

RSC-BIEA Fellowship for refugee / displaced scholars. Credit: BIEA/RSC.

## A note from the Director



Over the last year, we at the RSC – like the rest of the world – have continued to live and work under the shadow of COVID. This has meant a continuation of our transition to online life. We have all become used to online seminars, meetings, lectures – interspersed, when circumstances have allowed, with occasional in-person gatherings. It's been a tremendous challenge but thanks

to the adaptability of our academic, administrative and journal staff, and the tolerance of our students and diverse audiences, one that the RSC has managed very successfully. Over the year, the Masters course continued to produce enlightening and engaging teaching, as well as brilliant work from our students; our annual lectures and seminar series have reached larger and broader audiences than ever before; *Forced Migration Review* has continued to produce regular editions that are topical, incisive, and relevant; and academic research has flourished, even in the midst of limitations on travel.

More than this, many new and important initiatives have got off the ground. Most notably, a pioneering new engagement linking the RSC to researchers with displacement backgrounds in the global South has started, with the new RSC-BIEA Fellowship in Refugee Studies. We also created a new Online School in Forced Migration, offered in July and September. These Schools, which have featured scholarships for refugees, have been a resounding success, and are set to be offered in addition to our in-person Oxford Summer School in the future. In June, the pioneering *Oxford Handbook of International Refugee Law*, edited by Cathryn Costello (Professor of International Refugee and Migration Law), and two of our research associates, Michelle Foster and Jane McAdam, was published. In the midst of all these developments, RSC staff (Anne Irfan and Tom Scott-Smith) garnered awards for their work and a number of important new books, including Alexander Betts' *The Wealth of Refugees* and Kathrin Bachleitner's *Collective Memory in International Relations*, were published.

We cannot know for sure but it seems possible that we in the UK have weathered the worst of COVID. However, no one can doubt that for many of the world's forced migrants the pandemic continues to have disastrous health, security, and protection consequences. In this environment, the RSC's research will continue to remain as relevant and important as ever.

Matthew J Gibney  
Elizabeth Colson Professor of Politics and Forced Migration

## Announcing the new RSC-BIEA Fellowship in Refugee Studies

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new 12-month fellowship scheme for aspiring researchers with a displacement background.

The RSC-BIEA Fellowship in Refugee Studies will provide teaching, mentorship, and professional development to early-career social science and humanities researchers, who are mainly based in East Africa and have lived experience of displacement – for example, as refugees, stateless persons, and asylum seekers.

The fellowship will be delivered in collaboration with the British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA), and will be available both remotely and with some optional in-person activities at the RSC's new Refugee-Led Research Hub (RLRH), which has 27 colleagues and is based at the BIEA in Nairobi.

The Fellowship programme spans three terms of study and research (October 2021–June 2022), corresponding with the Oxford academic calendar, and will culminate in a three-month professional research placement. The programme aims to support the professional development of displaced learners and researchers, including through supporting pathways to graduate study and research-related careers.

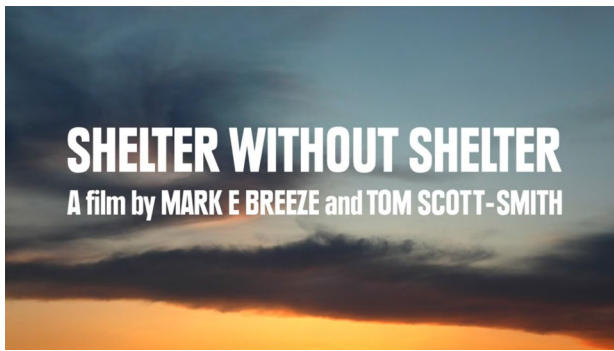
Twelve positions are available for the 2021–2022 academic year. Fellows will hold affiliated membership status with both the RSC and BIEA, and will be awarded a certificate from the University of Oxford upon completion. They will receive a stipend of 750 USD per month for the duration of the programme. Applications closed on 30 August. We look forward to welcoming the new Fellows.

The Fellowship and Refugee-Led Research Hub are supported by the IKEA Foundation and Open Society Foundations (OSF). The Hub provides academic and professional training to displaced learners to advance an agenda for refugee-led research in the field of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies. It is predominantly staffed by scholars affected by forced displacement and is based in Nairobi at the BIEA.

