IASFM brings together academics, practitioners and decision-makers working on forced migration issues. Through the ages, the forced movement of people, displaced within their own countries or across borders, has been of concern to states and to humanitarians alike. Whether people have been forced to migrate due to persecution, to flee war, to escape famine, or because of a major development project, they face a need for protection and/or assistance.

Since the end of the Cold War this issue has seen renewed attention. The problems seem ever greater: the solutions ever more scarce. The issue is increasingly perceived to be global in scope, while some solutions may be very local. By coming together, scholars, policy-makers, NGO advocates and those working in the field can think together and develop greater understanding of the implications of forced movement. The members of IASFM meet at biennial conferences. They share their news through a Newsletter. They form a vibrant and active community. If you have not already joined us, please do so today.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

This is my first communication with you after my re-election last year. We had a wonderful meeting in Bogota and all our thanks go to the Universidad Javeriana for hosting us and to Roberto Vidal and Beatriz Sanchez Mojica for their ceaseless efforts to make us comfortable while we were in Colombia. I came back rejuvenated after four energetic days of interaction with you. I also returned with a mandate of leading IASFM from a conference organising body into an organisation that will be the repository of all knowledge ranging from cutting edge research on Forced Migration to raising awareness on issues related to the situation of affected populations. We need to be the first stop for anyone working on forced migration. The conference will remain one of our main activities but we will be involved in other activities as well. With this in view the Executive requested Danesh Jayatilake and Galya Ruffer to draft a document on what can be our future plan of action. They have come up with exactly such a document. Another member, Ranabir Samaddar came up with an interesting questionnaire to explore what member’s desire of IASFM. I hope you have seen both these documents and responded to them. They are available on our website.

The previous Executive drafted a resolution to form an advisory body for a term of three years. The four names that were proposed for such an advisory body are Susan Martin, Susan McGrath, Khaled Koser and Ranabir Samaddar. As these four members have already been helping us in innumerable ways over the past decade; this move will make it possible for us to approach them collectively and in an official capacity. This will also be one way of thanking all those who have never turned us away when we required their support. The term of the advisory body will not be limited to that of the Executive. In fact they can work as the essential linkage between the outgoing and the incumbent governing bodies. We are grateful to ISIM and Georgetown for agreeing to host the secretariat for one more term. During our conference in Bogota many members pledged to come out with publications from the papers that were presented in IASFM15. I sincerely hope that members will remember all their pledges so that we have a bunch of exciting publications on the occasion of IASFM16 in Poznań, Poland in July 2016.

The IASFM hubs have been functioning well. The hubs on methodology and on IDPs have been extremely active during IASFM15. We hope the other hubs will also get there soon. We are hoping to raise some funds to support some of their activities during the interim period. We also hope that for the next conference, the hubs will come up with a record of their activities so that interested members may join in. We also hope that the newsletter will become a regular feature because that seems to be one of the few successful ways of communicating with the members. We need committed volunteers to help with the newsletter. Also members are requested to inform us of any interesting research that they are carrying out in the field of forced migration. We need to let the wider audience know about the wonderful work that our members have been doing and for so long in the field of forced migration.
Last year in Bogota, two new centres from two different countries showed interest in hosting the next few IASFM conferences. We are very glad to have preliminary bids from China and Sri Lanka, two very exciting regions where a lot is happening in the field of forced migration. They are yet to send their final bids but they have shown keen interest and we are very glad for that. The present IASFM Executive is keen to set up a precedent of finalising at least the next two conferences in the hope that we will have enough time to organise excellent events. We also hope to support and strengthen other initiatives of members be they in the fields of research or organising conferences or even brainstorming about dissemination of knowledge. IASFM is committed to work in partnership with its members, member organisations and other institutions working on forced migration.

One of our closest partners the is Refugee Research Network (RRN) and we have often been beneficiaries of RRN whether in providing money for our hubs, helping our partner organisations or even carting members to IASFM conferences. The funding for the RRN is coming to an end. Members of RRN, who are also our members, have shown their interest in making IASFM the repository of the intellectual resources that they have been able to garner, as well as integrating its knowledge mobilization and dissemination infrastructure with IASFM. If our members feel that this is a good idea do let us know and we will proceed accordingly. Meanwhile, we hope that RRN finds support to sustain itself and also help IASFM in the process.

