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**MY NAME IS NOT A REFUGEE; INTEGRATION THROUGHOUT THE ROUTE
FROM SHELTER TO HOUSING.**

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Currently we find ourselves in the wake of the world's largest refugee crisis since world war two. In Belgium, during the past few years, almost 60 percent of the people in shelter were given the recognition as a refugee or subsidiary protected. This unseen high percentage points out a major challenge for Belgium and therefore also Flanders in terms of housing. Many Belgians and politicians proclaim that refugees should integrate into society as fast as possible after recognition. Therefore my phd research focuses on the integration of refugees through reception and housing(models). The research seeks to make a link between the reception and housing of refugees as a continuous and sustainable process. During this process or path from shelter to housing, the focus lies on humane sheltering going beyond a top-down approach defined by infrastructure opportunities and limited by government competences. Up to now, the Belgian asylum and migration policies are scarred by symptom elimination. Therefore, it is crucial that Belgian and Flemish governments take up their responsibilities related to refugee integration and herein provide a durable route from shelter to housing, in which refugees are not simply abandoned or left to the mercy and goodwill of a handful volunteers and ngo's.

Housing could be considered an important tool to achieve the integration of refugees. However there are a number of questions and links unanswered today. What can the reception(models) of refugees/asylum seekers mean to their subsequent housing? As well as which reception and housing types or models can be conducive to the integration of refugees?

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