Find out more at: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/rsc-biea-fellowship-for-refugee-displaced-scholars](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/rsc-biea-fellowship-for-refugee-displaced-scholars)

## Shelter Without Shelter wins AHRC award

We are delighted to announce that the film *Shelter Without Shelter*, by **Professor Tom Scott-Smith** and **Dr Mark E Breeze**, won the top award of Best Research Film at the AHRC Research in Film Awards 2020. This award is for the very best film made as an output or by-product of arts and humanities research.



The award was presented in a ceremony held online in November. On accepting the award, Tom said “We would like to pay tribute to the hundreds of thousands of refugees around the world, many of whom continue to wait for asylum while living in very difficult and sometimes completely unsuitable conditions. It’s hard to conduct research on such a painful topic, and it seems inappropriate in some ways to celebrate a film that in many respects tells a story of our collective failure, but if it can at least stimulate some conversation about refugee shelter and our obligations towards others then I think it’s achieved something, and I hope that refugees, who this film is really about, can agree.”

Filmed over 3 years as part of the Architectures of Displacement project (funded by the ESRC and AHRC), *Shelter*

Without Shelter explores the hopes and challenges involved in providing temporary housing for refugees. It investigates how forced migrants from Syria were sheltered across Europe and the Middle East after 2015, living in mega-camps, city squats, occupied airports, illegal settlements, requisitioned buildings, flat-pack structures, and enormous architect-designed reception centres. Containing perspectives from the humanitarians who created these shelters as well as the critics who campaigned against them, the documentary reveals the complex dilemmas involved in attempts to house refugees in emergency conditions.

*Shelter Without Shelter* was premiered on 27 June at the Architecture Film Festival London 2021, where it featured as the closing film for the festival.

## Gil Loescher Memorial Fund

In April 2020, **Professor Gil Loescher**, our colleague of well over a decade, passed away. In celebration of his life and work, a new fund has been established by the RSC and Gil’s family and friends to support students conducting research on refugee and displacement issues.

Gil was a legend of Refugee Studies. He was a pioneering scholar who brought International Relations to bear on the study of refugees, and critically examined the evolution of UNHCR over many years. More than that, he was a beloved teacher on the MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, and was influential in the RSC’s formation in the 1980s and early 1990s.



Teaching and research were two of Gil’s great passions. In celebration of these, and to continue Gil’s legacy, we, at the RSC, acting in conjunction with Gil’s family and friends, have established the Gil Loescher Memorial Fund. The fund (which, it is hoped, will be open for applications from October 2021) will support Oxford students conducting research on refugee and displacement issues, with preference given to students from low and middle-income countries or who themselves have been displaced.

Find more at: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/gil-loescher-memorial-fund](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/gil-loescher-memorial-fund)

## The RSC’s Summer School goes online

This year, for the first time ever, the RSC’s renowned International Summer School in Forced Migration went online, in order to meet growing international demand for the course and to remain available in the midst of the current pandemic.

Offering a programme of study that is theoretically rigorous, empirically informed, and participatory, the bespoke curriculum comprised pre-recorded lectures, carefully selected readings, debates, especially designed case-studies, and structured discussions.

Fifty participants joined the School in July, including five in receipt of bursary places for those with personal experience of displacement. During their week they began by reflecting on the conceptualisation of forced migration, before turning to a discussion and debate on the moral foundations of refugee protection. The third day then focused on international refugee law. Thereafter, participants could engage in a range of options, such as: the ethics and politics of humanitarianism, the protection of victims of trafficking under international refugee and human rights law, and the politics of denationalisation. As the week concluded, participants drew



upon their new understandings of forced migration to participate in an expert panel discussion on future challenges.

Course tutors were Dr Catherine Briddick, Professor Matthew Gibney and Professor Tom Scott-Smith (pictured). Guest lecturers included Professor Chaloka Beyani (LSE) and Professor Gaim Kibreab (London South Bank University).

The school was held over a week in July, and takes place online again this September.

Full details at: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/summerschool](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/summerschool)

## Awards for articles

**Dr Anne Irfan** has won two awards for articles on Palestinian refugees. She won the Contemporary Levant 2020 Award for an article on Palestinian refugee petitions: **Petitioning for Palestine: Refugee appeals to international authorities**. The evaluating committee selected her paper for its engagement with sources and for successfully pushing past the parameters of a well-examined subject area to find a unique approach, as well as advancing our understanding of the histories of petitioning. Anne also won the Alixa Naff Article Prize for her article **Educating Palestinian refugees**, in the *Journal of Refugee Studies*. Awarded by the Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies (at NC State University), the Alixa Naff Prize in Migration Studies recognises outstanding scholarly studies from any discipline focusing on Middle East migration, refugees and diasporas.

