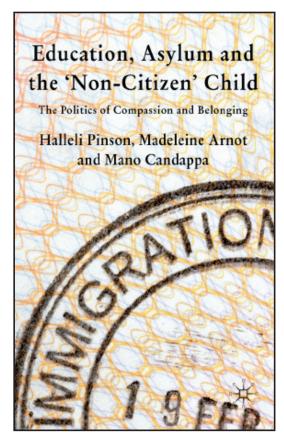
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The Politics of Compassion and Belonging

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Major findings of their innovative research include the forms of exclusion which 'non-citizen' children experience within inclusive schools and the ways in which the empathy of 'citizen' students towards those seeking asylum is at risk of being overridden by defensive national identities.

This book is essential reading for courses on children's rights, equality and migration studies and for teachers and other professionals in the field of refugee education, immigration and community and social work.

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