



# Dossier „Feminist Foreign Policy“

War, flight, women and LGBTQIA+

We want to give you an insight into the current legal situation and the resulting hurdles for asylum seekers in Germany and worldwide: What are women-specific reasons for flight? Why are people still persecuted because of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity? Moreover, where can help be found?

## Feminist Foreign Policy

What does feminist foreign policy want to achieve? It does not mean a policy by women for women, but a complete reorientation of foreign policy towards human rights! Feminist foreign policy advocates the dismantling of patriarchal structures and the overcoming of violent relationships in order to achieve human security and basic rights such as the right to peace and the overcoming of hunger and poverty.

Feminist foreign policy recognizes gender justice as a prerequisite for peace. It fights against structural violence based on discrimination categories such as gender, sexual orientation, origin or disability. This intersectional approach is indispensable to complement the resources, rights and representation of feminist development cooperation and foreign policy with a more differentiated anti-discrimination policy. Feel free to read more about this in our GSB encyclopedia article [„Intersectional Feminism“](#) dated March 9, 2022.

In addition, feminist foreign policy is committed to anti-fascism and to recognizing and coming to terms with the colonial past, which is included in all foreign policy decisions.

Feminist foreign policy also means considering the consequences of policies to protect vulnerable groups. It is about a holistic approach to foreign and security policy that takes into account all people, including those who are affected by (intersecting) forms of discrimination in crises. After all, policy measures affect different groups of people differently; there is no such thing as apparent universality.

## Bread for the world

Gender-specific persecution drives women to flee - What are women-specific causes of flight and what about gender-specific persecution in the family sphere? The organization [„Brot für die Welt“](#) informs about the discrimination against girls and women worldwide and demands more sensitivity and understanding in the bureaucratic practice of asylum procedures.

Further information on the topic of equal treatment and anti-discrimination as well as counseling services can be found [either by us](#) or by our [Family Services Center](#).

## UN Refugee Agency

Why people are still persecuted and forced to flee because of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity? - [UN Refugee Agency](#) provides a comprehensive introduction to the issue and an overview of the situation for LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers worldwide.

There are also important points of contact at RWTH University where refugees interested in studying at RWTH Aachen University can obtain sound information on what the requirements are for taking up a course of study and what steps may be necessary to acquire the qualifications for the course: [Academic Assistance for Refugees](#)

## Federal Magnus Hirschfelder Foundation

Sexual orientation and gender identity in refugee claim: [The Federal Magnus Hirschfelder Foundation](#) explains the difficulties of the more difficult asylum procedure for LGBTQIA+ - is the development of the asylum law in Germany? Why are hearings and applications often still based on stereotypical ideas about sexuality and gender? (in german only)

By creating positive conditions for the queer student body, we want to better realize the protection against discrimination and the reduction of inequalities at RWTH. You are affected by queer-hostile discrimination yourself or see yourself as ally and have suggestions? Feel free to contact our [student contact point „Equal Opportunity and LGBTQIA+“](#).

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