



Barbara Harrell-Bond at the RSC's Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture 2012.

## A note from the Director



I am happy to share with you news of what has been another exciting year at the RSC. This is my first end of year newsletter as Director, after taking over from Alexander Betts last October. It has been a heady experience and one during which I have been constantly impressed by the insights and commitment of our researchers, students, visitors, associates, and supporters.

What I hope is clear from this newsletter is the great volume of excellent research undertaken at the RSC this year, with publications on subjects as diverse as 'Refugees and Responsibility Sharing', 'Local Politics and the Syrian Refugee Crisis', and 'Denationalization and Citizenship'. It is evident from the use of our research by academics, students, policy makers and journalists that every year our scholarship reaches a broader audience. The task of dissemination is ably assisted by our own influential *Forced Migration Review*.

It has been a particularly busy year for getting new projects off the ground and filling new positions. Cathryn Costello's ERC project, *Refugees are Migrants*, is now up and running, as is Tom Scott-Smith's important work on *Refugees and Shelter*, and Alexander Bett's work on the economic contributions of refugees continues to expand. Such research has been made possible by funders including the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), the IKEA Foundation, and many others. This funding is bringing new faces to the RSC, evident in the appointment of three new Early Career Fellows funded by the FDFA. In other highlights, we have hired a new five year departmental lectureship in Gender and Forced Migration thanks to the Martin James Foundation, and we are in the process of hiring a two-year Pedro Arrupe Fellow in Forced Migration.

As ever, the RSC has also been a source of events that attract people concerned with forced migration to Oxford. Our Annual Summer School has been a great success, the Elizabeth Colson and Barbara Harrell-Bond lectures were given by esteemed visitors, and an array of smaller, workshops were hosted both in and outside Oxford.

Just as this newsletter was going to print, we heard that Dr Barbara Harrell-Bond, the redoubtable founder of the RSC, had passed away at the age of 85. Barbara's vision of a centre that took seriously refugees as actors and combined high quality academic scholarship with critical awareness still inspires us today. We will not forget our debt to this remarkable woman nor the values for which she stood.

Matthew J Gibney  
Elizabeth Colson Professor of Politics and Forced Migration

## Barbara Harrell-Bond, 1932-2018

It is with tremendous sadness that we report the death of Barbara Harrell-Bond, who passed away on 11 July at her Oxford home surrounded by her family.

Dr Barbara Harrell-Bond, OBE, Emerita Professor, was a legal anthropologist who founded the Refugee Studies Centre in 1982 and directed it until 1996.

Prior to this she conducted research in West Africa from 1967-1982, while employed by the Departments of Anthropology, University of Edinburgh & University of Illinois-Urbana, the Afrika Studiecentrum in Leiden, and the Faculty of Law, University of Warwick. On her retirement from the RSC, she conducted research in Kenya and Uganda (1997-2000), and was Honorary Adjunct Professor at the American University in Cairo (2000-2008). She wrote the seminal text *Imposing Aid: Emergency Assistance to Refugees* in 1982.

An unflinching advocate of legal aid programmes for refugees and research and teaching in refugee studies in the Global South, Barbara was a driving force behind the establishment of a number of programmes in countries such as Uganda, Egypt, South Africa, and the UK. She was responsible for the information portal *Rights in Exile* (online at [www.refugeelaidinformation.org](http://www.refugeelaidinformation.org)) that promotes legal assistance for refugees around the world.

Barbara was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2005 for services to refugee and forced migration studies. Barbara was also a recipient of the Franz Boas Award for Exemplary Service to Anthropology awarded by the American Anthropological Association, and received the Lucy Mair Medal for Applied Anthropology in 2014. In July 2016, she was awarded an honorary doctorate at the School of African and Asian Studies (SOAS), University of London.

Barbara was certainly more than just an academic. The focus of her life-long work was on refugee rights, and on keeping refugees at the centre of humanitarianism, issues which resonate even more deeply now, in an age when asylum and protections for refugees appear daily more endangered.

We were extremely pleased to welcome her to Queen Elizabeth House very recently, on World Refugee Day in June, for a special screening among family and friends of a documentary about her life, '**Barbara Harrell-Bond: A life not ordinary**' (directed by Enrico Falzetti and produced by Katarzyna Grabska in collaboration with AMERA International).

