

## **Migration, vulnerability, resilience: A series of unfortunate events.**

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According to the UN Refugee Agency, during 2015 over one million refugees and migrants reached Europe across the Mediterranean, mainly through Greece and Italy. Of these, 3,735 were missing, believed drowned. This tragedy along with atrocious conditions in detention and inhuman and degrading living conditions around Europe has been predominantly labeled in the public debate as “refugee crisis”. Within this context, “resilience”, the most effective crisis management tool and the new development imperative, appears to constitute the perfect answer. Claiming that the labels “refugee crisis” and “resilience” are anything but innocent, neutral or objective, we will try to address the following challenges on different levels. Focusing on the migrant/refugee question in Greece, our paper tries to: a) rethink the so-called “refugee crisis” and its “management” in parallel with the term “resilience”, b) point out the structural link between resilience, neoliberalism and the fearful subject, c) situate the figure of the migrant and refugee within the above critique, c) identify the role of “vulnerability” in the protection regime, raising issues of political agency, victimisation and exclusion and d) elaborate alternatives based on a radical view on human rights and political subjectivity beyond and against resilience agendas. Through different examples of embedded resilience strategies and political/legal struggles against anti-migration policies, we will shed light on the transitions from human rights obligations to flexible vulnerability and from vulnerability to resilient neoliberal subjects. Instead of the “duty to integrate”, we could try to rethink resistance strategies offering the possibility to imagine and claim a different world.