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# **MICROBES ON THE MOVE**

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN ASYLUM SEEKERS**

### **SCREENING AND VACCINATION POLICIES**

1. Continued screening for multidrug-resistant bacteria among asylum seekers is justified because they carry these organisms significantly longer than other international travellers - this thesis
2. Refugee settlements do not contribute to clustering or transmission of ESBL-producing bacteria in asylum seekers – this thesis
3. Outbreaks of scabies among asylum seekers can only be contained with systematic treatment – this thesis
4. While most vaccination programmes focus on catch up vaccination in children, adults remain unvaccinated and need to be included in such programmes – this thesis
5. Host countries should not fear for the importation of microbes on the move – this thesis
6. Screening and vaccination programmes are more effective if perspectives of asylum seekers are included – this thesis
7. Screening and vaccination programmes should reflect reciprocity
8. Public health efforts are only successful if guided by international collaboration and an open political attitude to all, as is illustrated by the COVID-19 pandemic
9. Clinical doctors have a unique role to play in the promotion of migrant health, in accordance with their societal role as health advocates
10. Diseases have no borders, neither should research – Xiaoliang Sunney Xie
11. Nil volentibus arduum - *niets is moeilijk voor hen die willen* – motto van gezelschap van intellectuelen, Amsterdam 1669

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