This series aims 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. Through a blend of practically-, methodologically-, and theoretically-focused seminars, this series aims to present current research designs and methodologies involving refugee and local researchers, and the challenges and opportunities that lie therein, as well as theoretical work reflecting on issues of ethics and power. Concomitant with these discussions will be ongoing examinations of the relationship between advocacy and scholarship, and the extent to which both can and should be met together.

5 May, 5.00-6.00pm
The rise of the refugee research industry: some reflections
Dr Mayssoun Sukarieh (King’s College London)

12 May, 3.00-4.30pm
The Afterlives of Return and the Limits of Refugee Protection | Annual Elizabeth Colson Lecture
Professor Heath Cabot (University of Pittsburgh)

19 May, 1.00-2.00pm
With, for, or by refugees? Practical and ethical challenges of participatory research
Dr Kate Pincock (Overseas Development Institute) & William Bakunzi (Independent researcher)

26 May, 5.00-6.00pm
Critical localism: reflections on the localisation of humanitarian action in theory and (research) practice
Dr Kristina Roepstorff (IFHV, Ruhr University Bochum)

2 June, 5.00-6.00pm
Digital methodologies in forced migration and refugee research: rethinking voices, representation and power
Professor Giorgia Donà (University of East London)

9 June, 5.00-6.00pm
Syrian refugees and local assistance in Berlin
Yahya Alaous (Founder, Zusammenwachsen NGO; Journalist, Die Suddeutsche Zeitung)

16 June, 1:00-2:00pm
Co-producing research between academics, NGOs, and communities in humanitarian response
Dr Michelle Lokot and Dr Caitlin Wake (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), and Gang Karume (Rebuild Hope for Africa)

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