*The Refugee Studies Centre mourns the loss of its founder, a visionary scholar and a guiding light for all who envisage a securer world for refugees.*

## Major new funding from the IKEA Foundation for research into refugee economies



Turkana selling firewood in Kakuma 1 camp, Kenya. Photo: RSC.

We are delighted to announce a three-year funding agreement with the IKEA Foundation, totalling £1.3m, that will cover funding for: research at the RSC on the economic lives and contributions of refugees in three countries; a three-year Research Fellow at Lady Margaret Hall integrated into activities at the RSC; and RSC Summer School bursaries for participants from the global South.

The funding agreement is supporting the RSC's Refugee Economies research in Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia, the insights from which will be used to inform humanitarian policy and practice to benefit refugees in the long term. This project follows on from research previously undertaken by the RSC into refugee economies in Uganda and Kenya. The main

focus of the research is to build an unprecedented panel data set on the economic lives and impact of refugees and hosts in these three countries across a three-year period.

The IKEA Foundation Research Fellowship supports an early-career researcher to undertake research of importance to the Foundation, with a focus on refugees. Dr Kathrin Bachleitner was appointed in October, to be based at Lady Margaret Hall and the RSC for three years.

Her research is focusing on how historical memory has shaped European states' policies towards Syrian refugees.

The bursaries for the RSC's International Summer School in Forced Migration are facilitating the participation of greater numbers of low-income participants from the global South, and thus building capacity within the humanitarian sector.

*Further information:*

[www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/ikea-foundation](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/ikea-foundation)

*See page 3 of this newsletter for details of the Refugee Economies Programme's new website, and page 5 for the report 'Refugee Economies in Kenya'.*

## RSC engagements

RSC staff have had a busy year of external engagements. Here we list just a few. Alexander Betts gave the Hugo Lecture at the Hugo Centre for Migration and Population Research, University of Adelaide, in October, and in February, he moderated a panel on Refugee Economies at the World Refugee Council meeting in Dar es Salaam hosted by Former President Kikwete.

Dawn Chatty took part in a workshop in Doha, Qatar, on Language, Culture and Conservation in South East Arabia as part of a University of Leeds and University of Qatar consortium. She also gave a public lecture at New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD) on 'Syria: The Making and Unmaking of a Refugee State' (her new book) in March.

Cathryn Costello is now on the Advisory Board of the Migration Policy Centre (MPC) at the European University Institute in Florence, and spoke at the MPC Annual Conference in June.

Matthew Gibney gave the endnote talk, on The Duties of Refugees, at a conference on 'Global Individual Responsibility' at the Centre for Ethics, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, in April. He also chaired an event on



Matthew Gibney chairs a panel on Refugee Policy in Japan and the UK at the Daiwa Foundation, London. Photo: Daiwa Foundation.

'Refugee Policy in Japan and the UK' at the Daiwa Foundation in London in May.

In February, Naohiko Omata presented at the symposium 'Exchange of experiences for the future: Turkish and Japanese humanitarian aid and support activities in conflict zones', at Ankara University, Turkey. Together with Alexander Betts and Olivier Sterck, he also visited Geneva to present the 'Refugee Economies in Kenya' report and explore a research partnership with UNHCR in Refugee Economies.

In May, Lilian Tsourdi gave expert testimony at a LIBE/BUDG Committee public hearing on 'Assessing the flow of EU migration funding within the Union' in the European Parliament.

## New researchers at the RSC

This year we have made a number of new research appointments. **Catherine Briddick** is joining us as **Departmental Lecturer in Gender and Forced Migration**, thanks to funding from the Martin James Foundation. Catherine is a barrister (currently non-practising) who has worked on violence against women issues in the not-for-profit sector for ten years. She has recently been undertaking a DPhil in Law at Oxford's Faculty of Law.

We have three new **Early Career Fellows**, funded by the Swiss FDFA starting over the summer. **Anne-Line Rodriguez** is an anthropologist who specialises in the social experiences in West Africa of the European governance of migration. While at the RSC she will be working on an ethnography of repatriations recently organised to Senegal. **Robin Vandevoordt** is a cultural and political sociologist. His main research interests are in the lived experiences of forced migrants, solidarity movements, civil humanitarianism, and social theory. **Tom Western** is working on an anthropology of sound and citizenship in Athens, Greece. His research interests centre on the roles of music and sound in the production of nations and borders, methods of sensory ethnography, and ways of representing displacement.

