

# The governance of 'vulnerable' migrants - who decides?

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Legal and policy instruments at the global and European level increasingly emphasize the need to address the specific needs of vulnerable migrants. But what does it mean to be *vulnerable*? This talk is part of a larger, three-year, international research project ([VULNER](#)) funded by SSHRC, the FRQSC and the EU's Horizon 2020 program. The aim of the VULNER project is to investigate this question through field research in Europe (Belgium, Germany, Italy, and Norway), Africa (Uganda and South Africa), the Middle East (Lebanon), and North America (Canada). Currently, there is no solid understanding of the concrete meanings, practical consequences, and legal implications of "vulnerability".

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