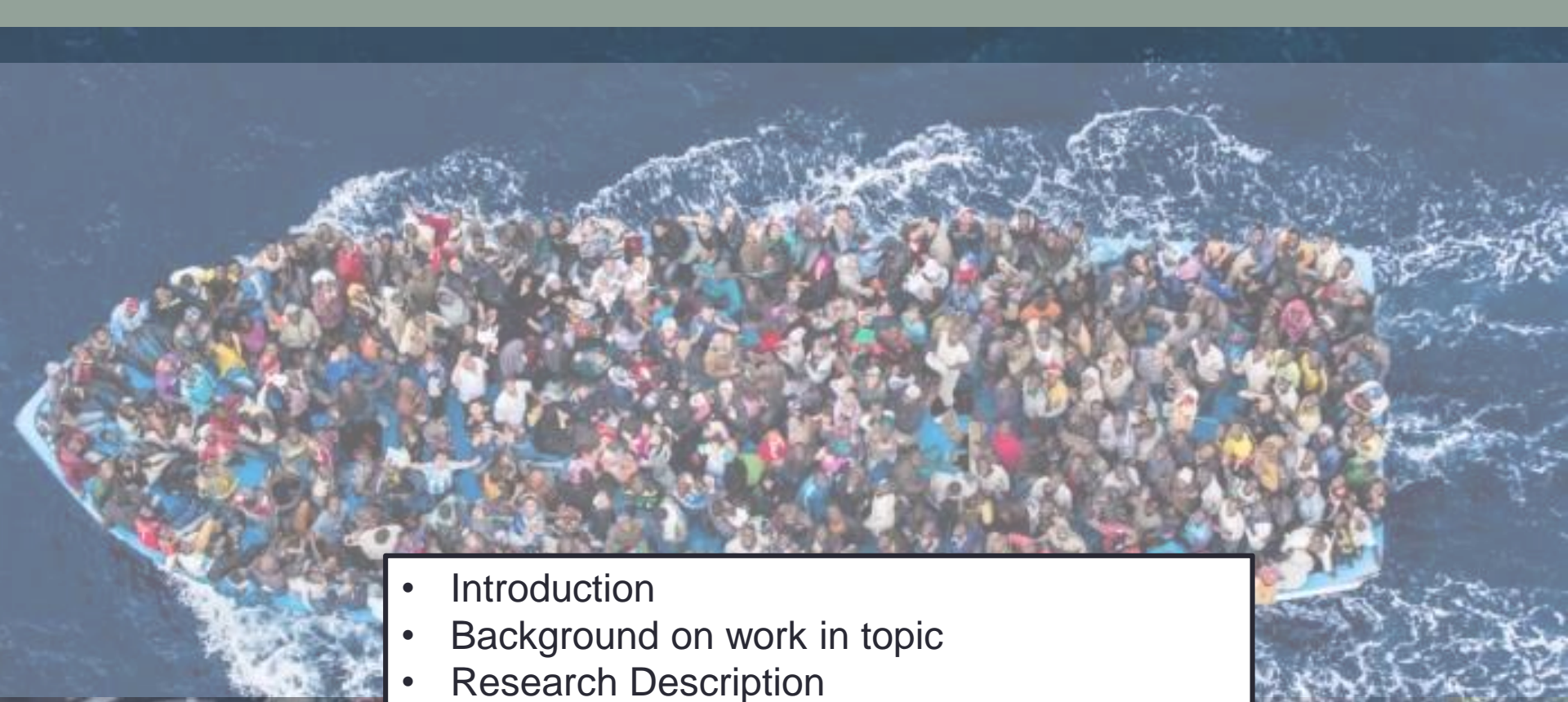
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Critical Discourse and Policy Analysis of Government and Citizen Initiated Integration Programs

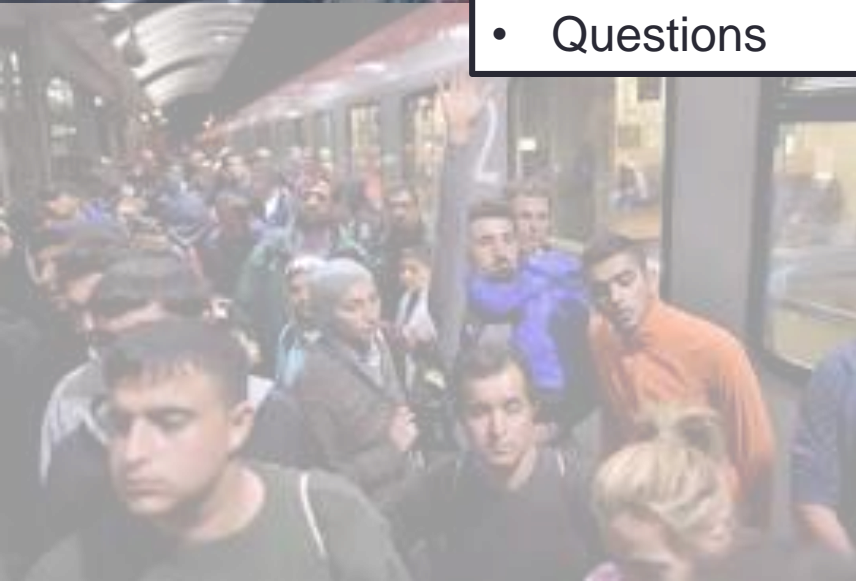
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WHY ARE YOU AN EXPAT AND I'M A  
CRIMINAL?

## Integration Program Netherlands

- Mandatory integration once received temporary (3 year residency permit)
- Language courses and Dutch culture classes
- Privatized business : no control or checks nor government assistance
- Receive 10,000 loan to complete course
- Tested after three years, if fail, have to pay back loan
- Over 50% of refugees do not pass the integration exams

# Vrij Nederland

HET DOE-HET-ZELF  
VLUCHTELINGENHANDBOEK

كتيب اللجوء

DON'T LAY IN YOUR BED  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY

SEE YOURSELF AS A CHILD



GO TO THE CHURCH

STOP WATCHING THE NEWS  
FROM HOME

# WELCOME TO THE NETHERLANDS

“Once you settle in the Netherlands you have a duty to integrate. You must take training courses so you can better find work”

“The government monitors how much effort you put into integration and finding work. If it’s not enough, you will lose your permit”

“ You have to demonstrate you are trying to find work, as work is most important way of participating”



# Citizen Initiatives

Take Care BnB Amsterdam





- Research has shown that living in the community was a benefit experience for the refugees, helped them learn the language and to more quickly build a social network (Tilburg University, 2017)
- Also extremely beneficial for the hosts and the host communities: stigma and fear
- Success of models such as private sponsorship in Canada show inspiration

# Do citizen initiatives offer an alternative framing of refugees and integration, which allow for different opportunities for being and doing?

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# Research Questions

What are past and current discursive framing of refugees and integration in government policies in the Netherlands?

What is the discursive framing of professionals working in private integration programs?

What is the discursive framing of citizens organizing citizen initiatives?

How are these different framings experienced by refugees within them?

Do citizen initiatives shape different ways of doing and being which could inform government programs?



## Theoretical Framework:

Governmentality and Lipsky's Street Level Bureaucracy

## **Methodology:**

Bacchi: What's the Problem Represented to Be  
Critical Policy Analysis?

Collaborative ethnographic methodologies  
Critical Narratives

Community Of Inquiry

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