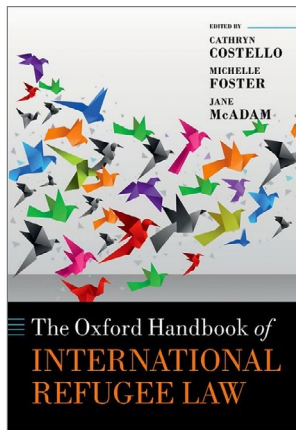


## Oxford Handbook of International Refugee Law

The global launch of *The Oxford Handbook of International Refugee Law* was held online on 25 May, hosted by the Refugee Studies Centre, the Hertie School Centre for Fundamental Rights (Berlin), the Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness (University of Melbourne), and the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law (UNSW Sydney).

The Handbook's three editors, **Professors Cathryn Costello** (RSC and Hertie School Centre for Fundamental Rights), **Michelle Foster** (Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness), and **Jane McAdam** (Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law) engaged in lively discussion with Professor Hilary Charlesworth (Melbourne Law School and Australian National University). The event was chaired by refugee advocate and lawyer Nyadol Nyuon.

*The Oxford Handbook of International Refugee Law* is a groundbreaking new book which critiques the status quo in international refugee law and sets the agenda for future research. A comprehensive, critical work that is global in scope, it analyses the state of research across the refugee law regime as a whole. Drawing together leading and emerging scholars, it provides both doctrinal and theoretical analyses of



international refugee law and practice. It critiques existing law from a variety of normative positions, with several chapters identifying foundational flaws that open up space for radical rethinking. Many authors work directly in the field, and their contributions demonstrate how scholarship and practice can mutually inform each other.

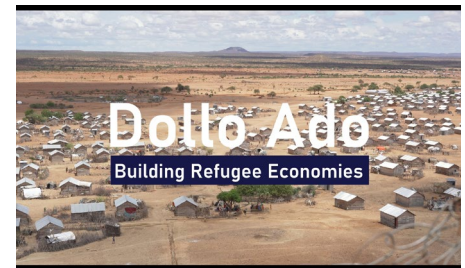
Chapters assess a wide range of international legal instruments relevant to refugee protection, including from international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international migration law, the law of the sea, and international and transnational criminal law. Geographically, contributors examine regional and domestic laws and practices from around the world, with 10 chapters focused on specific regions.

Chapters by RSC academics include: 'Human Trafficking and Refugees', by Catherine Briddick and Vladislava Stoyanova; 'Non-penalization and non-criminalization', by Cathryn Costello and Yulia Ioffe; and 'The Right to Work', by Colm O'Connell and Cathryn Costello.

The Handbook is published by Oxford University Press.

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## New film on Building Refugee Economies



In March, the **Refugee Economies Programme** launched a new documentary film, **Dollo Ado: Building Refugee Economies**, written by Raphael Bradenbrink and Alexander Betts, and directed by Bradenbrink. The film highlights the key findings and lessons learned from a multi-year collaboration of the IKEA Foundation, UNHCR, and the Government in the Dollo Ado refugee camps in Ethiopia. Drawing upon the Programme's impact evaluation, *Building Refugee Economies: An evaluation of the IKEA Foundation's programmes in Dollo Ado*, the film provides a unique insight into the innovative livelihoods programmes that have been implemented in the five Dollo Ado camps. The documentary was launched in an event hosted by the IKEA Foundation. Betts and Bradenbrink joined Abdurahim (refugee from Dollo Ado), Annemieke de Jong (IKEA Foundation) and Anna Gaunt (UNHCR) to discuss how refugee and host community self-reliance has been transformed through the livelihoods programmes.