We are aware that we are late in communicating with our members but we still have enough time as the host from Poland has wished that the next conference be in summer of 2016. We have agreed to accommodate. We hope to see you all then. Many of you joined us in Bogota but those of you who could not we hope to see you in Poznań if not sooner. We urge you to start thinking about organising panels from now on and raise the standard of the conference to unprecedented levels.

Stay well during this harsh winter. We are hearing that many of our members are unwell so we hope that they get well soon. We look forward to a very animated 2015 for members of IASFM. We want you to remain as always committed and involved, telling us what we should do and how we should proceed further.

In solidarity for a wonderful year to come,

Paula Banerjee
President, IASFM
2014-2016
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Dr. Paula Banerjee specializes in issues of conflict and peace in South Asia. She has published extensively on issues of gender and forced migration and on autonomy. She is author of the book *When Ambitions Clash* and editor of the book *Women in Peace Politics*. Banerjee has co-edited a book on *Internal Displacement in South Asia* (2005) and *Autonomy Beyond Kant and Hermeneutics* (2007). She has been working on themes related to women, borders and democracy in South Asia and has published extensively in journals such as *International Studies* and *Canadian Women’s Studies* on issues such as histories of borders and women in conflict situations. Banerjee is on the editorial board of a number of international journals such as *Prachya* and *Forced Migration Review*. Currently, she is the Head of the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Calcutta.

Dr. Chris Dolan is best known for his work on gender dynamics, sexual violence and masculinities in conflict and post-conflict settings. He first worked with Mozambican refugees in South Africa as it was transitioning out of Apartheid in the early 1990s. This led to work with former RENAMO and FRELIMO combatants in Mozambique in the mid-1990s and conflict analysis with Internally Displaced Persons in northern Uganda in the late 1990s. The latter research resulted in the publication of ‘Social Torture: The Case of Northern Uganda’, 1986-2006 (Berghahn, 2009). After completing his doctorate at the London School of Economics in 2005, he spent a year with UNHCR in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a Reintegration Officer, before taking up his current position in 2006 as Director of the Refugee Law Project, a community outreach project of the Faculty of Law at Makerere University in Kampala.
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Dr. Susan Kneebone teaches Forced Migration and Human Rights, International Refugee Law and Practice, and Citizenship and Migration Law in the Faculty of Law, Monash University. She has organized many conferences and workshops on these issues, made submission to many public enquiries and frequently handles media enquiries. She is the author of many articles on these issues and author/editor of the following books: Transnational Crime and Human Rights: Responses to Human Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Subregion (2012—co-authored with Julie Debeljak); Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and the Rule of Law: Comparative Perspectives (2009); New Regionalism and Asylum Seekers: Challenges Ahead (2007—with F Rawlings-Sanaei; The Refugees Convention 50 Years On: Globalisation and International Law (2003).

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Michele Millard is the coordinator of the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University, the Project Coordinator of the Refugee Research Network and previously the Volunteer Coordinator at the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture. A past President of the Board at Sojourn House, former member of the Executive Committee at the Canadian Council for Refugees as well as of the Community Council at the Salvation Army’s Immigrant and Refugee Services, Michele has been volunteering for organizations providing settlement, protection and advocacy services to refugees and refugee claimants for a number of years. Michele holds a Master’s degree in Art History from McGill University and a Bachelor’s degree in Fine Art from the University of Toronto. She is currently serving on the Editorial Board of Refugee Update.

Dr. Galya Ruffer is the Director of International Studies and the founding Director of the Center for Forced Migration Studies housed at the Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies at Northwestern University. Her work centers on refugee rights and protection, regional understandings of the root causes of conflict and refugee crises, rule of law and the process of international justice with a particular focus on the Great Lakes Region of Africa. She has published on testimony and sexual violence in the DR Congo, asylum law and policy, human rights litigation in transnational courts and immigrant incorporation and integration in Europe. Aside from her academic work, she has worked as an immigration attorney representing political asylum claimants both as a solo-practitioner and as a pro-bono attorney.

