How to Survive a Residence Permit? Integration Assessments of Young Refugees (aged 12-23) in the Netherlands Through the Lens of Code-switching

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Despite the increasing restrictions in European and Dutch national asylum policies during recent decades, the numbers of young refugees are growing rapidly. Research on the lived experiences of their integration processes is primordial and timely. The proposed research focuses on the role of linguistic and cultural code-switching, defined by Molinsky as "the act of switching from one language to another" and "the task of moving between culturally ingrained systems of behavior". This study analyses the young refugees' mediation processes and code-switching in their social networks and how this influences their integration processes. The aim is to delineate the personal and societal variables that enhance and/or hamper the emergence of ‘cultural navigators’ who succeed in mediating varied cultural anchorings and position themselves in hybrid ways.