



Professor Audrey Macklin gives the keynote address at the RSC conference 'Beyond Crisis: Rethinking Refugee Studies'.

## A note from the Director



I am delighted to be able to share with you news from what has been an eventful academic year at the RSC. This will be my last newsletter introduction as Director, with Matthew Gibney taking over in September, following the end of what has been an enjoyable and eventful three-year term.

What I hope shines through is that we are a dynamic research centre that is producing original work and using it to change policy and practice. In just the last year, several new academic books have been published by RSC staff. The summaries on the back of the newsletter highlight the breadth and depth of the work: covering Syria, EU asylum policy, self-reliance in West Africa, transnationalism in the Middle East, African refugee diaspora, and refugee economies in Uganda, for example.

In addition to wrapping up old research projects, new ones are beginning. Research council grants, including from the ERC and the ESRC, as well as grants from our partnerships with the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs have enabled us to build new projects and expand existing ones, while bringing in several early career researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds.

In ensuring our work reaches a wider audience, we convened a major international conference, hosted public lectures by Patrick Kingsley and Thomas Spijkerboer, further updated the format and content of our Summer School for which we have also expanded the number of bursaries for participants from the global South, produced issues of FMR on shelter, resettlement and local communities, and continued to participate actively in a range of media and policy debates.

Alexander Betts  
Leopold Muller Professor of Forced Migration and  
International Affairs

## Major new RSC research projects in 2017

In the past year, RSC staff have secured a number of major new research projects, spanning multiple disciplines.

Professor Cathryn Costello has been awarded a European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant of just under €1.5 million for a project titled **Refugees are Migrants: Refugee Mobility, Recognition and Rights (REF-MIG)**. This project will re-examine three key aspects of refugee law – access to protection, refugee status determination (RSD), and refugee rights – through the lens of mobility and migration. It will focus on refugee law and practice in Europe and selected key states of asylum – Turkey, Lebanon, Kenya, and South Africa. By focusing on the above three key aspects of the refugee regime, and by examining the role of regional, international and private actors in that regime, Professor Costello will give a comprehensive re-examination of the legal aspects of the global refugee regime.

Funding for two projects has been secured from the Economic and Social Research Council and the Arts and Humanities Research Council under the Global Challenges Research Fund. Firstly, **Architectures of Displacement** explores the lived experience of temporary accommodation for refugees in the Middle East and Europe. Led by Professor Tom Scott-Smith, it brings together experts in forced displacement, archaeology, anthropology, and architecture to study refugee shelter across six countries and help understanding of the impact of shelter policies on refugees. The project is a partnership with the Pitt Rivers Museum, and is due to run until the end of 2018.

Secondly, **The Global Governed? Refugees as Providers of Protection and Assistance** is led by Professor Alexander Betts. It will undertake comparative research in Kenya and Uganda (across urban and rural areas) on the diverse and neglected ways in which refugees engage in the provision of protection and assistance to their own communities. This research will be the first attempt to systematically and comparatively explore the role of refugee-led social protection in developing countries.

Further information on research at the RSC can be found at:  
[www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/research](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/research)

## Alexander Betts named by *Foreign Policy* as Leading Global Thinker



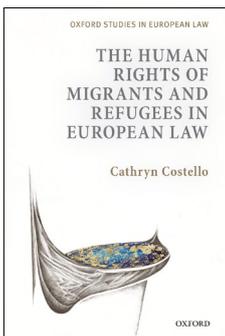
Professor Alexander Betts and Professor Paul Collier (Blavatnik School of Government) have been named by *Foreign Policy* as 2016 Leading Global Thinkers.

Each year, *Foreign Policy* editors recognize 100 people whose ideas have translated into action over the past year, changing and shaping the world in which we live.