*Visit the Refugee Economies Programme's website: [www.refugee-economies.org](http://www.refugee-economies.org)*

## RSC in the media

Early in the academic year, **Professor Alexander Betts** appeared on CNN's **Amanpour** programme to discuss



the European Commission's 'New Pact on Migration and Asylum'. He wrote an additional commentary about the Pact for the RSC website. Then in June, ahead of World Refugee Day, Betts appeared again on the programme to speak on the need to change the narrative on refugees. He also wrote in the *Boston Review* on the lessons three African countries can offer to the United States about refugee policy. In the article, 'The United States Can Afford More Refugees', he argues that while analysts often compare the US to Europe and its response to the 'refugee crisis', the EU is a poor model for US policy.

In December, Betts took part in the Imperial War Museum Institute's 'virtual festival' **Refugee Nights**. Over three nights, the festival explored refugees' stories throughout history in talks, eyewitness

accounts, music and food, and celebrated refugees' rich and important cultural contributions to UK public life.



As part of a series of **BBC Radio 3's The Essay** focusing on New Generation Thinkers, **Professor Tom Scott-Smith** presented an essay on 'A Social History of Soup', using four soup recipes to track social reforms and the changes in society's values that the different recipes demonstrate. The essay draws on the research in Scott-Smith's book *'On an Empty Stomach: Two Hundred Years of Hunger Relief'* (Cornell University Press, 2020).

Scott-Smith also took part in the **Hidden Histories** podcast series with AHRC New Generation Thinkers, speaking with Helen Carr about the history of hunger relief. Tom and Helen discussed the history of famine relief and humanitarian aid, and how it has changed over time.

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## MSc/DPhil news

The RSC's students have been busy despite the coronavirus pandemic. DPhil student **Imogen Dobie** has created a website featuring short, accessible articles about the topics, authors and themes within the field of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies. The site aims to make some of the arguments, concepts and ideas within this field quickly accessible and easily understandable. Find the website at <https://discussingdisplacement.com/>

DPhil students **Samuel Ritholtz** and **Rebecca Buxton** wrote articles on 'Queer kinship and the rights of refugee families', for *Migration Studies*, and 'LGBT+ refugees should be resettled with their chosen families' for *Thomson Reuters Foundation News*.

Ritholtz also chaired a special panel discussion on **Current Debates in the Study and Protection of Displaced LGBT+ People** organised as part of LGBT+ History Month in February.

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## Professor Jan-Werner Müller gives the Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture 2020



This year's Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture was held online in November. Given by **Professor Jan-Werner Müller** (Princeton University), the lecture was titled 'Democracy after Right-Wing Populism'.

While it is often said that populism is both a threat and a corrective for democracy, the lecture asked, what is it that might have to be 'corrected'? Often the answer is a crude sociological claim about 'the left-behinds' or 'somewheres', or about the failures of 'liberal elites' (who are regularly

accused of being too friendly towards refugees). This lecture suggested that we should focus less on persons and more on institutions – especially the intermediary powers which have been deemed crucial for the proper functioning of representative democracy ever since the 19th century: political parties and free media. Both are in crisis. The lecture suggested concrete ways to address this crisis.

Jan-Werner Müller is Professor of Politics at Princeton University. He is author of several books, including *Contesting Democracy: Political Ideas in Twentieth Century Europe* (Yale University Press 2011) and *What is Populism?* (UPenn Press 2016, Penguin 2017).

*The lecture is available to watch on YouTube:*  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=14sTRwHm0kw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14sTRwHm0kw)

## Heath Cabot discusses refugee protection limitations in the Annual Elizabeth Colson Lecture

The Annual Elizabeth Colson Lecture 2021 given by **Professor Heath Cabot** (University of Pittsburgh) took place in May. In a lecture titled 'The Afterlives of Return and the Limits of Refugee Protection', Professor Cabot spoke movingly of the experiences of her friend Hussein, a refugee from Sudan living in Greece. Hussein returned to Sudan after being diagnosed with a serious illness, and died there last year.

Cabot states that "the very idea of return is grounded on a model of origins, of rootedness. And when taken uncritically can reassert...that idea that people are born into and must belong to a nation state, and otherwise they don't belong."

In talking of the limits of refugee protection, she says: "having achieved the holy grail of refugee status, legal recognition in itself did not grant Hussein a liveable life. He had to do an awful lot of work to cobble one together." The lecture highlights the importance of social networks and contacts for survival, increasingly so following the diagnosis of serious illness when you have no family members or close friends living nearby.