Cathryn Costello has recruited two researchers for her project **Refugees are Migrants**, funded by the ERC. **Derya Ozkul** (starting 1 September) will join us from the University of Sydney where she has been working on the project 'Social Transformation and International Migration in the 21st Century', and more recently on settlement outcomes for Syrian refugees in Australia. **Caroline Nalule** (starting 1 October) will join us from the School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, where her PhD research has focused on the migration rights of East African Community citizens.

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## Media spotlight

Over the past year, Alexander Betts has written for or been featured in *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, *The Economist*, *Foreign Policy*, and *The Washington Post*. He has also been interviewed by BBC Radio 4, CBC Radio, Amanpour on CNN, and *The Japan News* among others.

His book *Refugee*, co-authored with Paul Collier, was reviewed by *The Wall Street Journal*, while Dawn Chatty's new book *Syria: The Making and Unmaking of a Refugee State* has been reviewed by *The Financial Times*.

In other coverage, *Middle East Eye* spoke to Matthew Gibney about the UK government's citizenship stripping powers.

*Further information on all our media coverage can be found at: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news)*

## Dr Jemilah Mahmood gives the Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture 2017



Photo: RSC.

On 22 November, Dr Jemilah Mahmood (Under Secretary General for Partnerships, IFRC) gave the Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture 2017 at Magdalen College, Oxford.

Under the title ‘**The displacement paradox: good refugees, bad migrants. Where can the unwanted go?**’, the lecture sought to address the issue of humanitarian protection for the increasing numbers of migrants who do not fit into conventional categories of international protection. It asked questions such as how can we do more to support the safety, well-being and dignity of refugees and vulnerable

migrants? How can we address negative perceptions about migrants? And how can we bring about these changes in a way that has a real impact on the lives of the most vulnerable?

Dr Mahmood began her mandate as Under Secretary General for Partnerships at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in January 2016. Before joining the IFRC, Dr Mahmood was the Chief of the World Humanitarian Summit secretariat at the United Nations in New York. She is well known as the founder of MERCY Malaysia, which she led from 1999-2009.

The Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture takes place in Michaelmas term each year. It is named in honour of Dr Barbara Harrell-Bond, the founding Director of the Refugee Studies Centre, who, we are delighted to report, was able to attend the lecture.

To listen to a podcast of the lecture visit: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/ahbl2017-podcast](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/ahbl2017-podcast)

## Refugee Economies Programme launches new website



The Refugee Economies Programme (formerly known as the Humanitarian Innovation Project) has launched its new website: [www.refugee-economies.org](http://www.refugee-economies.org)

The Programme, led by Professor Alexander Betts, undertakes research on the economic lives of refugees. It explores the conditions under which refugees can become self-sufficient and make positive economic contributions to their host states and societies.

The centrepiece of the Programme's research is the collection of an original panel data set, based on multi-country and time series data collection. With an initial focus on

Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia, and covering 2017-2020, the dataset covers urban and rural areas, refugees and hosts, and includes multiple data collection periods.

The Programme's partners include the IKEA Foundation, Stephanie and Hunter Hunt, the Economic and Social Research Council, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, RefugeePoint, the World Food Programme, UNHCR, Deloitte, and YARID.

### Highly Commended for Excellence in Impact

Alexander Betts, Naohiko Omata and Olivier Sterck have been Highly Commended for Excellence in Impact in the inaugural **O<sup>2</sup>RB Excellence in Impact Awards** for their work on the Programme.

O<sup>2</sup>RB is a collaboration between the University of Oxford, the University of Reading, The Open University, and Oxford Brookes University. It is designed to build and strengthen regional partnerships for research impact via Oxford's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Impact Acceleration Account (IAA).

Find out more at: [www.refugee-economies.org](http://www.refugee-economies.org)

## Visiting Fellows 2017-2018

Each year we are joined by some exceptional Visiting Fellows and Student Visitors from numerous countries, visiting for a term to focus on a specific programme of study or research under the guidance of an assigned academic advisor.

