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**MIGRATION AS A STATUS OF BEING:  
NARRATIONS FROM A REFUGEE CAMP IN GREECE**

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There are some 50,000 refugees and migrants currently hosted in Greece who arrived and remained in Greece since the 2015-2016 mass flow. In 2017, 29,720 people arrived by sea, and some 5,500 by the land border, the majority from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. UNHCR supports the Government who coordinates the refugee and migrant response. Sea arrivals peaked in September 2018 with 4,000 people. Land arrivals through Evros border also increased to 1,400. Some mainland camps are overcrowded while the situation is worse in islands' reception centres, especially those of Samos, Lesbos and Chios. The dire living conditions can have serious consequences for asylum seekers' health, safety and protection, especially for children and other vulnerable people.

Migration is a status per se carrying rich psychosocial narrations. Each travel internal and external becomes stronger when shared. The current presentation argues for widespread sharing of migrating narrations of persons fleeing from a country with specific cultural characteristics, presenting existing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support services and structures in Greece and identifying gaps. In an attempt to allow space for proposals for the enhancement of networking and empowering of individual identities who live and co-exist in dignity.

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