Cabot reflects that "Despite his legal status, his education and linguistic knowledge, and robust social ties, Hussein



ultimately did not just choose to return... he had to return, owing to systems' failures far beyond his own failing health, which make it so difficult for so many to live and die with dignity; lacking the mobility to receive treatment elsewhere in Europe where family members could help him, Hussein did receive excellent health care at the hospital in Greece. But this could only go so far owing to a lack of adequate home health care, housing, transport, access to his pension..."

Heath Cabot teaches anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh and is currently a visiting fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. She is the author of *On the Doorstep of Europe: Asylum and Citizenship in Greece* (UPenn Press 2014).

*The lecture is available to watch online at:*  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoNsyyckD7S0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoNsyyckD7S0)

## New RSC staff

We are pleased to introduce the new staff members who have joined us this year.

**Dr Hanno Brankamp** is a Departmental Lecturer in Forced Migration. Hanno's research interests include the geographies of im/mobility and forced migration, humanitarianism, carceral geographies, the spatialities of camps, police and state violence, ethnographic research, displacement in Kenya and (East) Africa, and abolitionist politics.

**Dr Uttara Shahani** has taken up the post of Postdoctoral Research Assistant on the British Academy project 'Borders, global governance and the refugee, 1947-51', led by Anne Irfan. Uttara has research interests in South Asia, Sindh and the Sindh diaspora, the history of the British empire, partitions, decolonisation, and refugee regimes.

**Andonis Marden** has rejoined the RSC, taking on the role of Refugee Scholar Programmes and Partnerships Manager, with a particular focus on developing the Refugee-Led Research Hub and the new RSC-BIEA Fellowship. Andonis is an alum of the MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies.

**Alice Philip** joined *Forced Migration Review* in January as co-editor. Alice has held a number of communications roles within international development, including as editor of a magazine for community development workers.

Finally, **Cemre Omur** is the new Project Coordinator for the project Social Cohesion as Humanitarian Objective?, led by Cory Rodgers.

## RSC public seminars go online

This year, all public seminars were held online. Topics covered included **Refugee histories in the Global South** in Hilary (Spring) term, and 'Localising' refugee research and practice in Trinity (Summer) term.

**Dr Anne Irfan** convened Hilary term's series which posed questions such as How does forced migration look different if we examine it through a historical perspective? How have refugees been historical actors, as well as victims? The series examined a range of topics that illuminate these questions, by examining the historical entanglements between migration, im/mobility, colonialism, race, and borders.

Trinity term's series, convened by **Dr Evan Easton-Calabria**, aimed to examine research on refugees and forced migration within the broader localisation agenda, as well as methodological attempts to 'localise' refugee research through co-creating and co-conducting research with refugees and local hosts.

*Many seminars are available to watch on YouTube at:* [www.youtube.com/user/RefugeeStudiesCentre/playlists](http://www.youtube.com/user/RefugeeStudiesCentre/playlists)

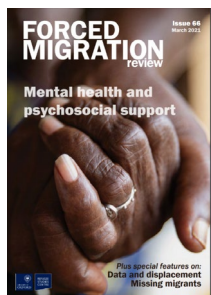
## Forced Migration Review

In the past year, FMR has published three new issues.

In **FMR 65**, the main feature on **Recognising refugees** explores shortcomings, challenges and innovations (and their consequences for refugees/asylum seekers) in refugee status determination processes worldwide. A second feature offers reflections on lessons and good practice emerging from the 2018–20 **GP20 Plan of Action for IDPs**.

*Online at: [www.fmreview.org/recognising-refugees](http://www.fmreview.org/recognising-refugees)*

**FMR 66** includes three features. In the **Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)** feature, authors debate initiatives and challenges, and advocate for strengthened collaboration and new ways



of thinking. The **Data and displacement** feature examines recent advances in gathering and using data. Finally, the **Missing migrants** feature explores initiatives to improve data gathering and sharing, identification



of remains, and assistance for families left behind.

*Online at: [www.fmreview.org/issue66](http://www.fmreview.org/issue66)*

Published in July, **FMR 67** includes two features. In the **Public health and WASH** (water, sanitation and hygiene) feature, authors discuss challenges, responses and innovations across a wide range of settings, and identify learning to inform future public health and WASH work with forced migrants. In the second feature, authors explore the status of protection in **non-signatory States**, examining in particular the role of UNHCR, civil society and legal actors in facilitating access to protection for refugees and asylum seekers.

