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Legally Unrecognized but Bureaucratically Tolerated: Queer Iranian Refugees Living in Turkey

Shouleh[i], a lesbian refugee from Iran, told me, “We (Iranian queer r Turkey) want only three things: resettlement, financial help, and part the sentence with a serious face and ended it with warm laughter. W very approachable personality, Shouleh has been a well-known persc leader – in the city where she has been living since 2015. She was alr English speaker, and within a short time she picked up Turkish. Soon refugees contacted her whenever they had a problem, especially abo with Turkish officials or workers of non-governmental organizations t social and economic assistance to queer refugees. She has also been PhD fieldwork[ii] since February 2018, when we had our first intervie have maintained a friendship as well as a professional relationship. S interpreter for many interviews I conducted with Iranian queer refug

Shouleh’s short list of demands summarizes the complicated problem refugees face while they wait in Turkey.

Resettlement – relocating from the country of asylum to a third coun legally viable option in the long term. Turkey’s geographical limitatio of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees dictat ; or escaping from events happening in Europe can be granted i use s individuals escaping from Svria can apply for temporary protection. t