This year, to name just a few, in Hilary term Felix Bender (PhD candidate at Central European University in Budapest) studied the right to refugee-hood for protection against oppression not just persecution. Dr Lili Song (Lecturer in law at the University of the South Pacific) conducted research into Chinese refugee law and policy. In Trinity term, Ashvina Patel (doctoral candidate at Southern Methodist University) focused on her dissertation research into the definition of political human security, looking in particular at Rohingya refugees in India. Dr Daniel Ghezlbash (Senior Lecturer at Macquarie University Law School, Sydney) studied comparative perspectives on the search and rescue of asylum seekers at sea.

All contributed greatly to the life and activities of the Centre, giving work-in-progress seminars on their research, attending our public seminar series and many other events around Oxford.

To find out more about Visiting Fellowships at the RSC visit: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/study/visiting-fellowships](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/study/visiting-fellowships)

## DPhil news

Our DPhil students have been particularly active over the past year. For example, Nora Bardelli, Caitlin Procter, and Claire Walkey organised a workshop at the RSC on deconstructing biometric refugee registration, with speakers Shane O'Brien (Registration Officer, UNHCR), Dr Anja Simonsen (Biometrics Border Worlds Project, University of Copenhagen), and Dr Katya Jacobsen (author of *The Politics of Humanitarian Technology*).

Diletta Lauro co-organised a seminar series at Linacre College on 'The Ethics & Politics of Borders', with speakers including Dr Mollie Gerver (Newcastle), Professor Christopher Bertram (Bristol) and Professor David Miller (Oxford).

Faith Cowling and Myfanwy James organised a panel at Needs 2018, a conference on humanitarianism held in Amsterdam.

Matthew Willner-Reid, now at Samuel Hall, published a paper in *The International Spectator* on 'The Rise of Referendums: A Death Sentence for Multilateralism?'. He also published a profile on Afghanistan in the Migration Policy Institute's Migration Information Source online.

Many students have also contributed greatly to our work-in-progress seminars this year.

Find out more about studying for a DPhil at: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/dphil](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/dphil)

## Professor Bridget Anderson focuses on 'language' in the Annual Elizabeth Colson Lecture 2018



rights. In the recent Windrush debacle in the UK for example, the claim that the Home Office initiated 'hostile environment' has resulted in injustice and deportation was refuted on the grounds that it targets 'illegal immigrants alone, some of whom had been working in conditions akin to slavery'. The lecture explored what is concealed and what is revealed by such language.

Bridget Anderson is Professor of Migration, Mobilities, and Citizenship at the School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies at the University of Bristol. She was previously the Research Director of the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) at the University of Oxford.

*Listen to a podcast of the lecture at: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/colson2018-podcast](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/colson2018-podcast)*

In June, we were pleased to welcome Professor Bridget Anderson (University of Bristol) to give the Annual Elizabeth Colson Lecture 2018, titled "**Let language not betray us**": immigration, enforcement and modern slavery. In public debate, employing the language of 'anti-trafficking' and 'anti-slavery' has become a useful way of managing tensions between borders controls and human

## 2018 International Summer School in Forced Migration



Panel on 'futures challenges' at the 2018 Summer School.

This year's International Summer School in Forced Migration was held from 1-13 July, with 68 participants from across the world.

The Summer School fosters dialogue between academics, practitioners and policy-makers working to improve the situation of refugees and forced migrants. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, combining the best of Oxford University's academic excellence with a stimulating and participatory method of learning, it aims to enable people working with refugees and other forced migrants to reflect critically on the forces and institutions that dominate the world of the displaced.

Following feedback highlighting the problems professionals face when absenting from work for three weeks, the Summer School curriculum is now taught over two weeks. The course is more intensive, but still allows ample time for interaction and reflection.

*Further information:*  
[www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/summer-school](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/summer-school)

## Short course on Palestine Refugees & International Law held in Amman



Course participants 2018.

This RSC short course was held at the British Institute in Amman, Jordan, in March.

Ever popular, the two-day course places the Palestinian refugee case study within the broader context of the international human rights regime. It examines, within a human rights framework, the policies and practices of Middle Eastern states as they impinge upon Palestinian refugees, using a mix of lectures, working group exercises and interactive sessions. The course is aimed at: experienced practitioners; parliamentarians and staff; graduate researchers; members of the legal profession; government officials; and personnel of inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations.

