Disrupting Theory, Unsettling Practice: Towards Transformative Forced Migration Scholarship and Policy

18th Biannual Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference (IASFM)

University of Ghana, Accra (ONLINE)
26th – 30th July 2021

11.00-16.00 DAILY, ALL TIMES GMT

DAY 1 Monday 26th July

11.00-11.45 Opening Ceremony

Welcome address by co-convener Joseph Teye (University of Ghana)

Remarks by Provost of the College of Humanities Professor Daniel Frimpong Ofori (University of Ghana)

Remarks by Special Guest of Honour Minister of Interior Ghana and Member of Parliament for Nandom Constituency, Honourable Ambrose Dery

Aims of IASFM18 and housekeeping by co-convener Heaven Crawley (Coventry University)

Welcome from IASFM President Christina Clark-Kazak (University of Ottawa)

Presentation of Lisa Gilad prize by Elzbieta Gozdziak (Adam Mickiewicz University)

11.45-13.00 Keynote and performance

Mmere Dane. 'Wasting Time' Disruptive Arts in Figuring the Refugee

Alison Phipps with Gameli Tordzro, Naa Densua Tordzro and Tawona Sitholé (University of Glasgow)

Chaired by Anita Ghimire, Nepal Institute for Social and Environmental Research (NISER)

13.00-14.00 Break with parallel GradChat and coffee/networking room

GradChat: Graduate Student Research Pitches

14.00-15.30 Parallel panel sessions I

15.30-16.00 Virtual café

DAY 2 Tuesday 27th July Shifting the lens, challenging the boundaries

11.00-12.00 Keynote

A Refugee Critique of Humanitarianism: An Ode to Ungratefulness

Yen Le Espiritu (UC San Diego, Critical Refugee Studies Collective)

Chaired by Stephanie Nawyn (Michigan State University)

12.00-13.30 Parallel panel sessions II

13.00-14.00 Break with parallel exhibitions and coffee/networking room

Crafting resistance

Launch of a new virtual exhibition on the Living Refugee Archive

Chaired by Paul Dudman (University of East London)

Writing the camp

Poetry reading and discussion with Yousif M. Qasmiyeh

Chaired by Heaven Crawley (Coventry University)

14.00-15.30 Plenary

The Politics of Forced Migration Research: A Conversation

Shahram Khosravi (Stockholm University)
Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh (UCL, London)
Patricia Daley (University of Oxford)

Chaired by Hanno Brankamp (University of Oxford)

15.30-16.00 Virtual café

DAY 3 Wednesday 28th July Representations of 'the refugee'

11.00-12.00 Keynote

Towards a Global Encampment? Undesirability and the Duality of Contemporary Camps

Michel Agier (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales Paris and Institut de Recherches pour le Développement)

Chaired by Nasreen Chowdhory (University of Delhi)

12.00-13.30 Parallel panel sessions III

13.30-14.30 IASFM General meeting

14.30-16.00 Plenary

'Hanging in the Air': The Experiences of Liberian Refugees in Ghana

Veronica Fynn Bruey (University of London)
Samuel Agblorti (University of Cape Coast)
Emmanuel Cisco (Hope Campaign, Ghana)

Chaired by Heaven Crawley (Coventry University)

16.00-16.30 Virtual café

DAY 4 Thursday 29th July COVID-19, forced migration and inequality

11.00-12.00 Keynote

Protection and Governance Challenges for Forced Migrants in Light of COVID-19

Liliana Lyra Jubilut (Universidade Católica de Santos, São Paulo)

Chaired by Mary B. Setrana (University of Ghana)

12.00-13.30 Parallel panel sessions IV

13.30-14.30 Break with parallel film screening and coffee/networking room

Las Hieleras (The Iceboxes)
Film screening chaired by Christian Rossipal with the poet Claudia Torres

Withering Refuge
Film screening by Pedro Figueiredo Neto

16.00 -16.30 Virtual café

DAY 5 Friday 30th July Engaging with different audiences

11.00-12.00 Keynote

The Withering Away of Refugee Status in the Horn of Africa Countries?

Gaim Kibreab (London South Bank University)

Chaired by Joseph Teye (University of Ghana)

12.00-13.30 Parallel panel sessions VI

13.30-14.30 Break with parallel exhibitions and coffee/networking room

'Wledna' / 'Our boys'

Design, digital space & social justice for missing migrants of the Mediterranean chaired by Odessa Gonzales Benson (University of Michigan)

Networking Q&A with publishers

Chaired by Christina Clark-Kazak (University of Ottawa)

14.30 - 15.45 Plenary

Who speaks, who listens?

Kudakwashe Vanyoro (ACMS)
Kavitta Datta (Queen Mary University London)
Tetteh Padi (Ghana Refugee Board)
Mustapha Alio (R-SEAT - Refugees Seeking Equal Access at the Table)

Chaired by Leander Kandilige (University of Ghana)

16.00-16.15 Closing remarks

Joseph Teye (University of Ghana)
Heaven Crawley (Coventry University)
Christina Clark-Kazak (University of Ottawa)

16.15 Conference ends