



Panel discussion at the ERPUM workshop.



Controversial EU deportation programme subjected to academic scrutiny

On Friday 3 May, the Refugee Studies Centre hosted a workshop in Oxford, co-convened by Martin Lemberg-Pedersen (University of Copenhagen) and Dawn Chatty (RSC), to subject the European Return Platform for Unaccompanied Minors (ERPUM) project to a comprehensive and multidisciplinary examination. The project, involving several European countries and concerned with ensuring the ordered and secure return of unaccompanied minors who have received final rejection of their asylum applications, has raised a number of concerns: What are the moral implications? Are ERPUM's goals compatible with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child? Why are members reluctant to share information about the project?

In the opening session Martin Lemberg-Pederson outlined the evolution of the ERPUM project from its initial conception to its current status. The official coordinating actor behind the ERPUM project is the Swedish Migrationsverket (Migration Board), and other core members include the UK, the Netherlands and Norway. The first grant application was submitted in 2010 and the project has so far devoted most of its attention to unaccompanied minors from Afghanistan.

In the second session, Liza Schuster spoke about Afghan perspectives. Schuster said that the Afghan government has expressed concerns for the children and their families, and are reluctant to be seen to collude in actions that will result in the loss of families' investments and an end to their hope of a child educated and working in Europe. One government representative had argued that it would be better if ERPUM members could let the minors finish their education and then think of a return mechanism, and another had expressed concern that returned minors might end up joining the insurgents.

In the third session, Rebecca Stern looked at ERPUM and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Concern has been expressed, not least by child rights organisations, as to whether the project is compatible with the rights and obligations established by the CRC. Article 3.1, stating that 'the best interest of the child should be a primary consideration', as well as Article 6, on the right to life and development, and Article 12, on a child's right to express his/her views and for them to be accorded due weight, were each considered in the context of the project.

In the fourth session, Matthew Gibney examined the ethical groundings of ERPUM. The first value that the project claims to promote is the integrity of the asylum system. However, Gibney argued that there is room for nuance and using the welfare of children as an ends to achieve an institutional goal is morally dubious. The second value, 'respect for home', is defensible because it returns people to where they belong. On the contrary, Gibney argued that these children have a powerful moral claim to citizenship in the European countries in which many have become integrated. The third value embedded in the ERPUM project is that of security but grave doubts were expressed about whether any person living in Afghanistan today can enjoy a secure life, especially returned children.

Despite the failure of ERPUM to adequately address these concerns and others debated during a final panel session, the project was renewed in December 2012 and scheduled to run from 1 January 2013 to 30 June 2014, receiving funds from each of the participating states in addition to an unspecified amount from the EU.

Watch webcasts of the workshop, download podcasts and read the full workshop report at www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/events/erpum-workshop

Cathryn Costello appointed to permanent law post

We are delighted to announce that Dr Cathryn Costello has been appointed the Andrew W Mellon University Lecturer in International Human Rights and Refugee Law at the Refugee Studies Centre, beginning October 2013.

Cathryn's appointment is in association with the Faculty of Law and comes with a Fellowship at St Antony's College. We are very grateful to our many supporters who 'matched' the endowment of the Andrew W Mellon Foundation to create this post – our fourth permanent academic post in support of the MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies.

Cathryn comes to us from Worcester College, where she has been a Fellow and Tutor in EU and Public Law for the past ten years. Cathryn has published widely on many aspects of EU and human rights law, including asylum and refugee law, immigration, EU Citizenship and third-country national family members, family reunification and immigration detention.

During the past year, Dr Roland Bank has held the position of Departmental Lecturer in International Human Rights and Refugee Law whilst on special leave from UNHCR, to where he has now returned. We wish him all the best.

In memoriam: Belinda Allan

Belinda Allan, who played an instrumental role in the establishment of the Refugee Studies Centre as its first Development Officer, has died, aged 77. She will be sadly missed.

David Turton, Director of the Refugee Studies Centre, 1997-2001, said: 'Belinda and the RSC's founding Director, Barbara Harrell-Bond, were a formidable – one might even say unstoppable – team: energetic, determined and totally committed to making a difference, through multidisciplinary research and teaching, to the lives of refugees. They were, in effect and as Barbara would be the first to agree, the co-founders of the RSC.'

Obituaries have been written for both the Oxford Mail and The Guardian. See www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/in-memoriam

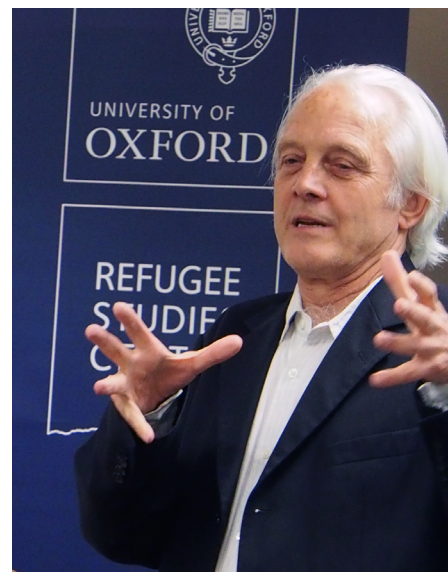
Tracks Across Sands: Hugh Brody delivers Annual Elizabeth Colson Lecture

On Wednesday 8 May, Hugh Brody delivered the 2013 Annual Elizabeth Colson Lecture at the Oxford Department of International Development. The lecture set out the history of the drastic and often violent dispossession of the peoples of the southern Kalahari.

