States hosting asylum seekers could make a crucial contribution to the aim of narrowing the impunity gap that exists for international crimes, by promoting the criminal prosecution of asylum seekers who are believed to be guilty of such crimes.

To what extent are these states willing to bring people residing on their territory who allegedly have ‘blood on their hands’ to justice, and what can and do they actually do to promote accountability for these alleged perpetrators?

This PhD thesis is the result of an empirical study of the role that host states in practice play in criminally prosecuting asylum seekers excluded from refugee protection. It is a case study of the Netherlands, a country with a relatively high number of exclusions and strongly committed to ending impunity for international crimes.

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