

Secondary Migration of Afghans from Iran to EU and Its Influencing Factors

This study aims to examine the secondary migration of Afghans from Iran to the EU and its influencing factors, based on new evidences. This is done through a case study of young Afghani nationals in two separate fields; Iran and France (2019), where 50 refugees and migrants were interviewed. The study addressed how migrants' strategies were influenced by the differences in national and international factors, highlighting the question of secondary migration. At the national level, the economic downturn in Iran has particularly affected the estimated 1 million registered Afghan refugees, as well as the estimated 1.5 million to 2 million undocumented Afghans living there. In addition, the results suggest that when severe economic sanctions are introduced (international factor), they hit not only ordinary citizens, but also the vulnerable communities (hence Afghans) and trigger their remigration.

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