## The definition of refugees

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**Abstract** 

This paper focuses on the analysis of the difference between "economic migrants" and

"refugees" since 2015 the "EU refugee crisis" has started. This crisis has negatively impact on

the national public budget, especially in the short-term. Therefore, the differences and analogies

within the general category of migrants – in particular, "economic migrants" and "refugees" – is

fundamental because only refugees are entitled for international protection. This contribution

studies the international literature in addition to soft-law documents of international public

bodies – such as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees or Council of Europe – and

legal decisions coming from national State – for instance, (states) – or, international courts, in

particular, European Court of Human Rights. In the conclusions, this research shows the

difficulties of a general and abstract classification between them.

**Keywords**: economic migrant, refugee, European Court of Human Rights, (states)

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Introduction

Par. 1

In 2015 the "EU refugee crisis" started.....etc. 2-3 sentences regard data...

Par. 2

This paper focuses on the different characteristics between economic migrants and refugees since

the protection of refugees has a negative impact in the public expenditure, especially in short-

terms. 2-3 sentences regarding data.

Par. 3

This paper applies a literature review in addition to critical examine international soft-law and

case-law study. The States that this paper focuses on are (name of the State). (Then, for each

State, give reasons why you choose it; i.e. because it is common law and it is based on principle

of precedent state decisis.

Par. 4

Section 2 analysis the international literature regarding the requirements that a persecuted person

shall have in order to have international protection. Moreover, the other sections study the legal

decisions coming from (name of States) and European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR). In the

conclusion, this scientific research demonstrates the difficulties to have a clear, general and

abstract classification between these two categories.

**Section 2**: literature review, ...

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**Section 3**: case law study (name of States and EctHR). For each legal decision, you make a short summary.

**Conclusions**: this contribution critically analyzed the difference between "economic migrants" and "refugee", since this is fundamental in the current refugee crisis. Summary of section 2, summary of section 3.

This paper shows the difficulties regarding the difference between "economic migrants" and "refugees" in concrete situation.