The course instructors are Dawn Chatty, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology and Forced Migration and former Director of the RSC, and Susan M Akram, Clinical Professor, Boston University School of Law.

*For details on short courses see:*  
[www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/short-courses](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/short-courses)

## Structures of Protection: Rethinking Refugee Shelter



St. Cross College.

The conference **Structures of Protection: Rethinking Refugee Shelter** was held at St Cross College on 18-20 July. Hosted by Professor Tom Scott-Smith and Dr Mark Breeze, this conference involved participants from anthropology, geography, medicine, architecture, law, political science, sociology, and also included humanitarian practitioners. Presentations by Scott-Smith and Breeze drew upon their research as part of the project 'Architectures of Displacement', which explores the lived experience of temporary accommodation for refugees in the Middle East and Europe. The main output from the conference will be an edited collection of short essays on forms of shelter.

*For information on Architectures of Displacement see: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/aod](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/aod)*

## Seminar podcasts



Jason Pobjoy gives a seminar on the child in international refugee law.

This year, our termly public seminar series have focused on international refugee law and human rights (convened by Dr Lilian Tsourdi), Syria and the Middle East (convened by Dr Ali Ali), plus a miscellany of individual seminars (convened by Dr Jeff Crisp). Speakers included Dr Veronique Barbelet (Overseas Development Institute), Chris Nash (European Network on Statelessness), Dr Jason Pobjoy (Blackstone Chambers), Dr David James Cantor (Refugee Law Initiative), and Dr Federica Infantino (Université Libre de Bruxelles).

Included in the Trinity term series was a book launch for Dawn Chatty's book *Syria: The Making and Unmaking of a Refugee State*.

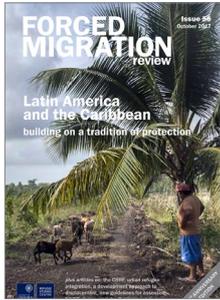
Podcasts of many seminars are available on our website and on SoundCloud.

*For information on events see:*  
[www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/events](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/events)

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## Forced Migration Review

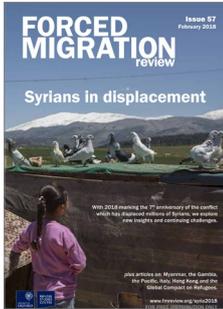
The past year has seen the publication of three issues of FMR. **FMR 56**, published in October 2017, focused on **Latin America and the Caribbean**, a region that has long demonstrated



hospitality towards those fleeing conflict and persecution. Faced with newer causes of displacement, such as violent criminal gangs and climate change, countries in this region continue to expand and adapt their protection laws and mechanisms.

Online at: [www.fmreview.org/latinamerica-caribbean](http://www.fmreview.org/latinamerica-caribbean)

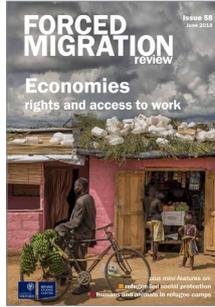
With the theme of **Syrians in displacement**, **FMR 57** explores new insights and continuing challenges relating to the displacement of millions of Syrians both within Syria and in neighbouring countries. What we learn from responses to this large-scale, multi-faceted displacement is also relevant to other situations of



displacement beyond as well as within the Middle East.

Online at: [www.fmreview.org/syria2018](http://www.fmreview.org/syria2018)

Published in June, **FMR 58** focuses on **Economies: rights and access to work**. When people are forced to leave their homes, they usually also leave behind their means of economic activity. In their new location, they may not be able, or permitted,



to work. This has wide-ranging implications. This issue also includes two 'mini-features', one on **Refugee-led social protection** and one on **Humans and animals in refugee camps**.

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

### Forthcoming issues:

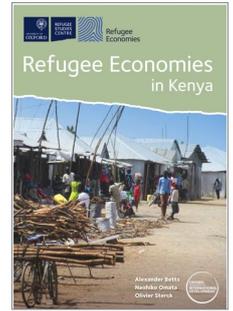
- FMR 59: Twenty Years of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement (due out October 2018)
- FMR 60: Education: needs, rights and access in displacement (due out February 2019)

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

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## Refugee Economies in Kenya

Kenya hosts nearly half a million refugees and limits refugees' right to work and freedom of movement. This report compares socio-economic outcomes for refugees and the surrounding host communities, focusing on Nairobi and the Kakuma refugee camp.