Betts and Collier have been recognized for their proposal on providing Syrian refugees in Jordan with jobs and education in special economic zones (SEZs). This idea, published in *Foreign Affairs*, gained political traction internationally, resulting in a \$100 million pilot program allowing 150,000 refugees the right to work in Jordan, and a 10-year EU trade deal stipulating concessions on products manufactured in Jordan's SEZs.

Further information: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/foreign-policy-global-thinkers](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/foreign-policy-global-thinkers)

## Odysseus Network book prize awarded to Cathryn Costello



We are pleased to announce that an Odysseus Network Prize has been awarded to Professor Cathryn Costello for her book *The Human Rights of Migrants and Refugees in European Law* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

Each year, the Odysseus Academic Network recognises outstanding academic research in the area of European Immigration or Asylum Law.

This year, two Odysseus Prizes were awarded in the Best Publication category: to Cathryn Costello as detailed above, and to Professor Marie-Bénédicte Dembour (University of Brighton) for her book *When Humans Become Migrants: Study of the European Court of Human Rights with an Inter-American Counterpoint*. The prizes were awarded at a ceremony in Brussels in February.

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

## Beyond Crisis: Rethinking Refugee Studies

The Refugee Studies Centre hosted this major international conference on 16-17 March 2017. Its purpose was to reflect on the role that Refugee Studies can play in the world. In the context of profound changes in the nature of forced displacement, the conference assessed what kinds of knowledge, evidence, and concepts are needed to understand and respond to contemporary challenges.

The so-called European refugee crisis has created unprecedented public interest in forced displacement, as well as a demand for research. Yet despite a series of policy-oriented conferences, there have been few spaces in which to reflect on the state of Refugee Studies and to explore the extent to which we have the academic tools necessary to think about and respond to a changing world.

Against this backdrop, the conference sought to reinvigorate scholarly debate on ways in which we can conceive of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies. By bringing together a range of reflective thinkers and their work, alongside policy-makers and practitioners, our hope is to develop a research agenda and scholarly community that can engage meaningfully with the long-term challenges of forced displacement.



Participants at the evening reception. Photo: RSC.

In a packed programme, we welcomed over 200 participants from across the globe to speak in over 40 sessions. The opening plenary was given by Professor Audrey Macklin (Chair in Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto) on the Canadian model of private refugee sponsorship. Achim Steiner (former Executive Director at UNDP, and Director of the Oxford Martin School) gave the closing plenary on disaster displacement.

The conference programme, a highlights video, and podcasts of most sessions are available on the RSC website.

Further information: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/rsc2017-beyond-crisis](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/rsc2017-beyond-crisis)

## New researchers at the RSC

There have been a number of new faces at the RSC this year.

**Dr Olivier Sterck** joined us as Junior Research Fellow in the Economics of Forced Migration, and **Dr Natascha Zaun** as Junior Research Fellow in Global Refugee Policy. Olivier was previously a postdoctoral research fellow at Oxford's Centre for the Study of African Economies. He will study **refugee economies**, and work on the impact evaluation of a programme expanding work permits for Syrian refugees in Jordan. Natascha formerly worked at the Collaborative Research Centre 597 'Transformations of the State' at the University of Bremen for a project on Border Regime Change and the Mobility of Persons, and at the University of Mainz. She is working on the project **Rethinking Refuge**.

**Dr Mark Breeze** is a Research Officer on the project **Architectures of Displacement**. Mark was previously based at Cambridge University. He is both a Harvard-trained architect with a specialty in integrated sustainability, and an Emmy-nominated documentary filmmaker.

**Evan Easton-Calabria**, a DPhil student in the Department, will be working on the new project **The Global Governed? Refugees as Providers of Protection and Assistance** (see page 1).

**Dr Ali Ali** and **Dr Fulya Memişoğlu** joined us for the year as Research Officers on the



Clockwise from top left: Ali Ali, Fulya Memişoğlu, Olivier Sterck, Natascha Zaun, Mark Breeze, Evan Easton-Calabria.

project **Politics of the Syrian Refugee Crisis**. Ali's previous research at the London School of Economics examined the socio-economic implications of the war in Syria. Fulya joined us from the Department of International Relations at Çukurova University, Turkey.

