

RESEARCH

The violence of migration and family policy, carried out in the name of the ANAG, is vast and multifaceted. The consequences of this population policy shape our entire society, while research on population, migration, and family policy in the name of the ANAG remains one-sided.

TESORO states:

1. Even in research, there is a widespread societal assumption that violence is a problem of the victims. This assumption is wrong.
2. Research usually focuses on the illegalized Italian children of affected families after World War II. This focus is limited.

TESORO demands:

New research should make a key contribution to a comprehensive reappraisal of the past. Aspects that are regularly neglected or underrepresented should be analyzed, such as:

- The history of how the ANAG **transformed law into injustice**, a transformation that took place before its enactment in 1934. This process was then radically cemented through its implementation.
- The structural **violence of migration and family policy** in the name of the ANAG as an integral part of Swiss history.
- The long-standing **culture of denial and silence** regarding this history of violence.
- The deep traces of violence in the **relationships** between affected and non-affected families.
- Swiss migration and family policy in the name of the ANAG towards families from **all countries of origin**.
- The **continuity** of implemented violence after the abolition of the seasonal worker status in 2002 up to the present—against families of short-term residents in the low-wage sector, refugees, asylum seekers, and undocumented migrants (*sans-papiers*).
- The **similarities** of this violent population policy in Switzerland towards Jewish, Yenish, Romani, impoverished, Black, and queer family members.
- The **analogies** between Switzerland and discriminatory family policies in other countries.
- The role of **perpetrators and accomplices**.
- The little acknowledged, diverse **resistance**.

TESORO demands:

1. The participation of **those affected** by the ANAG as **researching agents**.
2. The integration of **transnational, multidisciplinary, and intersectional** perspectives.
3. A broad public reappraisal, supported and accompanied by a **National Research Programme** (so-called NRP).

Bibliography of key secondary literature – TESORO's recommendations for new research projects: [PDF](#) available for download.

Groundbreaking impulses from recent research (PDFs can be requested via [email](#) from TESORO).