



**New Anthology on Asylum-seeking Children in Denmark:
Asylum-seeking Children in Denmark – a childhood in at state of exception**

In the recent years, the conditions for asylum-seeking children (and adults) have been in the spotlight in Denmark, both in the media and in political discussions. The focus of the debate has been on asylum-seeking children's living conditions regarding length of stay, housing, school and family relationship. The political and societal debate has generally lacked a research anchorage. This anthology contributes qualified and multifaceted to this discussion. A common denominator for the analyses in the anthology is that they inform a critical, nuanced, and empirically and theoretically grounded light on the conditions of asylum-seeking children (accompanied as well as unaccompanied) in the recent years in Denmark.

The anthology covers: the legal framework and human rights aspects of the asylum system and the conditions for asylum-seekers; Danish refugee and immigration policy in a historical-political science context; asylum-seeking children's living conditions in practice; rejected asylum-seekers' family circumstances; traumatic experiences in their home country and what it means for children's mental health on arrival in Denmark; psychological reactions to the length of stay in asylum centers, identity implications of length of stay; the importance of moving to homes outside the asylum centers for the children's well-being; the asylum-seeking children's status in the asylum system as well as the living conditions for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. These conditions are illustrated through a variety of scientific optics: A sociological, psychological, anthropological, health scientific, legal, judicial, human rights and political scientific optics.

Through this interdisciplinary approach, the anthology creates a broad science-based picture of asylum-seeking children's everyday lives and conditions of life. The authors of the anthology represent a broad range of relevant institutions, research traditions and academic perspectives on asylum-seeking children.

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