For the #Khomani San living within South Africa, the apartheid regime meant a final eviction from their last remaining lands. Consequently, the San became a diaspora of people without rights to land, work or even a place to live: refugees in what was supposed to be their own country. In 1999, a small group of #Khomani San succeeded in winning a land claim, as a result of which many were deemed to have rights to land and places to live in security.

Following the events and aftermath of this claim, the lecture showed how a settlement might achieve justice but may not necessarily bring well-being.

A short film included as part of the lecture followed the people as they launched and then celebrated their claim, chronicling the struggle for indigenous rights by a people who are defying a history that has attempted and failed to make them disappear.



Hugh Brody is an anthropologist, film-maker and writer. He has been involved in land rights and aboriginal research in the USA, India, Australia and Southern Africa, as well as across Canada.

Download a podcast of the lecture at www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/events/elizabeth-colson-lecture-2013

Buy the Tracks Across Sand DVD at www.facetofacemedia.ca/page.php?sectionID=2&pageID=115

International symposium on citizenship and the politics of belonging

'Within and beyond citizenship' was the first of two international symposia to be convened in 2013 by Dr Nando Sigona from the University of Birmingham and Dr Roberto G Gonzales from the University of Chicago, investigating the relationship between legal status, rights and belonging in contemporary diverse societies.

The Oxford symposium, which took place in April, examined the interplay between forms and modes of contemporary membership, migration governance and the politics of belonging.

Download the conference report at www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/publications/rsc-reports/conference-report-within-beyond-citizenship.pdf/view

Student-led conference on development-induced displacement

Can resettlement be developmental? Is development without displacement possible? What constitutes successful resettlement? These are some of the questions raised during presentations at the recent conference on 'Development-induced displacement and resettlement' (DIDR), hosted by the RSC, 22-23 March 2013.

Organised by former RSC Visiting Fellow, Dr Irge Satioglu, and Narae Choi, DPhil candidate at the Oxford Department of International Development, the conference attracted more than 110 academics, professionals and civil society employees from all over the world, bringing established names together with young scholars.

Humanitarian Innovation Project

Researching the role of technology, innovation and the private sector in refugee protection



Participants in the project workshop, Kampala, Uganda.

Since the Humanitarian Innovation Project (HIP) was launched last year, significant progress has been made. Earlier this year, HIP started the process of selecting a team of local and refugee research assistants who have been assisting in the collection of data in Kampala and in the Nakivale and Kyangwali refugee settlements, Uganda. On the ground, Dr Naohiko Omata and Dr Josiah Kaplan have been looking at the relationship between the private sector and refugee livelihoods. Louise Bloom has been researching the role of technology and innovation in refugee livelihoods in the Nakivale and Kyangwali refugee settlements.

In June, HIP hosted the first project workshop in Kampala. The workshop brought together people from the academic, private and humanitarian sectors, and, most importantly, HIP's researchers and refugee research assistants. Its purpose was to take stock of HIP's Uganda research so far, in consultation with the project's major partners, including UNHCR and the Ugandan Office of the Prime

Minister, and to map out the project's next steps. Some of the participants were also taken on a guided visit to Somali refugee businesses in the Kisenyi district of Kampala.

Reflecting HIP's 'bottom-up' approach of working with the skills, talents and aspirations of refugees themselves, the highlights of the workshop were the presentations given by HIP's refugee research assistants. They introduced livelihoods case studies from the Congolese, Ethiopian, Rwandan and Somali communities. The range of examples discussed showed how different communities in Kampala run a range of businesses, often employing both refugees and nationals and embedded in far wider economic structures, cutting across settlements, urban areas and even transnational connections.

Videos and podcasts of the Kampala workshop will soon be available on the HIP website. To see what else HIP has been doing, visit www.oxhip.org

Religion and Global Migrations

Dr Elena Fiddian-Qasbiyeh will co-edit a new book series to be published by Palgrave Macmillan.

Religion and Global Migrations will examine the phenomenon of religion and different forms of forced and voluntary migration from multiple disciplinary perspectives, from various global locations and from a range of religious traditions.

For further information, including how to contribute, download the flyer at www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/pdfs/religion-and-global-migrations-series-flyer.pdf

Yakin Ertürk to deliver major lecture

The RSC is honoured that Professor Yakin Ertürk, former UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and now a member of the Council of Europe, Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), will deliver the 2013 Annual Barbara Harrell-Bond Lecture, taking place on 20 November in Oxford.