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Ellen Kraly is the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Geography at Colgate University. Kraly is currently serving as Editor of the International Migration Review and is Director of Environmental Studies at Colgate University. She was a member of the National Academy of Sciences Panel on Immigration Statistics and has prepared reports on topics including international migration data and immigration policies for the United Nations Statistical Commission, National Academy of Sciences, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform. Her current research program has three themes: (1) refugee policy and forced migration; (2) ethical and human rights dimensions of the use of population data systems in policy and administration, with particular reference to Aboriginal affairs in Australia; and (3) population vulnerabilities, community health, and HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. At Colgate, she teaches courses in population geography, international migration and refugee studies, medical geography, environmental studies, and research methods.

Izabella Main is a socio-cultural anthropologist and historian. She received her doctoral degree from Central European University in Budapest in 2002. She also undertook post-graduate studies in social anthropology at the University of Edinburgh. Since 2004 she works as an assistant professor (adjunct) in the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology in Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland. In 2009 Main became a member of the Centre for Migration Studies in Adam Mickiewicz University.

Her interests include anthropology and social history of communist Poland; medical anthropology and recent Polish migration in Europe. During last few years she has been conducting research among Polish female migrants in London, Barcelona and Berlin. Her publications include articles about foreigners in Poznań, refugees in Poland, Polish migrants and medical anthropology. Main also co-edited volumes: W zdrowiu i chorobie… [In Health and Illness] (2012, with Penkala-Gawęcka, Witeska-Młynarczyk), and Uchodźcy: teoria i praktyka [Refugees: Theory and Practice] (2008, with Izabela Czerniejewska).

SAVE THE DATE!
IASFM16 CONFERENCE
Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland
July 12 - 15, 2016
Promotional video of venue: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6ILtE3asUg
More information page 14...
The following is an excerpt from the IASFM15 Conference Report. For the full report please visit our website www.iasfm.org or click here.

I. Introduction

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Instituto Pensar and Universidad de los Andes organized and held the 15th conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, which took place in Bogotá, Colombia, from July 15 to 18, 2014. On this occasion the conference focused on the theme forced migration and peace, in the context of celebrating 30 years of the Cartagena Declaration on Refugees. The event truly represented a global discussion space: more than 300 participants from 25 countries including academics, activists, members of civil society organizations, officials from international organizations and forced migrants, were able to meet and discuss the world’s current worldwide situation of forced migration.

II. Conference topics and objectives

The complicated relationship between peace and forced migration was the central theme of this event. The topic was examined in the context of two distinct and simultaneous processes: first, the celebration of 30 years of the Cartagena Declaration, an international rights instrument that proved a turning point in managing forced migration in post-conflict situations; and second, the peace talks between the Colombian government, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the National Liberation Army (ELN), which, if successful, could put an end to more than 60 years of internal armed conflict in the country.

The first objective of the conference was therefore to establish a space for reflection and discussion, so that academics, activists and policy makers could revive the spirit of the Cartagena Declaration, and revisit the lessons that it—and the process it originated from—might offer for the Colombian peace process and the post-conflict period that will follow.

An additional but no less important objective of the conference was to deepen the horizontal dialog that has allowed members of the IASFM and the Global North and South to form peer relationships and address the study, debate and search for solutions related to the complex phenomenon of forced migration.

For an overview of the conference and a detailed report on the conference sessions and papers presented please visit our website www.iasfm.org or click here.
Photos from IASFM15

(A BIG thank you to participants who generously shared their photos!)
IASFM/RRN Vision Statement
Danesh Jayatilaka and Galya Ruffer

In our capacity as the IASFM Development Officers, we are pleased to share with the IASFM members a summary of the joint Vision Statement of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) and the Refugee Research Network (RRN) presented at the July 14 meeting of RRN/IASFM members in Bogotá and discussed during the IASFM AGM. The full Vision Statement, a working document to be adopted at a future AGM, can be found on the IASFM website at [link]. We welcome your comments.