*Online at: [www.fmreview.org/issue67](http://www.fmreview.org/issue67)*



**Forthcoming FMR feature themes are:**

- FMR 68, October 2021: Externalisation
- FMR 69, March 2022: Climate crisis and displacement: from commitment to action
- FMR 70, July 2022: Localisation of knowledge production

*Details at: [www.fmreview.org/forthcoming](http://www.fmreview.org/forthcoming)*

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## New articles on Rethinking Refuge



We have a number of new articles on the Rethinking Refuge website.

In **Refugee Eligibility: Challenging Stereotypes and Reviving the 'Benefit of the Doubt'**, Harvard Professor of Law Sabrineh Ardalan argues that it's time to rethink the evidence so often submitted and relied upon in asylum claims, and to return to a core principle of refugee law – the need to afford asylum seekers the benefit of the doubt.

In **Making the Maritime Visible: Rethinking Humanitarianism at Sea**, Imogen Dobie (DPhil candidate, RSC)

addresses the urgent need for humanitarian assistance at sea, arguing that it is time to reconsider traditional humanitarian practices and policies by de-territorialising the existing 'land-bias'.

In the article **Unpacking the New EU Approach to Asylum and Migration**, Dario Mazzola (Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen and Executive Scientific Coordinator of the Horizon 2020 PROTECT project) looks at the EU's New Pact on Migration and Asylum, presented by the European Commission in September 2020.

And finally, in **Making Responsibility-Sharing Operational: Comparing Asylum and Climate Governance**, Philipp Lutz (University of Geneva), Anna Stünzi (University of St. Gallen) and Stefan Manser-Egli (University of Neuchâtel) focus on the issue of responsibility-sharing, in particular how to achieve this and overcome the 'collective action problem'.

*Find all articles online at: [www.rethinkingrefugee.org](http://www.rethinkingrefugee.org)*

## New RSC Working Papers

**Forging Strategic Partnerships: How civil organisers and lawyers helped unaccompanied children cross the English Channel and reunite with family members**

Here Gina Starfield investigates the legal and political advocacy of lawyers and civil society organisers in the UK on behalf of unaccompanied children seeking international protection. Drawing on socio-legal scholarship and empirical studies of effective legal mobilisation, she explores whether partnership between lawyers and civil rights activists makes overcoming structural and cultural barriers to accessing courts, winning in court, and attaining practical policy change more likely. The paper highlights the benefits of lawyer-civil society collaboration and identifies the hazards of invoking unaccompanied children's vulnerability as a means to achieve far-reaching political change.

**Exiled within: Between citizenship and the struggle for return for internal Palestinian refugees in Israel**

In this paper, Haneen Kinani writes that while there are well-established studies of the external Palestinian refugees' impasse, the internal Palestinian refugees, defined as present absentees, have historically been omitted from these debates. She challenges the preconceived assumption that citizenship is the most durable solution to cease the displacement and rectify the dispossession of refugees, demonstrating that, for internal Palestinian refugees, these processes continue to be a part of their 'lived experience' despite the legal status afforded to them in Israel.

**Rethinking solutions for Palestinian refugees: A much-needed paradigm shift and an opportunity towards its realization**

Here Francesca P Albanese and Lex Takkenberg suggest that the 2016 New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants provides "a new opportunity to reengage the UN with respect to solutions for Palestinian refugees, for firmly placing this within an international law framework, and for pursuing solutions for Palestinian refugees more holistically."

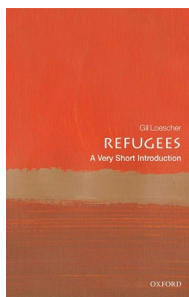
**Palestinian refugees and the Global Compact on Refugees**

Damian Lilly proposes that "as a blueprint for providing a fairer and more effective response for all refugees, the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) adopted in December 2018 provides an important framework in which to rethink the refugee response for Palestinian refugees."

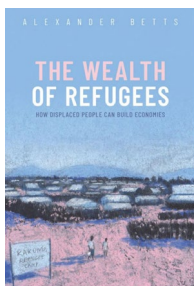
*RSC Working Papers are available at: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/publications](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/publications)*

## New books

The final book by Gil Loescher, **Refugees: A Very Short Introduction** was published in May by Oxford University Press. 'Refugees' offers a concise and compelling introduction to the causes and impact of contemporary refugee responses, drawing on Gil's 40-year legacy as an authority on UNHCR and global refugee issues. It was launched at an online event hosted by LERRN at Carleton University, Canada. Speakers included Alexander Betts (RSC), Jeff Crisp (RSC Associate), Mustafa Alio (Jumpstart Refugee Talent), Janemary Ruhundwa (Dignity Kwanza), and James Milner (RSC Associate and Director of LERRN).

