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## **Abstract**

This paper explores the complex relationship between the structuration theory, proposed by Anthony Giddens and the changes in the asylum-seeking policy in Italy, introduced by the Law No. 132/2018, also known as the 'Salvini Decree'. The text proposes a set of elements drawn by the theory, specifically the concepts of structure, agency and power that enable to approach and explain the main changes in the migration policy. During the text, it is argued that, throughout these elements, it is explained the changes seen as the imposition of new rules for granting asylum and the eradication of humanitarian protection. With the introduction of the Salvini Decree, the perception of migration turns as a security issue and not as a humanitarian act, pushing the denial of entry of migrants in an irregular or asylum-seeking mode. The paper ends with a brief outline of the limitations of the theory and the suggestion of some topics that could be considered in the continuation of this text.

**Keywords:** Asylum-seeking, migration, structuration theory, structure, agency, power, Italy, Salvini Decree

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