Formally established in 1994, the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) ([www.iasfm.org/](http://www.iasfm.org/)) has become the most significant forum for academics, activists, and policymakers from around the world to present research and discuss issues related to forced migration. Since its inception, the IASFM had generally limited itself to conducting conferences. As the field of forced migration studies continues to expand with the formation of more research centres and of networks of researchers from across a range of disciplines, IASFM seeks to take up key roles to build on the established networks and knowledge generation and dissemination capacities through the integration of IASFM and the Refugee Research Network (RRN) ([www.refugeeresearch.net/](http://www.refugeeresearch.net/)). Through a shared vision, the IASFM and the RRN seek to mobilize responsive and relevant research knowledge among forced migration scholars and to disseminate it to policy and humanitarian actors at local, national, regional, and global levels. The integration of the IASFM and the RRN along with their existing partnerships and networks, aims to strengthen the field of forced migration studies by: 1) expanding our awareness of the global knowledge regime concerning refugee and forced migration issues, 2) improving communication of this knowledge within and between academic, policymaking, and practice sectors within and between the Global South and North, and 3) building alliances and support for the development of regional and global policy frameworks and humanitarian practices affecting refugees and forced migrants.

Integration with the RRN will serve to strengthen the knowledge production of IASFM by drawing upon the RRN’s work in disseminating and facilitating connectivity between academics, practitioners, and the grassroots members. As the knowledge mobilization and networking arm of the IASFM, the RRN will facilitate the capture, online storage, and dissemination of that knowledge, thus allowing researchers and practitioners from all walks of life to make use of it. The IASFM will provide the ‘hardware’ in the form of physical activities, while the RRN will provide the ‘software’ catalyzing the knowledge that was generated in multiple forms. The Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS) will remain the host of the IASFM Secretariat and the RRN web-based infrastructure, and provide administrative and IT support.

We seek to expand the opportunities for collaboration of IASFM members, especially young scholars and grassroots members, through the strengthening and integration of already existing working groups and research clusters within IASFM and RRN and supporting the creation of new ones. The IASFM currently has working groups on IDPs, Human Rights Law, International Relations and RRN clusters are addressing issues in International Refugee Law, Detention, Gender and Sexuality, Age and Migration, Borderless Higher Education for Refugees, Climate Change and Displacement, Research Methodology and Online Research and Training Tools. Suggested proposals for new hubs include Boundaries, Transitional Justice, Statelessness, and Partition. It is our hope that the combined IASFM/RRN model will sustain this capacity. Institutional and individual partners will support the research agendas at the regional level, and develop and/or strengthen the regional presence of the network by way of local chapters as well as engaging regional policymakers and practitioners. These regional networks will feed back into the global network. Through its combination of the institutional framework of the IASFM and the set of regional hubs, the project will be in a position to both respond to near-term questions through its local connections and expertise and make broader, long-term contributions to the development of the field of forced migration studies and practice.

The IASFM has been allocated $5,000 by the RRN for the development of further hubs/clusters. Danesh Jayatilaka and Galya Ruffer, in their capacity as the IASFM Development Officers will present the plan for the allocation process. The modest funding was allocated for 3 to 5 pilot activities among members of the IASFM working groups to conduct small workshops or as seed funding for micro studies, forming local chapters/networks, publications, creating web portals, etc. This start-up activity is part of IASFM’s broader strategy aimed at 5 interrelated activities: establishing IASFM as a research dissemination hub, forming working groups, promoting broad research collaborations, promoting publications, and connecting with young scholars’ networks. It is envisaged that these associated activities with their respective tools will have a multiplier effect and engage various segments of the awareness, knowledge, and connectivity needs of the forced migration research and practitioner community, strengthening the impact of the IASFM.