We are delighted that Ali is continuing with us in the next academic year as Departmental Lecturer in Forced Migration.

Also joining us in September will be **Lilian Tsourdi** who will take up the role of Departmental Lecturer in International Human Rights and Refugee Law.

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

## Dynamic alliance joins the Refugee Studies Centre and UNSW's Kaldor Centre



The Refugee Studies Centre and the Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at UNSW Sydney have formalised a partnership to strengthen vital new thinking on global refugee policy.

The RSC-Kaldor Centre partnership is designed to promote innovative research, teaching and policy initiatives. Through this partnership, the two centres will facilitate academic exchange and co-operation, encouraging cross-institutional visits and cooperative research.

The Director of the Kaldor Centre, Scientia Professor Jane McAdam, said: "I've had a long association with Oxford's Refugee Studies Centre, which fosters a rich community of multidisciplinary scholars who enhance

*each other's perspectives. With the Kaldor Centre's particular expertise in refugee law, this collaboration responds to the critical need for global approaches to finding sustainable solutions for the world's displaced people."*

Professor Alexander Betts, Director of the Refugee Studies Centre, added: "We're delighted to formalise our collaboration with the Kaldor Centre, one of the most innovative research centres in the world working on refugee law and policy. This enables us to work across regions and across disciplines in order to improve the lives of displaced people."

The Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at UNSW is the world's first and only research centre dedicated to the study of international refugee law. The Centre was founded in October 2013 to undertake rigorous research and contribute to public policy involving the most pressing displacement issues in Australia, the Asia-Pacific region and the world.

To find out more about the Kaldor Centre, visit their website: [www.kaldorcentre.unsw.edu.au](http://www.kaldorcentre.unsw.edu.au)

## Alexander Betts appointed to new World Refugee Council



We are pleased to announce that the RSC Director, Alexander Betts, has been appointed to serve as a Councillor on the new World Refugee Council (WRC). This new council, coordinated by Canada's Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), comprises an independent group of global leaders and innovators aimed at advancing new solutions to the global refugee crisis.

Chaired by former Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs the Honorable Lloyd Axworthy, the Council will offer advice on broad-reaching reform and innovation to reinvigorate the global refugee system.

As well as Alexander Betts, the Councillors include Per Heggnes, CEO of the IKEA Foundation and RSC Advisor. James Milner, Associate Professor at Carleton University and RSC Research Associate, is the Council's Research Director.

The Council will be assisted by a civil society advisory group and supported by a robust research agenda.

Find out more at: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/wrc](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/wrc)

## Patrick Kingsley gives the Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture 2016

In October, we were pleased to welcome Patrick Kingsley, the *Guardian's* Migration correspondent, to give the Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture 2016 to a full house at Magdalen College.

Kingsley spoke movingly on the topic 'Reporting refugees: what a journalist learnt on the migration trails to Europe', relating his experiences on-board rescue missions in the Mediterranean; interviewing smugglers, refugees, coastguards, and border-guards; walking with migrants through the Balkans; and visiting refugee camps across the Middle East, Europe and Africa.

He states: "We have to stand up for the right to asylum, improve how it's offered and implemented, and find ways of better communicating that position to those that disagree. And if we fail it won't just be the fates of refugees at stake, I think it'll be the fate of our own society and our own value system... The Refugee Convention was created partly out of self-interest...but it was also the result of a much more enlightened era, a time when Europeans wanted to avoid the mistakes of the past and create a continent united by humanitarian ideals and liberal values. Now that vision is under threat."

Kingsley has published a book about his experiences reporting from 'the migrant trail', titled *The New Odyssey: The Story of Europe's Refugee Crisis* (Guardian Faber, 2016).



