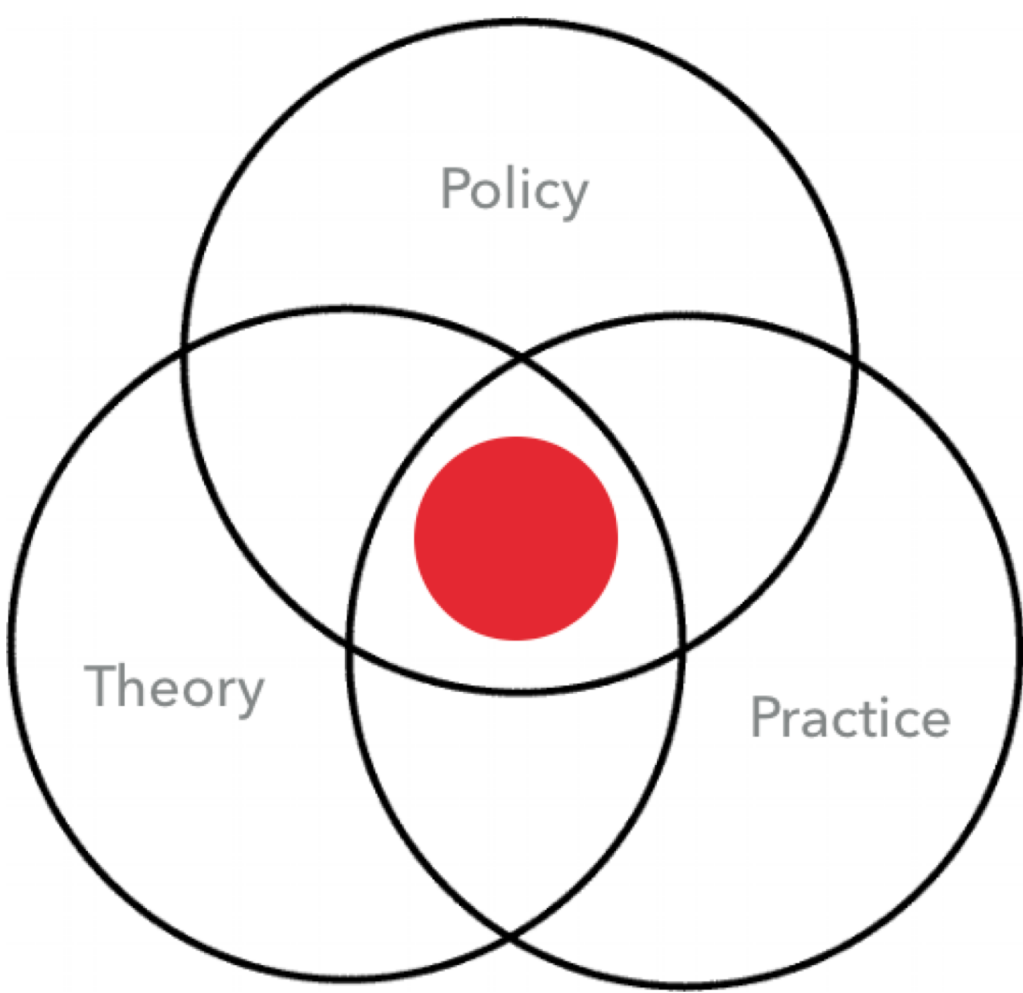


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