In order to further these goals, we will form two additional working groups, one to oversee development and support of research hubs/clusters and the other to oversee knowledge dissemination and IT activities including the RRN website and databases. Members are encouraged to submit proposals for working group funds for the ongoing or new hubs, whereas the guidelines for the applications will be provided.
RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Gender, Home & Identity
Nuer Repatriation to Southern Sudan
Katarzyna Grabska

How and where did returning Nuer refugees make their 'homes' in southern Sudan? How were gender relations and identity redefined as a result of war, displacement and return to post-war communities? And how were those displaced able to recreate a sense of home, community and nation?

During the civil wars in southern Sudan (1983-2005) many of the displaced Sudanese, including many Nuer, were in refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia. In the aftermath of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, they repatriated to southern Sudan. Faced with finding long-lost relatives and local expectations of 'proper behaviour', they often felt displaced again.

This book follows the lives of a group of Nuer in the Greater Upper Nile region. The narratives of those displaced and those who stayed behind reveal the complexity of social change, in particular, the crucial yet relatively unconsidered transformation of gender and generational relations, and how this has impacted on state formation in what is now South Sudan.

Katarzyna Grabska is a research fellow with the Department of Anthropology and Sociology of Development at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. She is co-editor (with Lyla Mehta), of Forced Displacement: Why Rights Matter? (Palgrave: 2008)

More information and to order Online

Refugee Women: Beyond Gender versus Culture
Leah Bassel

(To order Online)

Debates over the headscarf and niqab, so-called ‘sharia-tribunals’, Female Genital Operations and forced marriages have raged in Europe and North America in recent years, raising the question – does accommodating Islam violate women’s rights? The book takes issue with the terms of this debate. It contrasts debates in France over the headscarf and in Canada over religious arbitration with the lived experience of a specific group of Muslim women: Somali refugee women. The challenges these women eloquently describe first-hand demonstrate that the fray over accommodating culture and religion neglects other needs and engenders a democratic deficit.

In Refugee Women: Beyond Gender versus Culture, new theoretical perspectives recast both the story told and who tells the tale. By focusing on the politics underlying how these debates are framed and the experiences of women at the heart of these controversies, women are considered first and foremost as democratic agents rather than actors in the ‘culture versus gender’ script. Crucially, the institutions and processes created to address women’s needs are critically assessed from this perspective.

Breaking from scholarship that focuses on whether the accommodation of culture and religion harms women, Bassel argues that this debate ignores the realities of the women at its heart. In these debates, Muslim women are constructed as silent victims. Bassel pleads compellingly for a consideration of women in all their complexity, as active participants in democratic life.'
Displaced Religious Minorities In Chiapas: Communication Strategies For Agency
Laura Rubio Diaz-Leal
Available Online: http://publicdiplomacymagazine.com/displaced-religious-minorities-in-chiapas-communication-strategies-for-agency/

'Socio-cultural adaptation of second-generation Afghans in Iran',

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Nicolás Rodríguez Serna, RLI Working Paper
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Available Online: http://www.isn.ethz.ch/Digital-Library/Publications/Detail/?ots591=0c54e3b3-1e9c-be1e-2c24-a6a8c7060233&lng=en&id=179634

Governing Refugees: Justice, Order and Legal Pluralism
Anna Purkey, Refugee Vol 30, No 2 (2014)
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Refugee Protection and the Role of Law: Conflicting Identities
Susan Kneebone, Dallal Stevens, Loretta Baldassar (eds.) 2014
Routledge Research in Asylum, Migration and Refugee Law

The Transformation of Identity within a Diaspora
Ayar Ata (2014)
Available Online: http://www.researchgate.net/publication/261983759_The_Transformation_of_Identity_within_a_Diaspora

Central American Refugee Children
Griffin, Marsha, Van Ramhorst, Ryan, Siefert, Michael, and Kennedy, Elizabeth. 2014. Section on International Child Health August Newsletter: 6-7
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2015 Idaho Conference on Refugees: Health & Healing
February 9 & 10, 2015
Boise, Idaho
http://www.idahorefugees.org/idaho_conference_on_refugees/