Written by Alexander Betts, Naohiko Omata and Olivier Sterck, the report compares and tries to explain refugee and host outcomes in three areas: livelihoods, living standards, and subjective well-being. In Kakuma camp, refugees are better off than the surrounding host population. In Nairobi, refugees are better off than they would be in camps, but worse off than the local host population.

Four sets of factors seem to explain these gaps between refugees and hosts: regulation (how you are governed), networks (who you know), capital (what you have), and identity (who you are).

Available at: [www.refugee-economies.org](http://www.refugee-economies.org)

## A Fair Share: Refugees and Responsibility-Sharing



This report and policy brief, written by Alexander Betts, Cathryn Costello, and Natascha Zaun, present the findings from a study funded by Delmi that examines refugees and 'responsibility-sharing' from a global perspective.

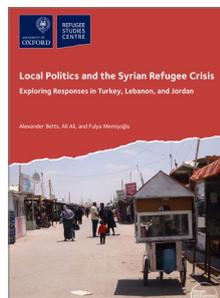
In the aftermath of the so-called 'refugee crisis' in the Middle East and Europe, there have been renewed calls to create effective mechanisms for responsibility-sharing. The report argues that under current political conditions responsibility-sharing is unlikely to be achieved through the creation of a single legal mechanism or centralised allocation system. Rather, it requires a range of complementary mechanisms to overcome the collective action failure that has historically beset the refugee system.

The project studied states' and non-state actors' assistance to refugees. It offers a method of measuring the extent of responsibility-sharing and discusses different possible models of sharing responsibility.

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## Local Politics and the Syrian Refugee Crisis

The findings of the research project 'The Politics of the Syrian Refugee Crisis' (funded by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs) are detailed in the report **Local Politics and the Syrian Refugee Crisis: Exploring Responses in Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan** by Alexander Betts, Ali Ali, and Fulya Memişoğlu.



It is important to understand politics within the major host countries in order to explain their responses to Syrian refugees. This involves looking beyond the capital cities to examine responses at the local level.

Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan followed a similar trajectory. Each began the crisis with a history of relative openness to Syrians, then increased restrictions, before agreeing major bilateral deals with the EU in 2016. But these common trajectories mask sub-national variation. The main factors that appear to mediate this relate to identity and interests, but also to the personalities of individual heads of municipal authorities.

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## The Economic Lives of Syrian Refugees in Europe

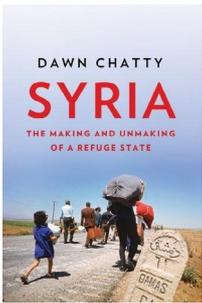
The Syria conflict has caused more than 5 million refugees to flee the country. While a relatively small proportion have settled in Europe, there is a high level of public concern around the support being offered to these refugees. To contribute to this discussion, Deloitte and the RSC collaborated on an exploratory survey of refugees in three European countries – Austria, the Netherlands, and the UK.



This survey, detailed in the report **Talent displaced: The economic lives of Syrian refugees in Europe**, studied a small sample of refugees and businesses, aiming to enhance understanding of the economic lives of Syrian refugees in Europe with a particular focus on employment. The study seeks to contribute to the conversation on the challenges facing refugees as they seek work, and how to best support them as they settle in their host countries. More research and better understanding of these challenges can help target the assistance and support that businesses, government, and NGOs are providing for the refugees in Europe.

Available at: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/publications](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/publications)

## New book



In **Syria: The Making and Unmaking of a Refugee State** (Hurst/OUP, January 2018) Dawn Chatty places the current Syrian displacement within the context of the widespread migrations that have indelibly marked the region throughout the last 150

years. Syria itself has harboured millions from its neighbouring lands, and Syrian society has been shaped by these diasporas. Chatty examines the current outflow of people from Syria to neighbouring states, arguing that the resilience and strength of Syrian society both displaced internally within Syria and externally across borders bodes well for successful return and reintegration.

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

The *Economist* selected **Refugee: Transforming a Broken Refugee System**, by Alexander Betts (RSC) and Paul Collier (Blavatnik School of Government), as one of its books of the year for 2017.

