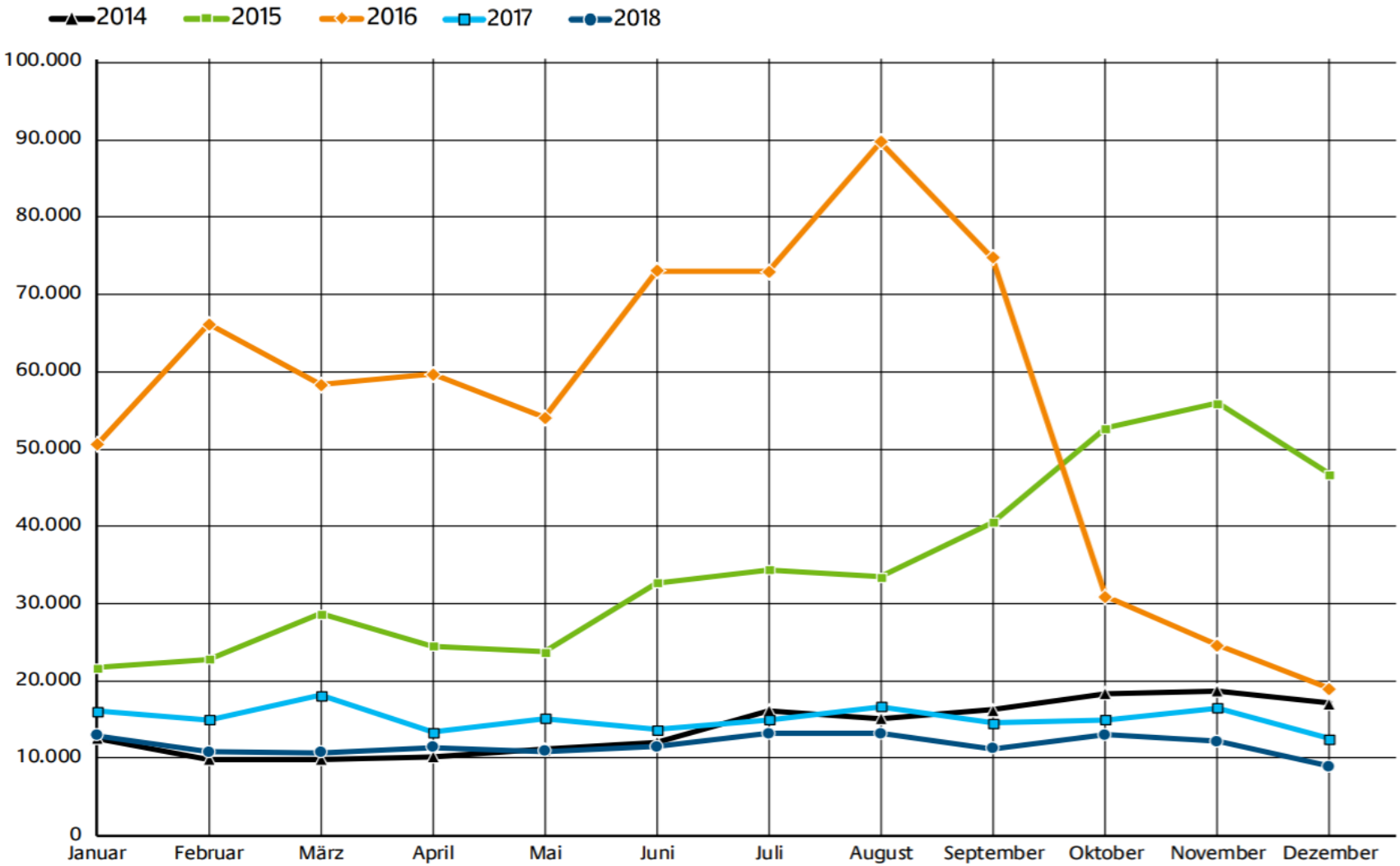


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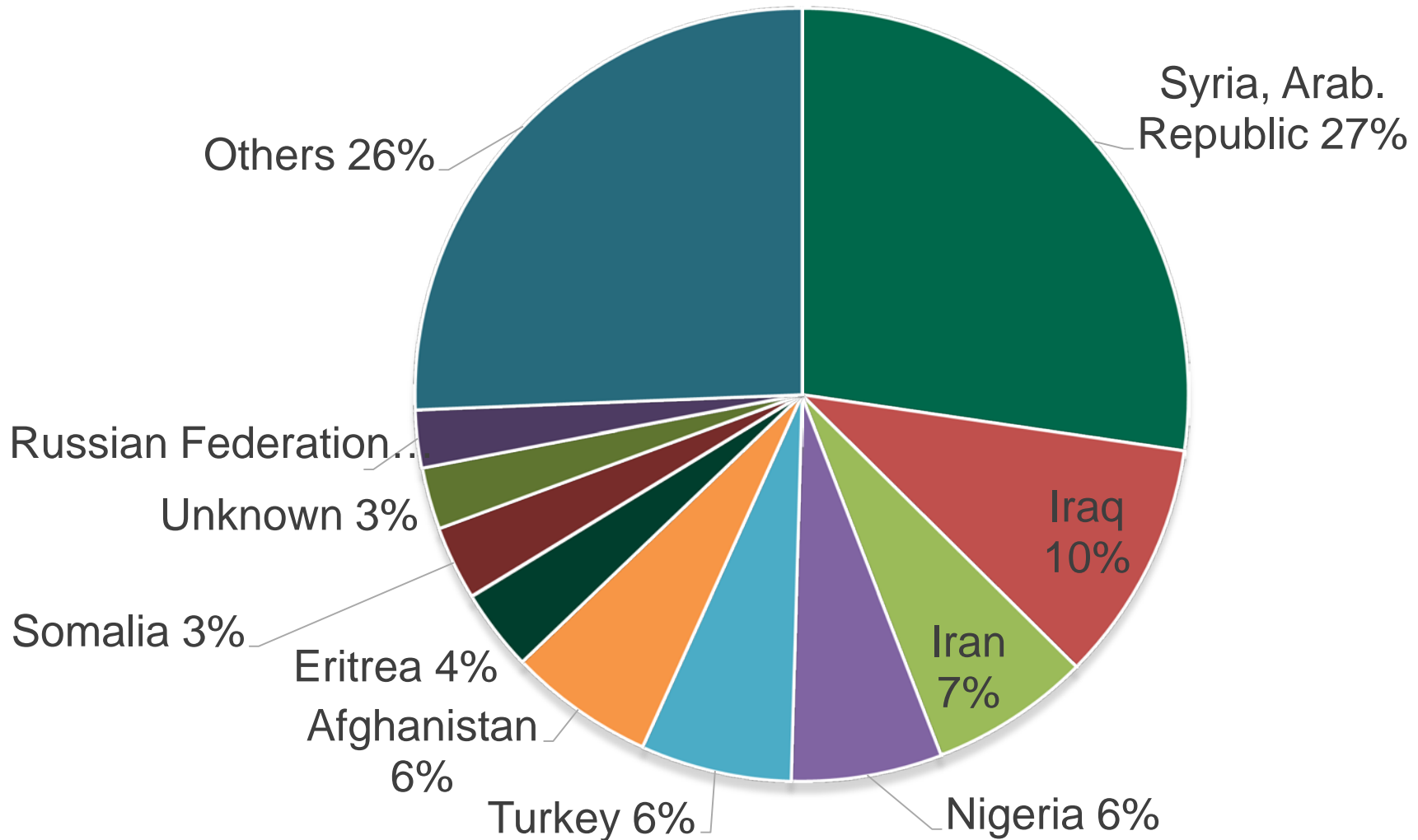
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# Development of asylum applications in Germany, 2014-2018\*



\*only data for January and February available (BAMF, 2017)

# Asylum applications in Germany by country of origin, 2018



(BAMF, 2019)

# Legal framework for health care of refugees in Germany

**Reception center**

**Community accommodation**



**Screening upon arrival**  
§ 62 AsylG

**Basic individual medical care**

§§ 2,4,6 AsylbLG (SGB XII)

Screening for contagious diseases like pulmonary TB, chickenpox, measles, scabies

Treatment of acute illnesses and pain, and of chronic diseases to prevent deterioration. Not covered: surgery that can be delayed, prothetic dental care, physiotherapy (exceptions upon request)

**Public Health Medicine (Vaccinations)**

- Health system not fully prepared for disease burdens (e.g. traumatisation, injuries)
- Capacity limitations in pediatrics, psychotherapy and psychiatry, and emergency rooms (overuse)
- Access barriers to medical care (restricting vouchers; reservation of some health care personnel)
- Language and cultural barriers from both sides
- Rejection of psychotherapy in spite of severe need from some refugees
- Under- and overuse of health services