Migration, Social Disadvantage and Health Conference
11 – 13 February, 2015
Rydges on Swanston, Melbourne, Australia

Gender, Culture & Migration 2015
6-7 March 2015
Gdansk, Poland, organised by the Polish-Norwegian consortium Par Migration Navigator coordinated by the University of Gdańsk
http://migrationnavigator.org/info/?page_id=1105

SLSA 2015 Conference: Socio-legal in culture: the culture of socio-legal
March 31—April 2, 2015
Coventry, United Kingdom
www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/research/events/conferences/slsa/

Conable Conference in International Studies: ‘A Vision of Revolution’: Exile and Deportation in Global Perspective
April 2-4, 2015
Rochester, New York
http://www.rit.edu/cla/conable/

International Conference on Migration Management and International Organizations
3-25 April 2015
Athens, Greece, organised by the University of the Peloponnese
https://networks.h-net.org/node/7753/discussions/19499/call-papers-international-conference-%E2%80%9Cmigration-management%E2%80%9D-and

CARFMS15: Advancing Protection And Fostering Belonging In A Global Era Of The Criminalization Of Migration
Ryerson University
Toronto, Canada
http://carfms.org/

Migration policies and the materiality of identification in European cities
28-29 May 2015
Antwerp, Belgium, organised by the University of Antwerp

Women in War
June 2015 (date to be confirmed)
Beirut, Lebanon, organized by the Institute for Women’s Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW)

North American Refugee Health Conference
4-6 June 2015, Toronto, Canada, organised by the University of Toronto
www.northamericanrefugeehealth.com/

Migration and Late Capitalism: Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond
June 11 - 13, 2015
University of Victoria, BC, Canada
www.uvic.ca/research/centres/capi/migration-mobility/home/migration-conference/index.php
Call for Papers

Trafficking, Smuggling, and Illicit Migration in Historical Perspective
18 – 20 June 2015
London, UK, organised by Birkbeck, University of London
http://criticallegalthinking.com/2014/08/16/cfp-trafficking-smuggling-illicit-migration-historical-perspective/

International Society for Ethnology and Folklore
21-25 June 2015
Zagreb, Croatia
www.siefhome.org/congresses/sief2015/

12th IMISCOE conference Rights, Democracy and Migration,
25-27 June 2015
Geneva, Switzerland | www.imiscoe.org

Human Migration and the Environment: Futures, Politics, Invention
28 June – 1 July 2015
Durham, UK, organised by Durham University

7th International Conference of Critical Geography
‘Precarious Radicalism On Shifting Grounds: Towards a Politics of Possibility’
26-30 July 2015
Want to know what’s been happening with the Refugee Research Network? The 2014 Activity Overview is available here.

**Emerging Scholars and Practitioners on Migration Issues (ESPMI) Network**

Formerly known as the New Scholars Network, the ESPMI Network strives to connect emerging scholars, practitioners, policymakers, journalists, artists, and all those involved in forced migration and refugee studies to meaningful work and professional connections, as well as to produce new research and new interest in these important issues. ESPMI is a cluster of the Refugee Research Network (RRN), the largest international research initiative in the field of refugee and forced migration studies. The Refugee Research Network was created to mobilize and sustain a Canadian and international network of individuals and institutions committed to study and work surrounding refugee and forced migration issues (http://refugeeresearch.net/).

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The next IASFM conference will be July12-15, 2016! And we are going to...drum roll, please...Poznań, Poland!

IASFM gatherings have been held in far-flung places of the world: from Oxford to Chang Mai, Sao Paulo to Kolkata, Toronto to Kampala, but we have never been to Central Europe! Our host is the Center for Migration Studies (CeBaM) at the Adam Mickiewicz University. The Program Chair, Dr. Izabella Main, and her colleagues are working on a theme for the conference and are soliciting input from the membership. If you have a brilliant idea for a plenary theme or session please contact Izabella at imain@amu.edu.pl The Call for Sessions and Papers will be announced in the summer of 2015, but it’s never too early to share ideas.

