The conference aims to reflect on the structural intertwine of asylum and contemporary capitalism. If the politics of asylum has been extensively analyzed and framed in terms of criminalization and illegalization, it remains crucial to investigate how such processes are complemented by dynamics of extraction and exploitation. In the wake of the so-called 2015 refugee crisis, for instance, asylum has emerged as a pivotal device of racialization of migrant labour, as well as a logistical technology which profits from the warehousing and circulation of migrants’ bodies. In the attempt to think asylum through this specific angle, we invite scholars and activists to engage in an interdisciplinary dialogue on the topic.