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/ahbl2016-podcast](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/ahbl2016-podcast)

### Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture 2017

We are pleased to announce that the Annual Harrell-Bond Lecture 2017 will be given by **Dr Jemilah Mahmood**, Under Secretary General, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies on Wednesday 22 November. Further details will be announced in due course.

## Media spotlight



In the past year RSC staff have written articles and provided comment for news outlets on a range of issues, including the September UN summit on refugees, the EU refugee relocation plan, a pilot programme giving work permits to Syrian refugees in Jordan, architecture for refugees, the political impact of refugee diasporas, and ways to reform the international refugee system.

To highlight just two media appearances, in October, Alexander Betts appeared on **BBC2's Newsnight** where he discussed the refugee 'crisis' in Europe and the EU's 'doomed' relocation plan. In February, Mark Breeze featured on **BBC Radio 4's Four Thought** in a programme titled 'Building for a new future', where he addressed the question of why architects have not done more to design better shelter for refugees.

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

## Professor Thomas Spijkerboer gives the Annual Elizabeth Colson Lecture 2017



Photo: RSC.

In May, we were pleased to welcome Professor Thomas Spijkerboer, professor of Migration Law at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, to give the Annual Elizabeth Colson Lecture.

In a lecture titled 'Nostalgia and legitimacy: understanding the externalization of European migration policy', Spijkerboer discussed how the European Union has responded to the 2015 refugee 'crisis' not by addressing the fundamental shortcomings of its Common European Asylum System, but by taking

major steps in the externalization of migration control. Significant elements of this are the EU-Turkey deal; intensified cooperation with Libya; the military operation Sophia in the Central Mediterranean; and the Migration Partnership Framework. All these measures seek to regulate human movement towards the borders of Europe; and therefore, human movement outside Europe (e.g. from sub-Saharan Africa to North Africa).

Although some of these measures are claimed to have been quite successful in reducing migration, a closer look at available data makes it very dubious whether these claims are correct. What these measures do achieve, however, is to establish that it is Europe's right to determine the movement of third country nationals on the territory of third countries.

*Listen to a podcast of the lecture at:*  
[www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/colson2017-podcast](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/colson2017-podcast)

## 2017 International Summer School in Forced Migration



Photo: RSC.

Participants at the 2016 Summer School.

This year's International Summer School in Forced Migration will be held from 2-14 July.

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.

In previous years, feedback highlighted the problems professionals faced when absenting from work for three weeks. In response, the Summer School curriculum has now been condensed to be 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)

## Palestine Refugees & International Law short course in Amman



Course participants 2017.

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)

## Seminar podcasts



This year, our termly public seminar series have focused on emergency shelter and forced migration (convened by Tom Scott-Smith), the conflict and human catastrophe in Syria (convened by Leila Vignal, pictured above), and the ethics and politics of migration control, deportation and denationalisation (convened by Matthew Gibney).

Recently, we also held a book launch seminar for the book *Sectarianization: Mapping the New Politics of the Middle East*, convened by Leila Vignal. In this book launch, editors Nader Hashemi and Danny Postel challenged the use of 'sectarianism' as a magic-bullet explanation for the region's ills, focusing on how various conflicts in the Middle East have morphed from non-sectarian (or cross-sectarian) and nonviolent movements into sectarian wars.

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)

*For seminar podcasts see:*  
[www.soundcloud.com/refugeestudiescentre](http://www.soundcloud.com/refugeestudiescentre)

## MSc students visit Geneva



Visiting UNHCR. Photo: Ngoc (Jade) H. Huynh

Students on our MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies spent a few days in Geneva in March, visiting a variety of organisations. Always a highlight of their year, they were treated to a number of talks from UNHCR, IOM, ICRC, OHCHR, ICMC, and the Hospice General, on topics such as gender, resettlement, humanitarian law, human rights, protection challenges, and the role of faith-based organisations. All found the trip invaluable. We would like to offer our thanks to all involved.

