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Shades of Justice? Syrian Diaspora, Anti- Normalization Struggle, and Lessons from Koblenz

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A German courtroom is bringing justice to Syria: This is how the trials against members of the Syrian regime for crimes against humanity in Koblenz have been celebrated in the media. Indeed, under the principle of universal jurisdiction these trials led to the conviction and sentencing of two members of the Assad regime for the first time. But for many Syrians, the needs for justice and accountability go beyond sentencing individual perpetrators and beyond the courtroom. They are demanding an end to the normalizing of relations with the Assad regime, a radical change in migration policy, and spaces to negotiate the narratives of the Syrian conflict from exile. Therefore, this event aims to explore what sustainable justice for Syrians can look like. It asks how our current international justice and migration systems can learn from the case of Syrians as one of Germany's biggest diaspora groups regarding needed changes and reconfigurations to the meaning of justice, accountability, migration, exile, and diaspora.

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