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Sommario/riassunto	Proposing an empirically grounded theoretical critique of the dominant research practice that focuses on survival strategies, van Meeteren takes irregular migrants aspirations as a starting point of analysis.

Drawing on intensive participant observation, as well as more than 200 in-depth interviews with irregular migrants and representatives of organisations working with them, she develops much-needed contextualised insights and sheds new light on earlier debates on this top-of-the-agenda subject area.
