



RSC 2014 Conference “Refugee Voices” Programme

St Anne’s College, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6HW

Monday 24th March

8.00 – 9.30	Conference Registration
9.30 – 9.45	Director’s welcome
9.45 – 10.45	Opening plenary –Jeff Crisp, Refugees International In search of solutions; refugees are doing it for themselves
10.45 – 11.15	Break

11.15 – 1.00

Session 1

PANEL 1 - Representations of 'the refugee'

Chair:	Alexander Betts <i>Associate Professor of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies</i>
Bendixsen, Synnove	“They take your photograph. You come into existence”: Irregular migrants and struggles over representations
Hill, Emma	Playing the trickster? Voices of asylum seekers in Glasgow
Bardelli, Nora and Meneguello Bressan, Laís	Genuine voices? (Im)mobilizing refugees in humanitarian discourse and practice

PANEL 2 Refugee voices and the asylum process

Chair:	Cathryn Costello <i>Andrew W. Mellon Associate Professor of International Human Rights and Refugee Law</i>	
Moser-Mercer, Barbara and Mercer, Kerstin		Whose voice? Hearing the refugee interpreter
Barry-Murphy, Emily and Stephenson Jr, Max		'Adjudicating the refugee story: assessing pitfalls and charting possibilities'
Bhimji, Fazila		Die asyl-monologe and the German actors

PANEL 3 - Refugees from Burma/Myanmar

Chair:	Gil Loescher <i>Visiting Professor</i>	
Fleming, Rachel		Efforts to transform the dialogue with refugees: the Chin experience
Jack, Victoria		Communication as aid: giving voice to refugees on the Thai-Myanmar border
Curwen, Pippa		The new aid paradigm in Burma - building or undermining peace?
Wilch, Matthew and Hmung, Zo Tum		The Chins seeking refuge in Mizoram State, India: a roundtable approach to refugee protection

PANEL 4 - Statelessness: Palestinian voices

Chair:	Dawn Chatty <i>Professor of Anthropology and Forced Migration</i>	
Schiocchet, Leonardo		Undesirables: 117 Palestinian refugees in Brazil, between humanitarianism and nationalisms
Irfan, Anne		Stateless governance: the Palestinian refugee camps
Shiblak, Abbas		No place to call home; the case of Palestinian refugees

1.00 – 2.00

Lunch

PANEL 5 – Music and cultural expression

Chair:	Tom Scott Smith <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
Kiruthu, Felix		Music as a strategy of youth resilience in Dadaab refugee camp, Kenya
Shao, Oliver		Ox songs and protracted encampment
Whyte, Zachary		The art of the problem: aesthetic encounters of asylum-seeking children in Denmark

PANEL 6 – Refugee voices and new media

Chair:	Louise Bloom <i>Research Officer</i>	
Negrine, Ralph		Memories and voices of Jews displaced from Arab lands in 1948–1958
Doná, Giorgia and Godin, Marie		Refugee and diasporic voices in virtual space: live narratives and hybrid activism
Deramo, Michele		Right to a story: how KANERE Free Press transgresses biopower

PANEL 7 – Refugee voices: women from Burma

Chair:	Kirsten McConnachie <i>Joyce Pearce Junior Research Fellow</i>	
Zahau, Rosalinn and Fleming, Rachel		A constant state of fear: the situation facing Chin refugee women and children in Delhi
Nhkum, Jessica		Kachin IDPs and the work of Kachin Women's Association Thailand
Phan, Zoya		Burma's ethnic nationalities and the question of transition
Ma Khin Mar Mar Kyi		Women and peace

PANEL 8 – Space, identity and 'becoming'

Chair:	Olaf Kleist <i>German Research Foundation Research Fellow</i>	
Sobout, Azadeh		Afghan refugees reclaiming urban space in Iranian cities
Mackenzie, Laurel		Melbourne Hazara oral histories: Hazara mens' and womens' stories about becoming Australian
Hynes, Patricia		Rhythms, rituals and remembrance of exile: Lao, Hmong and Vietnamese refugees in Phanat Nikhom refugee camp, Thailand

3.45 – 4.15

Break

PANEL 9 – Art and identity

Chair:	Will Jones <i>Research Officer</i>	
Gayed, Andrew		The exilic aesthetic: articulations of patriotism by the expatriate
Derluyn, Ilse, Mels, Cindy, Watters, Charles and Broekaert, Eric		Graffiti by migrants in Zeebrugge
Robertson, Zoe		Living in images: the imaginative practices and aesthetic expressions of Karen refugees resettled in Melbourne, Australia
Payson, Alida		Affects of protest: feeling and feeling for others in refugee mobilisations in Wales