- Few representative studies for disease burdens
- No longitudinal studies published
- Research needs exist in the following fields:
  - Health care needs
  - Health care processes
  - Health care outcomes
  - Interdisciplinary research (beyond health sciences)
  - Transdisciplinary research (practice)



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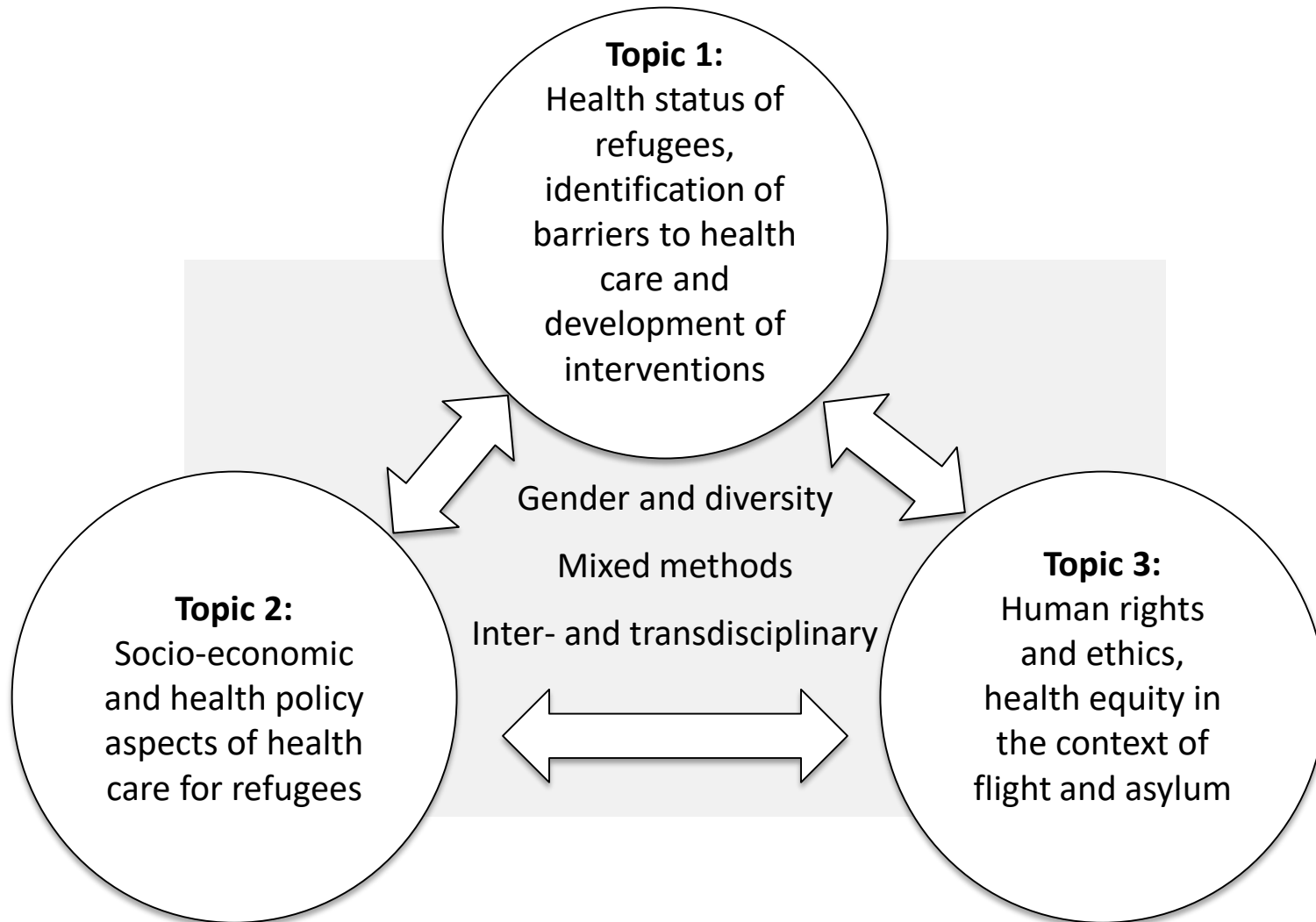
- Based at Bielefeld University
- Funded by the Ministry of Culture and Science of the German State North Rhine-Westphalia
- Duration: 4.5 years: 08/2016 – 12/2020
- Inter- and transdisciplinary orientation
- Multi-method approach