*Details on the MSc can be found at:*  
[www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/msc](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/msc)

## Forced Migration Review

The past year has seen the publication of three issues of FMR. **FMR 53**, published in October 2016, on **Local communities: first and last providers of protection**, looks at the capacity of communities to organise themselves before, during and after displacement in ways that help protect the community. It is often people's immediate community that provides the first, last and perhaps best tactical response for those affected by or under threat of displacement. This issue also includes a selection of articles on other forced migration topics. *Online at: [www.fmreview.org/community-protection](http://www.fmreview.org/community-protection)*

**FMR 54**, with the theme of **Resettlement**, looks at some of the modalities and challenges of resettlement in order to shed light on debates such as how – and how well – resettlement is managed, whether it is a good use of the funds and energy it uses, and whether it is a good solution for refugees. Case-studies draw on some of the countries that resettle the largest numbers of refugees. *Online at: [www.fmreview.org/resettlement](http://www.fmreview.org/resettlement)*

This issue also includes a mini-feature on **Post-deportation risks and monitoring** (online at: [www.fmreview.org/resettlement/post-deportation.pdf](http://www.fmreview.org/resettlement/post-deportation.pdf)) and a range of **general articles** on other aspects of forced migration.

Published in June, **FMR 55** focuses on **Shelter in displacement**. This issue covers the variety of shelter and settlement responses

found, employed and created by, and created for, displaced people. It looks at the possibilities and limitations of community planning and design in responses to displacement, and at examples of good practice, in order to improve understanding of and practice in provision of shelter and settlement support for people displaced. See [www.fmreview.org/shelter](http://www.fmreview.org/shelter)

2017 is also the **30th anniversary** of FMR. When FMR was first launched in 1987 (as the Refugee Participation Network newsletter), its objective was “to establish a link through which practitioners, researchers and policy makers can communicate and benefit from each other's practical experience and research results”, bridging the gap between these groups. This objective remains the same today.

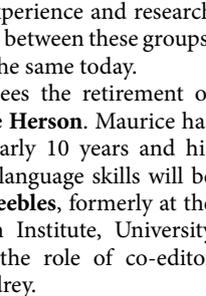
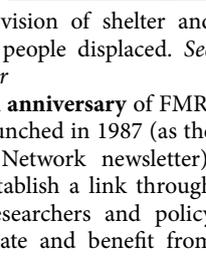
Finally, June 2017 sees the retirement of FMR co-editor **Maurice Herson**. Maurice has been with FMR for nearly 10 years and his expertise, humour and language skills will be greatly missed. **Jenny Peebles**, formerly at the International Migration Institute, University of Oxford, steps into the role of co-editor alongside Marion Couldrey.

### Forthcoming issues:

- FMR 56: Latin America and the Caribbean (due out October 2017)
- FMR 57: The Middle East and Syria (due out February 2018)
- FMR 58: Economies, work and displacement (due out June 2018)

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

Marion & Maurice, FMR Co-Editors  
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## RSC Research in Brief

We have published two new research briefs. Written by Cory Rodgers and Louise Bloom of the Humanitarian Innovation Project, **Informal versus formal infrastructure**



examines the infrastructure for energy and water systems in the Kakuma refugee camps in Kenya. It highlights the importance of hybridity between formal and informal systems of resource provision, as well as the complex social relationships involved.

**Decriminalising 'humanitarian smuggling'** is written by Rachel Landry based on her working paper (below). It outlines the concept of 'humanitarian smuggling' and critiques smuggling prohibitions at the international and EU levels. It then analyses existing proposals to improve the framework governing smuggling and provides additional recommendations to decriminalise 'humanitarian smugglers'.