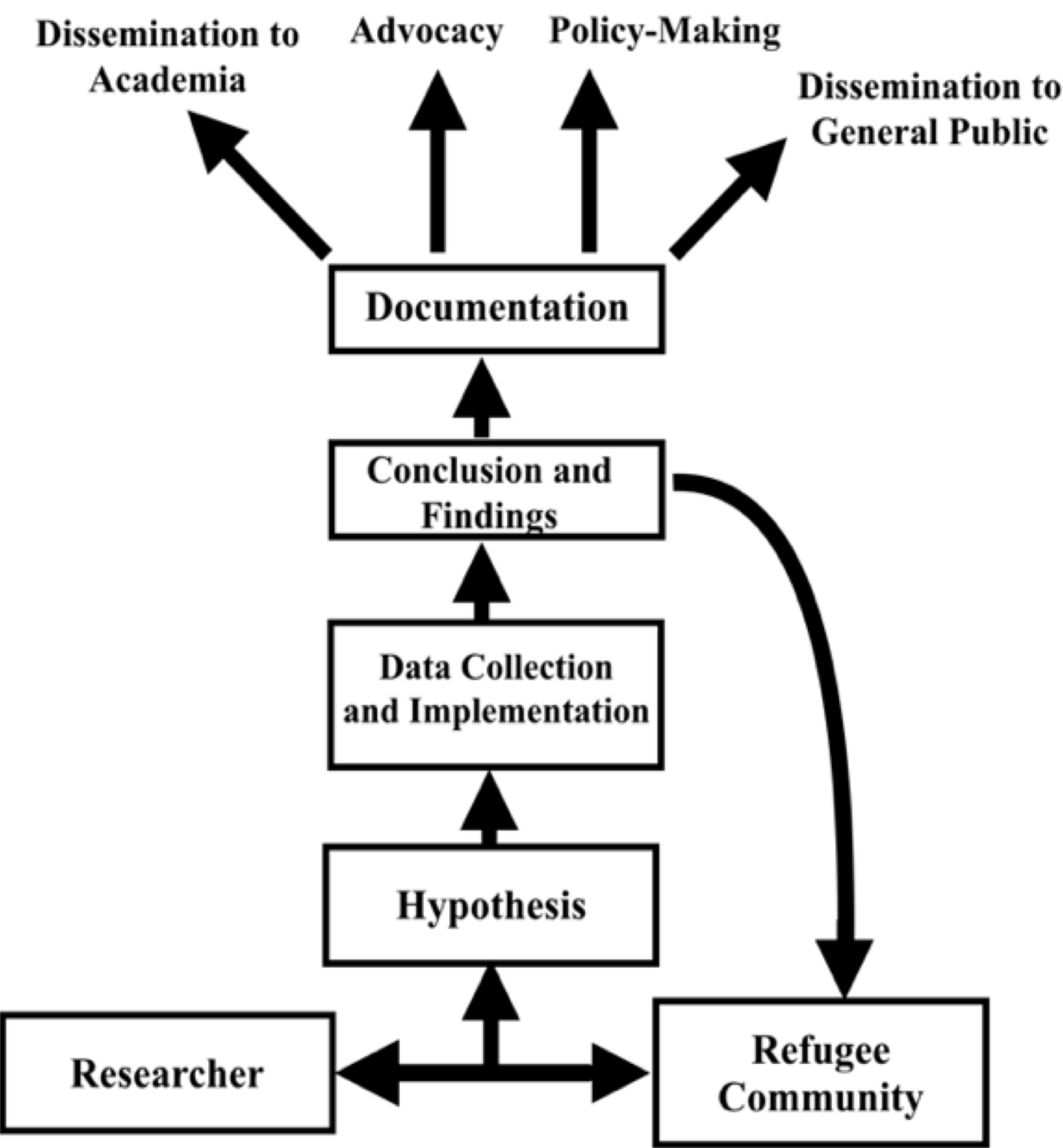
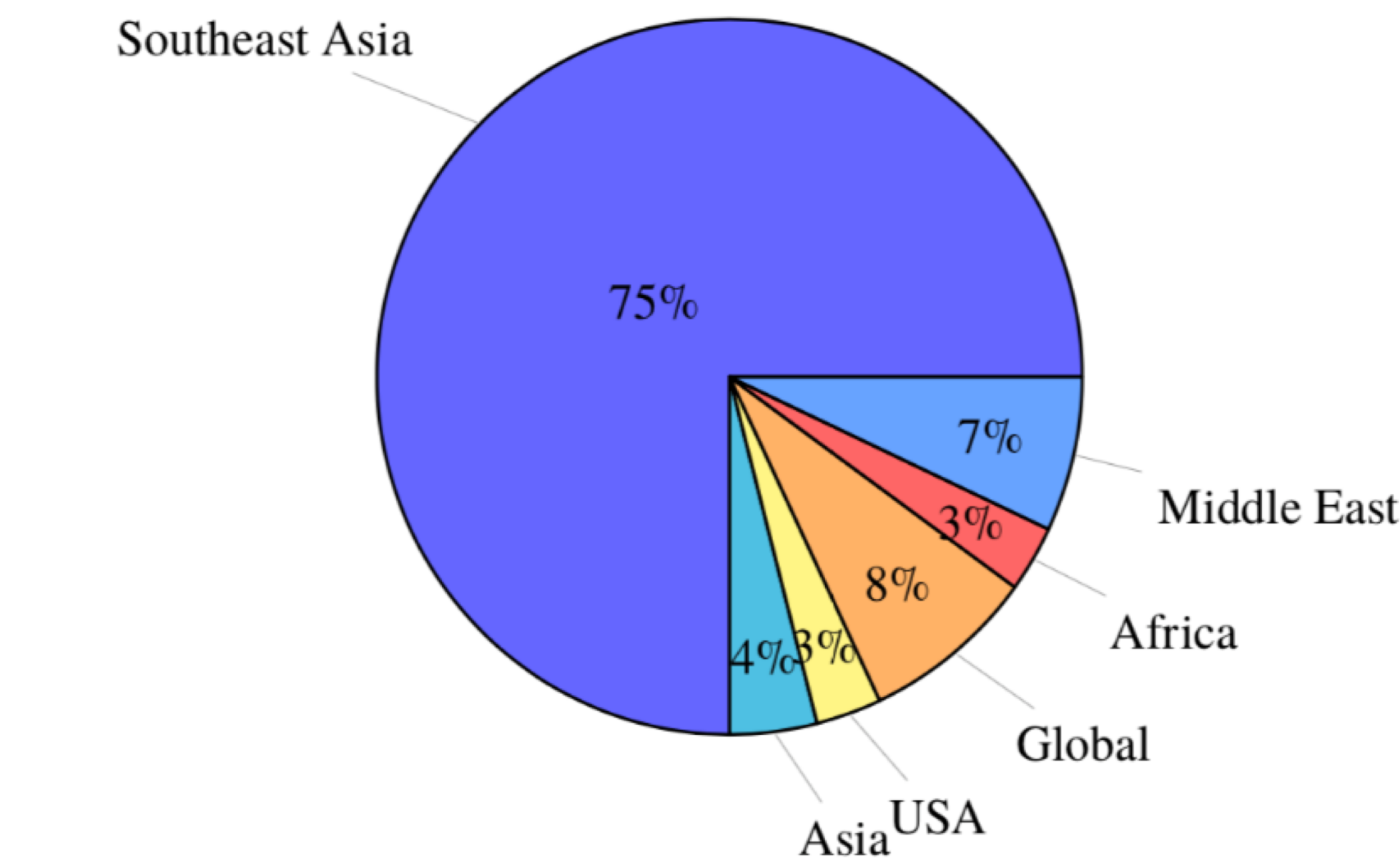
