Trends in media topics regarding immigration and asylum seekers before and after the European Refugee Crisis of 2015.

This case seeks to map media trends related to migration prior to the European refugee crisis and how the events following changed the topics discussed. We seek to understand how the language used in articles presented by Denmark’s Radio have changed over time and which topics increased in frequency in articles. Finally, we seek to discover how actual immigration is compared to frequency in articles and what anomalies that might arise.

We will use data scraping to go through all articles from 2007 and onward on DR.dk and find articles that contain at least one of the following words:

“immigrant, migrant, flygtning, indvandrer, asylansøger.”

We will then process this data and find keywords that are commonly associated with the previous mentioned words. We wish to categorize these into different topics to better distinguish what topics were most important in the public debate. This allows us to map topic trends over time and if it had lasting effect on the discourse in the media.