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

## RSC Working Papers

### #AlanKurdi: Presentation and dissemination of images of suffering on Twitter

Joshua Aiken, Hannes Einsporn, Monica Greco, Rachel Landry, and Angela Navarro Fusillo (2017) RSC Working Paper Series, 121

### Refugee economies in Kenya: preliminary study in Nairobi and Kakuma camp

Naohiko Omata (2016) RSC Working Paper Series, 120

### The 'humanitarian smuggling' of refugees: criminal offence or moral obligation?

Rachel Landry (2016) RSC Working Paper Series, 119

### From returnees to citizens? The case of minority repatriations to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Hannes Einsporn (2016) RSC Working Paper Series, 118

### Performing the human: refugees, the body, and the politics of universalism

Moe Suzuki (2016) RSC Working Paper Series, 117

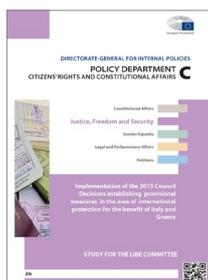
### Micro-finance in refugee contexts: current scholarship and research gaps

Evan Easton-Calabria and Naohiko Omata (2016) RSC Working Paper Series, 116

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

## New report on the EU relocation scheme

Professor Cathryn Costello has co-authored a new study examining the EU's mechanism for relocating asylum seekers from Greece and Italy to other Member States. Commissioned by the



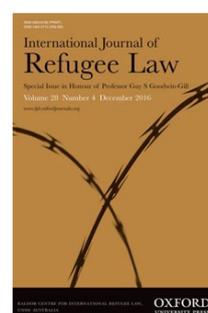
European Parliament's Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE Committee, the study considers the scheme in the context of the Dublin System, the hotspot approach, and the

EU-Turkey Statement, and recommends that asylum seekers' interests and rights be taken into account, as it is only through their full engagement that relocation will be successful.

Further information:

[www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/eu-relocation-report](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/eu-relocation-report)

## International Journal of Refugee Law special issue

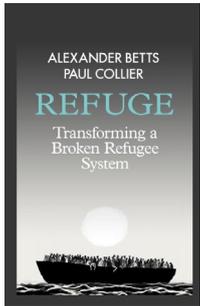


In April 2016, a special international gathering was held in Oxford to celebrate the scholarship of Professor Guy S Goodwin-Gill, Emeritus Professor of International Refugee Law and Honorary Associate with the Refugee Studies Centre. As part of this event, the *International Journal of Refugee Law* (IJRL) hosted a symposium, and it has now published a special issue in honour of Professor Goodwin-Gill with articles based on presentations made at the symposium. Authors include Professor Jane McAdam, Professor Geoff Gilbert, Professor Cathryn Costello, and Professor Goodwin-Gill himself.

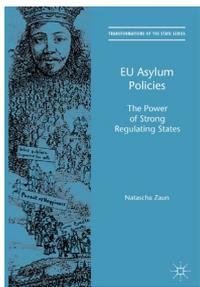
Full details: [www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/ijrl-gsgg](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/ijrl-gsgg)

## New books by RSC staff

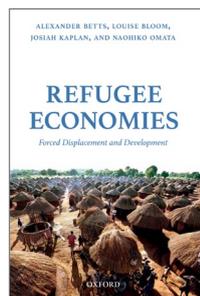
In **Refuge: Transforming a Broken Refugee System** (A Betts & P Collier, Penguin Allen Lane 2017) the authors present a new vision for refuge. They demonstrate that while Europe is facing its greatest refugee crisis since the Second World War, the institutions responding to it remain virtually unchanged from those created in the post-war era. They show that this crisis offers an opportunity for reform if international policy-makers focus on delivering humane, effective and sustainable outcomes – both for Europe and for countries that border conflict zones. *Refuge* sets out an alternative vision that can empower refugees to help themselves, contribute to their host societies, and even rebuild their countries of origin.