PANEL 10 – Beyond bare life: agency in encampment

Chair:	Matthew Gibney <i>Elizabeth Colson Associate Professor of Politics and Forced Migration</i>	
Chowdhory, Nasreen		Gender in camps in Tamil Nadu
Procter, Caitlin		Constructing culture: contesting inter-generational expression in a Palestinian refugee camp.
Puggioni, Raffaella		Marginalized but not voiceless: the 'camp' of Salaam Palace in Rome

PANEL 11 – History and memory: dominant discourses and the exclusion of refugee voices

Chair:	Tom Scott Smith <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
Marfleet, Philip		Displacements of memory
Strine, Casey		Hearing a voice from the past: the Hebrew Bible as a resource for the study of forced migration
Dudman, Paul		Democratic access or privileged exclusion: preserving (and listening!) to the voice of the refugee within the archival record of the nation-state?

7.15

Conference Dinner



Tuesday 25th March

9.00 – 10.45

Session 4

PANEL 12 – Literary voices

Chair:	Dawn Chatty <i>Professor of Anthropology and Forced Migration</i>
Davies, Dominic	Asylum seeking in a violent metropolis: writing alternative Londons in Brian Chikwava's Harare North
Behrman, Simon	Romanticism, law and the nation state: three novels on the refugee experience
Kuntz, Blair	"Man as a cause": Ghassan Kanafani and the politics of literature
Seeley, Maira	'Real Bedouin words': displacement, cultural 'purity', and Jordanian women's Nabati poetry

PANEL 13 – Methodologies: reflexivity

Chair:	Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh <i>Senior Research Officer</i>
Korac, Maja	Refugee voices: challenging the epistemic void
López Zarzosa, Helia	Living in the refugee cycle as a (marginal) scholar and practitioner: epistemological and methodological reflections arising from empirical research
Opfermann, Lena	Representing 'the story' on stage – theatre as an alternative form of data representation?

PANEL 14 – Detention and deportation

Chair:	Cathryn Costello <i>Andrew W. Mellon Associate Professor of International Human Rights and Refugee Law</i>
Newman, Louise	Beyond the Island – experiences of asylum seekers in Australia
Caruana, Julian and Rossi, Alexia	Responding to mental health vulnerability in Maltese detention centres: the use of psychological support groups as an intervention tool
Wainer, Deborah	The voice of the silenced in the Australian detention system
Gerver, Mollie	Deportation of Sudanese children by Israel

PANEL 15- Refugee youth: coping, adapting, resisting

Chair:	Kirsten McConnachie <i>Joyce Pearce Junior Research Fellow</i>	
McQuaid, Katie		Voice, rights and resistance amongst Congolese human rights defenders
Robinson, Kim and Williams, Lucy		Young Afghans returning home: making sense of past and present
Gupta, Anna and Clayton, Sue		Make not break: perspectives on risk and resilience by separated young people seeking asylum

10.45 – 11.15 Break

11.15 – 1.00 Session 5

PANEL 16 - Resistance and the body

Chair:	Tom Scott Smith <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
Fiske, Lucy		Human rights, the human condition and refugee protest we are human. detained refugees struggle for recognition as human
Danielson, Nora		Protests in Cairo
Pia, Emily		Welcome to Greece: violence and activism at the border

PANEL 17 Methodologies: inclusion

Chair:	Matthew Gibney <i>Elizabeth Colson Associate Professor of Politics and Forced Migration</i>	
Lawrence, Jeanette, Kaplan, Ida and Dodds, Agnes		Giving refugee young people a voice: rights, respect and methods
Greenfields Margaret and Paszkiewicz, Natalia		Reclaiming agency: voices of refugee and asylum-seeking women
Jordan, Sharalyn and Rainbow Refugee Committee		Unsettling accounts: community-based narrative/ ethnographic inquiry with LGBTQ refugees in Canada

PANEL 18– Refugees from Syria

Chair:	Dawn Chatty <i>Professor of Anthropology and Forced Migration</i>
Al Akash, Ruba and Boswall Karen	Listening to the voices of Syrian women refugees in Jordan: ethnographies of displacement and emplacement
Thorleifsson, Cathrine	Coping strategies among self-settled Syrians in Lebanon
Kiwan, Dina Jane	Constructions of 'refugees' through cultural expression: Syrian refugees in Lebanon
Ferreri, Veronica	"Khidan li-Adhan... Walls have ears" even in the diaspora: Syrians in London