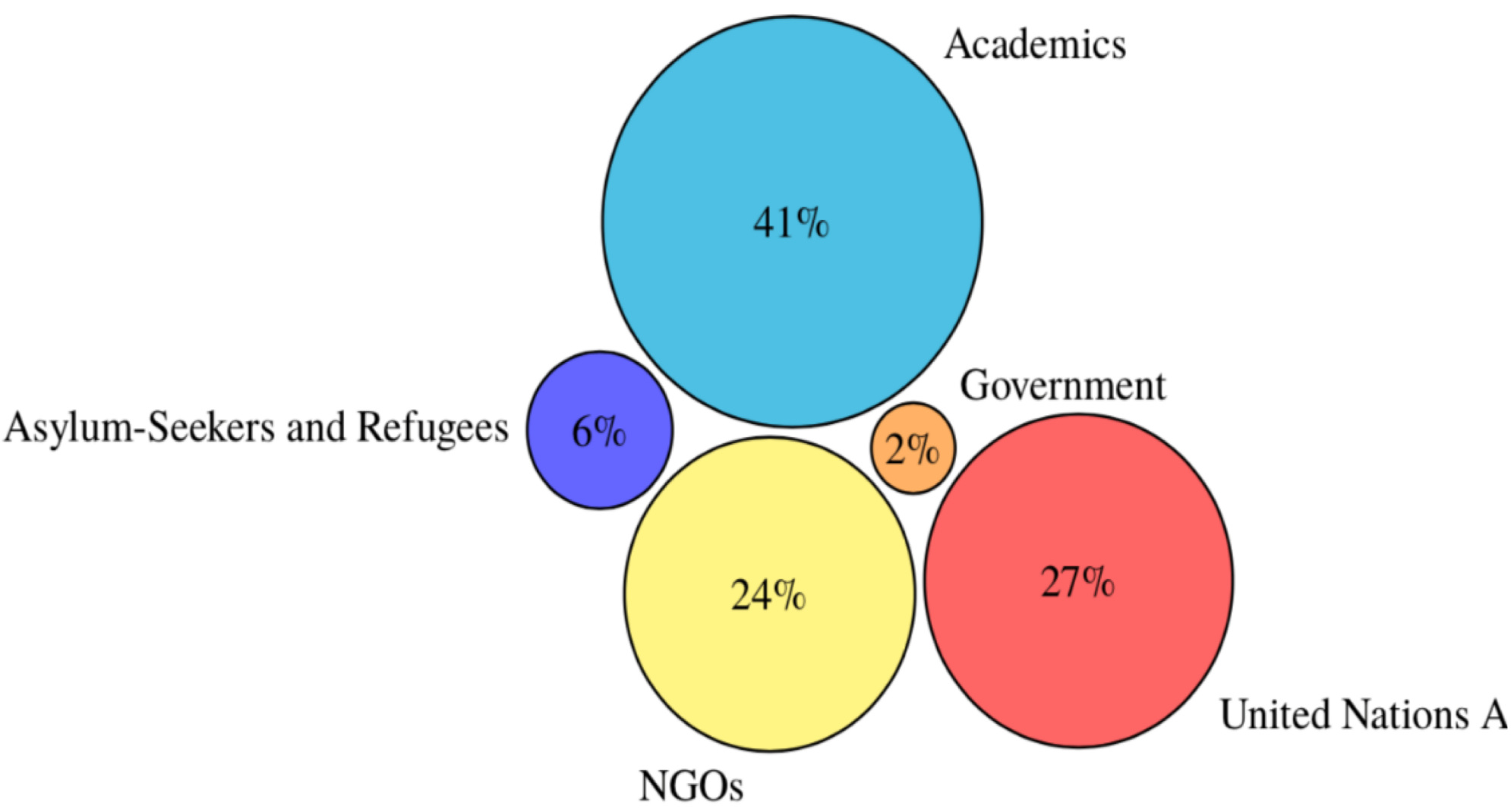
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Motivation