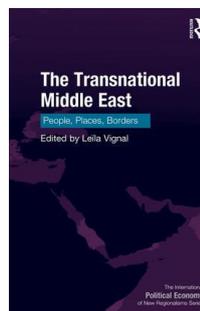
**EU Asylum Policies: The Power of Strong Regulating States** (N Zaun, Springer 2017) fills a significant lacuna in our understanding of the refugee crisis by analysing the dynamics that lie behind 15 years of asylum policies in the EU. It reveals why cooperation has led to reinforced refugee protection on paper but has failed to provide it in practice. It argues that the different asylum systems and priorities of the various Member States explain the EU's lack of initiative in responding to this humanitarian emergency.



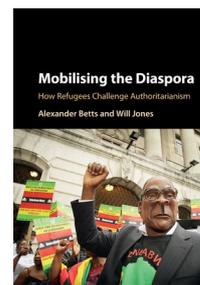
**Refuge Economies: Forced Displacement and Development** (A Betts, L Bloom, J Kaplan & N Omata, OUP 2016) is one of the first books to systematically explore the economic lives of refugees. It provides a comparative analysis across urban areas, protracted refugee camps, and emergency refugee camps, including chapters on the role of business and the role of innovation. The book offers an alternative vision for refugee policy based on supporting the capacities of refugees.



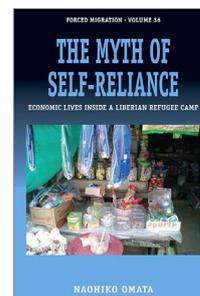
**The Transnational Middle East: People, Places, Borders** (L Vignat, ed., Routledge 2016) posits that, in the Middle East, the development of regional dynamics, of processes and circulations of all kinds, can be documented. The approaches it develops – ‘bottom-up’ regionalisation, ‘globalisation from below’ – allow for a better understanding of the ways in which the Middle East is part of global transformations.



**Mobilising the Diaspora: How Refugees Challenge Authoritarianism** (A Betts & W Jones, CUP 2016) offers an in-depth examination of the internal politics of transnational mobilisation. Studying Rwandan and Zimbabwean exiles, it exposes the power, interests, and unexpected agendas behind



mobilisation, revealing the surprising and ambivalent role played by outsiders. Refugees engage actively in political struggle. The governments they face also deploy a range of transnational strategies, and those that purport to help them often do so with hidden agendas. This shifting landscape reveals the centrality of transnationalism within global politics, the historical and political contingency of diasporas, and the precarious agency of refugees.



**The Myth of Self-Reliance: Economic Lives Inside a Liberian Refugee Camp** (N Omata, Berghahn Books Forced Migration series, 2017) challenges the reputation of Ghana's Buduburam refugee camp as a ‘self-reliant’ model, and sheds light on the considerable economic inequality between refugee households. The book also provides valuable insights into refugees’ experiences of repatriation to Liberia after protracted exile and their responses to the ending of refugee status for remaining refugees in Ghana.

## Journal of Refugee Studies celebrates 30 years



This year the *Journal of Refugee Studies* celebrates its 30th anniversary. As part of a series of innovations to mark this milestone, the former and present editors of the Journal – Roger Zetter (founding editor and former RSC Director), Richard Black, Joanne van Selm, and Khalid Koser – have selected their favourite articles published during their tenures, and explained their choice.

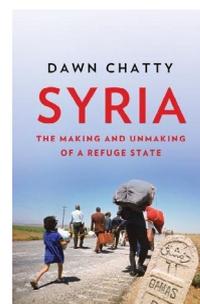
Papers selected include two by Roger Zetter

and one by Barbara Harrell-Bond:

- ‘Labelling refugees: forming and transforming a bureaucratic identity’, Roger Zetter, 1991, 4 (1);
- ‘Counting the refugees: gifts, givers, patrons and clients’, Barbara Harrell-Bond, Eftihia Voutira, and Mark Leopold, 1992, 5 (3/4);
- ‘Searching for directions: conceptual and methodological challenges in researching refugee journeys’, Gadi BenEzer and Roger Zetter, 2015, 28 (3).

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## Forthcoming books



**Syria: The Making and Unmaking of a Refugee State** (D Chatty, Hurst/OUP, September) 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.

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