If you have never been to Poznań or Poland, plan to attach a few days of vacation. The city has much to offer! Here is one blogger’s suggestions for the coolest things to do in Poznan


When you tire of the Old Town and museums, there are lakes and recreational activities just a short tram ride away.

See you in Poznań in July 2016! Spread the word.
Centre for Refugee Studies, York University
Summer Course on Refugees and Forced Migration
May 4-8, 2015
EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: January 31, 2015

The 2015 Summer Course on Refugees and Forced Migration is an internationally acclaimed five-day, non-credit course for academic and field-based practitioners working in the area of forced migration. It serves as a hub for researchers, students, practitioners, service providers and policy makers to share information and ideas. The Summer Course is housed within the Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS), York University. All participants who complete the full course receive a York University Centre for Refugee Studies Summer Course Certificate.

The Summer Course provides an interdisciplinary, interactive and experiential approach to the study of forced migration. Through attending lectures and related small group sessions, course participants develop a deepened understanding of the political, economic, social and cultural contexts of forced migration, and the major state and non-state institutions involved in refugee protection and advocacy. Actors involved in the management of migration will also be examined. Participants will have an opportunity during the course for structured networking and idea collaboration through panels and small group discussion.

Instructors for 2015 include:
Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) Project
Hilary Evans Cameron, Canadian Refugee Lawyer
Michael Casasola, Resettlement Officer, UNHCR
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Participant Requirements:
The Summer Course is designed for academic and field-based practitioners working in the area of forced migration. Participants typically include government officials, non-government organization personnel, lawyers, university faculty, and graduate students. Applicants must have either academic or practical background in forced migration issues. If the background is strictly academic, a first degree is required. (Undergraduate students may apply to the course if they are completing their degree prior to the course start date.) Applicants must have English proficiency, as translation services are unfortunately not available.

Dates: May 4-8, 2015
Location: York University Keele Campus, Toronto, Canada
‘Early Bird’ Registration Fee: $975 CAD +13% HST (by January 31, 2015)
Registration Fee: $1400 CAD +13% HST (until April 1, 2015)

For more information, or to apply, please visit: http://crs.yorku.ca/summer

Summer Institute on Conflict Transformation in Border Regions, Quito-Ecuador
June 10—30, 2015

UMass Boston, FLACSO-Ecuador, and the Center for Mediation, Peace, and Resolution of Conflict (CEMPROC) announce: Conflict Transformation Across Borders

This new summer institute will take place from June 10-30, 2015 in Quito, Ecuador at FLACSO, with graduate-level credit issued by UMass Boston. The program will focus on conflict and peace in border regions.

The program is coordinated by Dr. Jeff Pugh of UMass Boston (Dept. of Conflict Resolution, Human Security,
and Global Governance) and Dr. Cecile Mouly of FLACSO-Ecuador (Dept. of International Studies and Communication), and will feature a series of high-level guest speakers (including former Ecuadorian Minister of Foreign Relations and UN Ambassador Francisco Carrion). This course is designed to equip early-career professionals, graduate and advanced undergraduate students, and other future peacebuilders with practical tools, knowledge, and hands-on experience to understand the complexities of conflicts within and across border regions, and the types of interventions that can be used to transform these conflicts.

The program will include classroom discussion; trips to the Amazon cloud forest and the northern border region; practical skills training workshops on negotiation, cross-cultural communication, and proposal writing; and participants will design their own proposal for a peacebuilding intervention, receiving feedback from a panel of experienced experts in the field.

More details and applications are available online at http://www.umb.edu/academics/caps/international/conflict_transformation (the deadline to apply is March 1, 2015).