Further details: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news)

## RSC Research in Brief

We have a new research brief on **Refugee Self-Reliance: Moving Beyond the Marketplace**, written by Evan Easton-Calabria, Amy Slaughter, Anubhav Dutt Tiwari, Caitlin Waike, Estella Carpi, Jessica Field, Ulrike Krause, Kellie Leeson, Veronique Barbelet, and Yamini Mookherjee. It presents new research on this issue and addresses areas not commonly included in current discussions. In particular, it focuses on social and cultural, practical, and programmatic aspects of refugee self-reliance.

Online at: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/publications](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/publications)

## RSC Working Papers

**Researching forced migration: critical reflections on research ethics during fieldwork**

Ulrike Krause (2017) RSC Working Paper Series, 123.

**Questioning the value of 'refugee' status and its primary vanguard: the case of Eritreans in Uganda**

Georgia Cole (2018) RSC Working Paper Series, 124.

## Selected journal articles

In *Social Studies of Science*, Tom Scott-Smith writes on '**Sticky technologies: Plumpy'nut®, emergency feeding and the viscosity of humanitarian design**', arguing that many humanitarian technologies are characterised not so much by fluidity as by stickiness. "Sticky technologies," he writes, "...work precisely because they are mobile and not overly adaptable, yet they retain some flexibility by reaching out to shape and be shaped by their users." The article presents a detailed study of Plumpy'nut®, a peanut paste for therapeutic feeding that is materially sticky – much firmer than a fluid, yet still mutable – as well as conceptually sticky.

The *Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law* published an article by Evangelia (Lilian) Tsourdi titled '**Solidarity at work? The prevalence of emergency-driven solidarity in the administrative governance of the Common European Asylum System**'. This article explores Article 80 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), establishing the principle of 'solidarity and fair-sharing of responsibility'. It critically assesses the interplay between the principle of solidarity and fair-sharing and the administrative set-up of the EU asylum policy. The article is part of a special issue co-edited by Tsourdi on 'Searching for solidarity in the EU asylum and border policies'.

**How friends become foes: exploring the role of documents in shaping UNHCR's behaviour**, by Georgia Cole in *Third World Quarterly*, examines why we need to explore 'the physicality' of the documents produced and circulated by organisations such as UNHCR, not just the statements made within them. She outlines how the issuance of certain documents within the refugee regime suppresses within a 'black box' the supporting and competing narratives that resulted in their genesis. She also considers why particular announcements

are capable of catalysing responses that outlive their authors' finite intentions.

In **Panacea for the refugee crisis? Rethinking the promotion of 'self-reliance' for refugees**, published in *Third World Quarterly*, Evan Easton-Calabria and Naohiko Omata critically examine the current extensive promotion of 'self-reliance' for refugees. They argue that the existing scholarship largely ignores the unsuccessful historical record of international assistance to foster refugees' self-reliance and fails to discuss its problematic linkages to neoliberalism and the notion of 'dependency'.

**Thrive or Survive? Explaining Variation in Economic Outcomes for Refugees** by Alexander Betts, Naohiko Omata, and Louise Bloom, was published in the *Journal on Migration and Human Security*. It asks three questions about the economic lives of refugees: 1) what makes the economic lives of refugees distinctive from other populations; 2) what explains variation in refugees' income levels; and 3) what role does entrepreneurship play in shaping refugees' economic outcomes? The article draws upon extensive qualitative and quantitative research conducted in Uganda, supplemented with qualitative research from other parts of Africa and the Middle East.

Roger Zetter has co-authored an article with Augustine Yelfaanibe in *African Geographical Review*. **Policies and labels for negotiating rights protection for the environmentally displaced in Ghana: the Dagara farmer in perspective** discusses the issue of rights within the context of contemporary policies and the extent to which they address the challenges confronting environmentally displaced people in Ghana. It also explores the role of labels in the drive toward affording appropriate rights protection for the environmentally displaced.

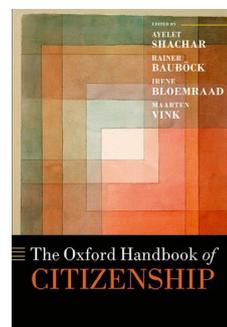
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