



Pegah from Iran

Pegah originally is from the Iranian capital Teheran. Besides her mother tongue Persian, she also speaks English and German fluently.

Since her adolescence, Pegah has been interested in politics; women in politics and women’s rights especially fascinate

her. During her first Master’s programme at University in Duisburg-Essen, she devoted herself to human rights, gender equality, and discrimination of migrants and violence against women. Those research fields motivated her to start her second master’s degree programme *Gender Studies* at RUB.

“I’m glad to be able to study *Gender Studies* at RUB, not just because it is the best programme to improve my knowledge in gender research, but also because it helps me care and develop my social competence. I’m very thankful to have met so many great people every day, who care as much about respecting human rights as I do.”

Social and volunteer work are a big part of her daily life. Pegah became involved in local politics in Essen, as well as in refugee relief. Her commitment is not just local, but also seen across NRW, as she is part of e.g. [agisra e.V.](#) (an autonomic feministic info-counseling center for female migrants and refugees in Cologne), [AWO Düsseldorf](#), [Caritas Essen](#) and the student refugee relief project, [Studentische Flüchtlingshilfe](#) at RUB. There she is able to counsel refugees during scheduled counseling hours, and help translate for Persian and English speaking refugees.

We wish Pegah a lot of success in the realization of her ideas and her studies!

“As a woman with a migrant background, it’s one of my greatest passions to support human rights and rights for refugees, but especially to support refugee women and children. Here, we have the possibility of freedom of speech and room for our own ideas. I have the opportunity to support human rights and even more importantly, I can help improve the rights of women. “

Prof. Dr. Katja Sabisch (Fakultät für Sozialwissenschaft): “Pegah has been here in Germany for little over four years now and it is amazing how well she has been able to incorporate herself into our community.”