Professor Ertürk will be speaking on the role of UN mandates in the protection of the human rights of refugees.

To register for the lecture, visit www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/events/harrell-bond-2013

RSC to hold conference on 'Refugee voices'

The RSC will hold an international conference, 24-25 March 2014, to explore the voices and aesthetic expressions of those dispossessed, displaced and marginalised by the pre-eminence of the nation state.

The conference will bring together scholars from across the social sciences as well as researchers in cultural studies, literature and the humanities, to look beyond the nation state and international relations, in order to give new attention to the voices and aspirations of refugees and other forced migrants. Among the themes to be explored are the historical and cultural sources and meanings of flight, exile and forced migration, as well as the significance of encampment, enclosures and forced settlement.

Conference papers are sought which recognise and investigate unheard voices of forced migrants who exhibit adaptability, resilience and resistance in the 'grey zones' and borderlands between states and state bureaucracies. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted by 31 October 2013.

For full details of the call for papers and how to submit, visit www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/events/rsc-international-conference-2014

Events



1-19 July 2013
International Summer School in Forced Migration

20 November 2013
Annual Barbara Harrell-Bond Lecture
Register online now

14-15 March 2014
Short course: Palestine refugees and international law
Book online now

24-25 March 2014
RSC International Conference
Register and submit an abstract now

For more information, calls for papers and to register for events, visit www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/events

Forced Migration Review: new issues on LGBTI forced migrants and fragile states

Around the world, people face abuse, arbitrary arrest, extortion, violence, severe discrimination and lack of official protection because of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. **FMR 42** on 'Sexual orientation and gender identity and the protection of forced migrants' includes 26 articles on the abuse of rights of forced migrants who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex. The issue is available online and in print in English, French, Spanish and Arabic. See www.fmreview.org/sogi

The theme of the following issue, **FMR 43**, is 'States of fragility'. Many states fail in their responsibilities to their citizens but those states which are fragile, failed or weak are particularly liable to render their citizens vulnerable. **FMR 43** includes 24 articles on fragile states and displacement, going behind the definitions, typologies and indicators to explore some of the concepts and realities. In addition, this issue contains eight 'general articles' on other aspects of displacement.



FMR 43 is available online and in print (four languages). See www.fmreview.org/fragilestates

New format for FMR...

The latest two issues of **FMR** have been designed and printed in A5 format, rather than the A4 format of previous issues. Lighter to carry, easier to read on mobile devices, and cheaper to print

and post – we hope you like it.

Forthcoming issues

In the second half of 2013 we will publish issues of **FMR** on:

- Detention, alternatives to detention, and deportation
- Crisis, migration and protection

For more details on these and our proposed issues for 2014, please see www.fmreview.org/forthcoming

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New journal articles

Guests and hosts

Dawn Chatty, *Cairo Review of Global Affairs*, Spring 2013

Is deportation a form of forced migration?

Matthew J Gibney, *Refugee Survey Quarterly*, 32(2), pp 116-129

Should citizenship be conditional? The ethics of denationalization

Matthew J Gibney, *Journal of Politics*, 75(3), pp 646-658

The complexity of refugees' return decision-making in a protracted exile: beyond the home-coming model and durable solutions

Naohiko Omata, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (advance access)

The fetishism of humanitarian objects and the management of malnutrition in emergencies

Tom Scott-Smith, *Third World Quarterly*, 34(5), pp 913-928

Through an anthropologist's lens – a retrospective on the work of Peter Loizos

Roger Zetter, *The Cyprus Review*, 25(1), pp 169-182

New book: Survival Migration

Alexander Betts' new book *Survival Migration: Failed Governance and the Crisis of Displacement* (Cornell University Press, 2013) is now available.

Survival Migration explores the challenge of responding to new drivers of cross-border displacement, offering a human rights-based framework through which to critically consider who, in a changing world, should be entitled to cross an international border and seek asylum.

Based on extensive fieldwork, the book grounds its analysis in an exploration of contemporary flight from three



fragile states: Zimbabwe, DRC and Somalia. It explains the massive variation in responses in the neighbouring states, arguing that politics rather than law ultimately determines how the refugee regime is implemented.

Survival Migration offers important insights into how the international refugee regime can adapt to address the changing nature of displacement.

Survival Migration is available in paperback from Cornell University Press at www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/book/?GCOI=80140100851000

New book chapters

Deportation, crime, and the changing character of membership in the United Kingdom

Matthew J Gibney, in: *The Borders of Punishment: Migration, Citizenship, and Social Exclusion*, Routledge

New Working Papers

Repatriation: the politics of (re)-constructing and contesting Rwandan citizenship

Kelly O'Connor, Working Paper 92, June 2013

Integration in a divided society? Refugees and asylum seekers in Northern Ireland

Charlotte-Anne Malischewski, Working Paper 91, April 2013

Download at www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/publications/working-papers