## 12 PhD students and 12 professors from 5 faculties at Bielefeld University

- Faculty of Health Science
- Faculty of Biology
- Faculty of Psychology and Sports Science
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of History, Philosophy and Theology

## Practice Partners in the region



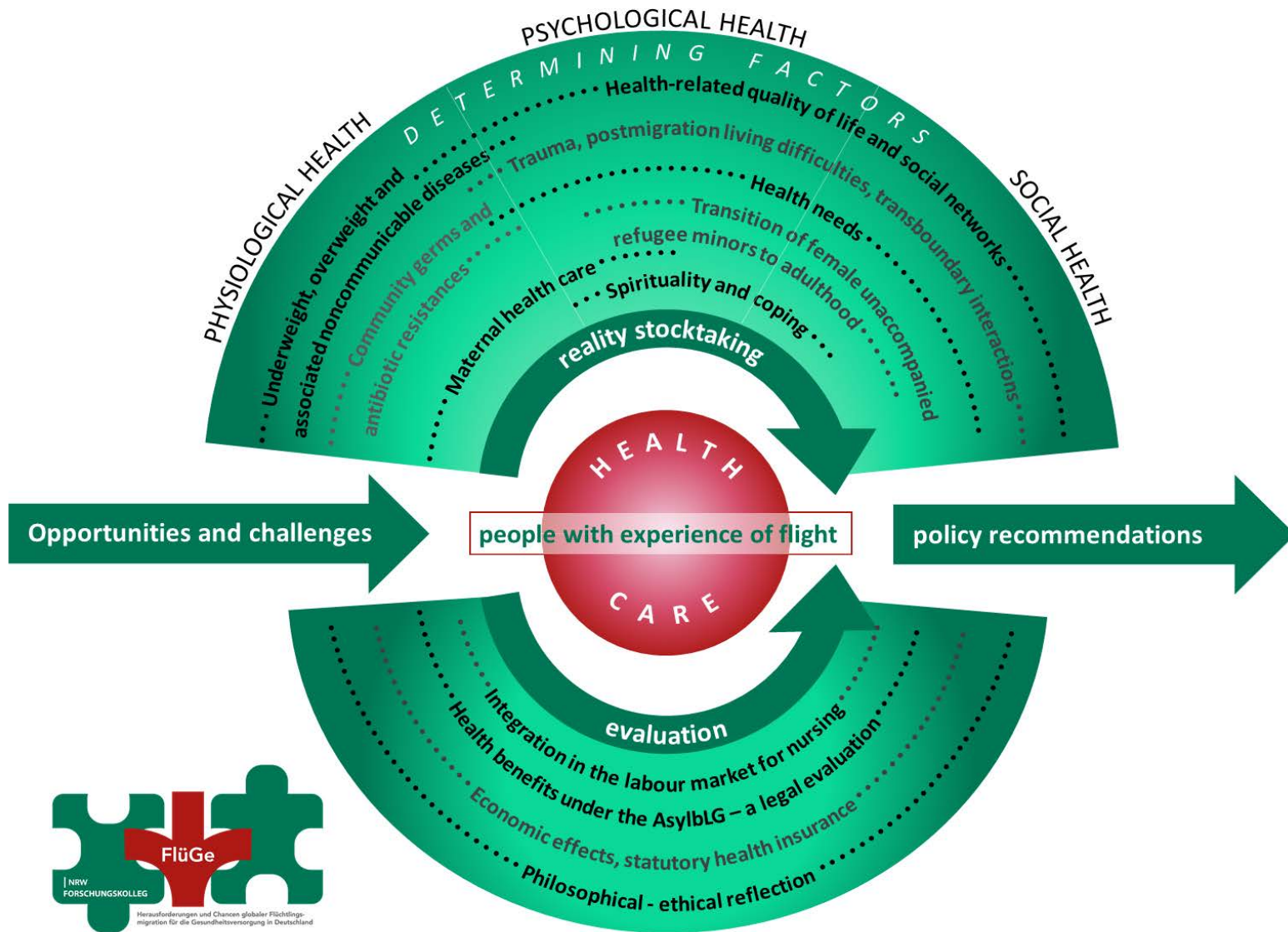


Figure: Kiemann, Stöxen, Agbih, Özişik, Nowak, Mohwinkel, Boettcher (2019)

Thank you very much for  
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