Methodology

Open-ended survey, n=60, thematic analysis
(Braun & Clarke 2006, 2013)



Proposed Research Process

Findings on Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in Southeast Asia

Most Pressing Issues

Perspectives	Subcategories	Implications
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No legal protection or recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unsafe living conditionsConstant fear of immigration and policeArrests and detentionsNo freedom of movement within the host countryLack of clarity and understanding surrounding resettlement processDifficulty obtaining UN documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Difficult to access legal representationChildren are detained by immigration authoritiesCannot access social protectionFace both societal and economic integration issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No legal right to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PovertyLabor exploitation and forced laborLack of financial freedomNeed for support for entrepreneurship ventures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Homelessness as a result of having no incomeChild beggarsLack of financial freedom
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No access to affordable healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lack of support for physical and mental health needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Female victims of gender-based violence cannot access public healthcare safely and affordablyWorkers cannot seek medical care for workplace injuries
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No access to formal education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Low levels of host country language skills and literacy amongst certain refugee groupsPerpetuation of the cycle of poverty through the systematic exclusion of children from formal schooling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">High dropout rates from community-based schoolsUntrained or poorly trained teachers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Frictions with members of host country	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lack of cultural and social integrationLack of public awareness and empathy for refugeesTrade-off between own cultural retention and host country's culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Refugee voices are not heard or considered in public discourseNo cultural orientation to situate refugees within the host country once they first arrive

Important but Understudied Issues

Perspectives	Subcategories	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mechanisms to improve public cognizance and social integration of refugees into their host countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The need to expose host country citizens to the refugee community and its plights to eliminate ignorance-based discriminationEncouraging refugee empowerment and public depictions of personhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Educate the public highlighting similarities between disadvantaged host country groups and refugeesEngage refugees as partnersCreate public platforms for refugees to tell their storiesConduct cultural orientations for newly-arrived refugees
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The costs of economic disenfranchisement and legal exclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Difficulties in obtaining lawful and safe employmentInsufficient household income causing perpetual cycles of poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Refugees not matched to jobs that are appropriate to their skillsHomelessnessLabor exploitation and forced labor
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Issues faced by vulnerable subgroups of the refugee population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Urgent need to implement early interventions in the refugee community to address issues surrounding women, children, LGBTQ individuals, and the disabledCreate sustainable income streams for females	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Child marriages, workers, and beggingChild abuse in the homeSexual violenceGender-based violence
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Preventative healthcare measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The importance of mental health interventionsNeed for health insurance to improve access to healthcareFamily planning consultations and sex education for teenagers and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Coping mechanisms for stress and traumaEducation on nutrition
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support for refugee education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improve access and quality of education for refugees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop the skills of teachers at refugee learning centres