

# Review of: "Forget the cake: let them work. Conflicting narratives towards work, health and the plight of asylum seekers in the UK"

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The article is well written and provides an empirical overview of the day-to-day challenges faced by people seeking asylum and those with precarious legal status in their relationship with public institutions. However, my only comment is that the article is limited to critiquing the system without fundamentally questioning it. I believe that such inherently colonial and structurally violent systems are designed to allow us to critique them without subjecting them to fundamental questioning, and we need to move beyond this seemingly productive yet reductive and utilitarian thinking.

The inadmissibility rules, the Border and Nationality Act, and the Rwanda Deal cannot be overcome by merely critiquing them. Instead, we must deprive them of their foundational meaning. These are simply policies of "no-asylum" - the denial of the very right to seek asylum and be treated with dignity.