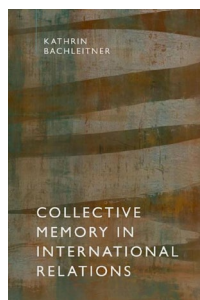


The latest book by Alexander Betts, **The Wealth of Refugees: How Displaced People Can Build Economies**, was published in April by Oxford University Press. It draws upon a decade of original qualitative and quantitative research to offer practical solutions to the question 'how can



we create sustainable refugee policies that enable displaced people to live in safety and dignity, while operating at scale?' Focusing on refugees in camps and cities in Africa, it identifies approaches that can be effective in improving the welfare of refugees, increasing social cohesion between refugees and host communities, and reducing the need for onward migration.

Finally, Kathrin Bachleitner's book **Collective Memory in International Relations** was also published in April by Oxford University Press. The book traces the influence of collective memory in international relations (IR). Through in-depth examinations of both domestic and international landscapes in empirical cases, the book explores four ways in which collective memory can manifest in IR: as a country's political strategy; as its public identity; as its international state behaviour; and finally, as a source for its national values. It investigates whether collective memory influences global outcomes and how and why it matters for IR.



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## New journal articles

Here we list a selection of the numerous articles published by RSC staff this year.

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- Kainz, L. and Betts, B. (2020) 'Power and proliferation: Explaining the fragmentation of global migration governance', *Migration Studies*, 9 (1), 65–89.
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- Betts, A., Omata, N., Sterck, O. (2021) 'Transnational blindness: International institutions and refugees' cross-border activities', *Review of International Studies*, doi: 10.1017/S0260210521000164.
- Brankamp, H. (2021) 'Feeling the refugee camp: affectual research, bodies, and suspicion', *Area*, doi: 10.1111/area.12739.
- Briddick, C. (2020) 'Combatting or enabling domestic violence? Evaluating the residence rights of migrant victims of

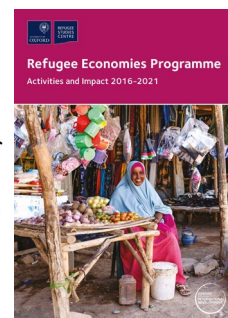
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- Easton-Calabria, E. (2021) 'Success twinned by challenge: an urban IDP response in Ethiopia', *Refugee Survey Quarterly*, 39 (4), 525–536.
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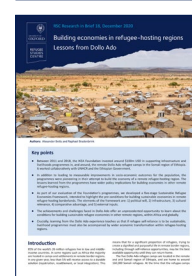
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In June, the Refugee Economies Programme published a report giving an overview of the activities and impact of the Programme during the last 5 years. Its aim is to offer accessible summaries of the Programme's publications and other activities. It highlights the ways in which the Programme has collaborated with other organisations in order to ensure its research has impact. And – above all – it thanks all of the many contributors to this research during that period, including the 290 research assistants who worked with the Programme in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda, without whom all the work would not have been possible.



Earlier, in December, the Programme produced two **RSC Research in Briefs** on the Programme's research in Ethiopia: **The IKEA Foundation and livelihoods in Dollo Ado: lessons from the cooperatives model and Building economies in refugee-hosting regions: lessons from Dollo Ado**, both written by Alexander Betts and Raphael Bradenbrink.



From 2012–2018, the IKEA Foundation invested nearly 100 million USD in UNHCR operations in the five refugee camps of Dollo Ado in the Somali Region of Ethiopia. The Refugee Economies Programme conducted an evaluation of the multi-year investment to understand how the funding has impacted refugee and host communities in this borderland area. A full report was published earlier in 2020.

The Programme also produced a brief titled **Cash transfer models and debt in the Kalobeyei settlement**, written by Olivier Sterck, Cory Rodgers, Jade Siu, Maria Flinder Stierma, and Alexander Betts. This brief focuses on the use of cash transfers in the Kalobeyei settlement in Kenya. It summarises the findings of a report by the same name published in August 2020.

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