PANEL 19 – Repatriation and return

Chair:	Naohiko Omata <i>Research Officer</i>
Hovil, Lucy	Hoping for peace, preparing for war: negotiating safety on the borders of Uganda and Sudan
Van Houte, Marieke, Siegel, Melissa and Davids, Tine	Deconstructing the meanings and motivations of return: an Afghan Case Study
Grundy Warr, Carl and Chin, Wei Jun	Geopolitical change and mobility dilemmas: anxieties, obstacles and challenges of 'moving back' or 'moving on'" (case of Karenni refugees on the Mae Hong Son (Thailand) – Kayah State (Myanmar) borderland
Hughes, Vanessa	"Narrating 'home': transcending the nation state".

PANEL 20 – Bhutanese refugees

Chair:	Gil Loescher <i>Visiting Professor</i>
Shanahan, Suzanne; Kim, Esther and Stefanich, Julie	Faith and religious practice in Bhutanese and Iraqi refugee communities
El-Shaarawi, Nadia, Bhai, Kiran and Howard, Kelly	Expressions and experiences of suffering and hope in the process of third-country resettlement
Ott, Eleanor	Uncovering resettled refugees' voices
Shrestha, Tara	Silent cries of Dalits in refugee voice

1 00– 2.00

Lunch

PANEL 21 – Historical voices

Chair:	Tom Scott-Smith <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
Okely, Judith		Reconstructed ethnography of WWII evacuation and displacement
Blaszczyk-Sawyer, Agata		Polish resettlement camps for political refugees after the second world: understanding resettlement to the uk
Watton-Lasbo, Karen Elizabeth		Hope, apathy and despair: refugee voices in transit from Camp Traiskirchen (1982 – 1990)

PANEL 22 – Statelessness: the Rohingya

Chair:	Kirsten McConnachie <i>Joyce Pearce Junior Research Fellow</i>	
Farzana, Kazi		Voices of the Burmese Rohingya refugees: an analysis of everyday life in refugee camps in Bangladesh
Tun Khin		The treatment of the Rohingya
de Chickera, Amal		Shared responsibility: an international approach to the Rohingya crisis
Maung, Zarni		The Rohingya: reading the State

PANEL 23 – Coping and resilience

Chair:	Maurice Herson <i>Co-Editor, Forced Migration Review</i>	
Porobic, Selma		Meaning making strategies among Bosnian refugees in Sweden
Dombo, Eileen and Ahearn, Frederick		Voices of refugees: psychological adaptation in the aftermath of the Nicaraguan civil war
Kopalapillai, Amirthalingam, Jayatilaka, Danesh and Lakshman Rajith		Displacement and resettlement: voices from Jaffna in Sri Lanka
Yassin, Nasser, Stel, Nora and Rassi, Rima		Organized chaos: informal institution building in the Maashouk gathering

3.45 – 4.15

Break

4.15 – 6.00

Closing Artist Session:

Chair:

Dawn Chatty

Professor of Anthropology and Forced Migration

Fassl, Johanna

Speaking through the void: visual voices of memory in photography

Chapman, Russell

Syria: faces of the revolution

Rubin, Steven

Borderline existence: Chin in Mizoram state

Mitchell, Mary

Photography as self-expression; barriers in accessing education for young asylum seekers in London

Throughout the conference there will be photography and art exhibitions including:

UNRWA – Refugee photography exhibit “clothes line”

Patricia Hynes: Rhythms, rituals and remembrance of exile: Lao, Hmong and Vietnamese refugees in Phanat Nihom, Thailand

Steven Rubin – Borderline existence: Chin in Mizoram State

Agata Blaszczyk-Sawyer: Polish resettlement camps in the UK

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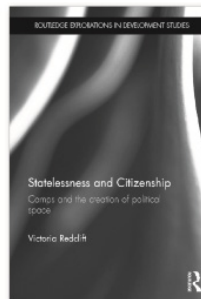


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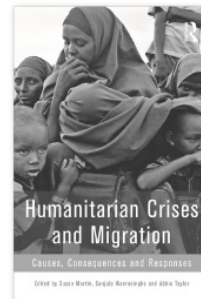
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