Topics:
¨ Human vs. national security in border regions
¨ Transnational dimensions of peacebuilding
¨ Skills workshop: Conflict analysis
¨ Border disputes and binational peace processes: Ecuador-Colombia and Ecuador-Peru
¨ Forced migration, refugees, and social conflict in migrant-receiving communities
¨ Skills workshop: Negotiation and mediation
¨ Skills workshop: Project proposal development
¨ Transnational environmental conflict
¨ Indigenous identity and ethnic conflict along borders
¨ Skills workshop: Cross-cultural and non-violent communication as peacebuilding resource
¨ Disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) and the Colombian armed conflict
¨ Local initiatives and national infrastructures for peace

Refugees Studies Centre, University of Oxford
International Summer School in Forced Migration
6–24 July 2015

Oxford Department of International Development, 3 Mansfield Road, Oxford OX1 3TB / Wadham College, Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PN

About the Summer School
The International Summer School in Forced Migration fosters dialogue between academics, practitioners and policymakers working to improve the situation of refugees and forced migrants.

The Summer School offers an intensive, interdisciplinary and participative approach to the study of forced migration. 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.

The three-week course combines the very best of Oxford University’s academic excellence with a stimulating and participatory method of critical learning and reflection.

The Summer School is intended for:

- Mid-career and senior policymakers and practitioners involved with humanitarian assistance and policy making for forced migrants. Participants typically include host government officials, intergovernmental and non-governmental agency personnel engaged in planning, administering and co-ordinating assistance.

- Researchers specialising in the study of forced migration.

Entry Requirements
Applicants should have:

- substantial experience in working with, or on issues related to, refugees or other forced migrants;
- a first degree as a minimum;
- proficiency in the English language. As a guide, foreign-language English speakers should be able to obtain a score of 7.00 in ELTS/IELTS or 570 in TOEFL.

Funding
Asfari Foundation and Saïd Foundation bursaries are available for Summer School candidates who work on refugee-related issues from Palestine, Lebanon and Syr-
Candidates wishing to be considered for bursary support must apply directly via the International Summer School office (deadline 1 March 2015) and not contact the funding body directly.

Apply

Fee for 2015: £3,300. The fee includes 19 nights’ bed-and-breakfast accommodation; all tuition; all course materials, including reading materials; and a range of social activities. Lunches, evening and weekend meals are not included in the course fee.

Click here to complete the online application form

Deadline for all bursary applications: 1 March 2015.

Closing date for all other applications: 1 May 2015.

Closing date for receipt of all course fees: 15 May 2015.

Please note: a non-refundable deposit of £150 is required to confirm acceptance of a self-/employer-funded offer of place. Places cannot be guaranteed after 15 May without full payment of course fees.

In the event of cancellation by the participant, the following terms apply: cancellations received after the closing date but before 1 June – 10% of the course fee is non-refundable. Cancellations received 1–14 June – 50% of the course fee is non-refundable. Cancellations received after 14 June – 100% of the course fee is non-refundable.

Data will be stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1984 and used for internal purposes only.

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BECOME A MEMBER

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
The International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) is an independent, self-governing community of scholars and practitioners who are concerned about understanding forced migration and about improving the formulation of policies and administration of programs dealing with refugees and other displaced persons. The membership forms an open collegial community, receptive to meeting with and learning from others.

IASFM is not simply an academic organization. Our deliberations and exchanges also seek to shape global debates, policies, and programs, through the inclusion of practitioners and policy-makers. We are truly international in scope, membership, and leadership. The membership of IASFM is committed to working in areas of the world where forced migration is a pressing concern, interacting with people in different world regions, and learning from (and teaching) each other.

The goals of the Association are:
- To promote and increase scientific knowledge of forced migration;
- To advance the understanding of appropriate and effective practice concerning forced migration;
- To facilitate networking and better communication among those involved with refugee and other forced migrant issues;
- To disseminate scholarly and practical information concerning forced migration.

CONFERENCES
The major means by which IASFM seeks to advance its goals is through biennial international conferences. These conferences have been held under IASFM auspices since 1996. IASFM conferences provide an interdisciplinary forum for intellectual exchange and communication between academics, researchers, practitioners and policy-makers. The outcome of discussion is disseminated through a rapporteur's summary report of each meeting. These reports are submitted to the Journal of Refugee Studies and Forced Migration Review.

IASFM conferences are built on four earlier meetings of IASFM's predecessor body, The International Research and Advisory Panel (IRAP). Those four meetings were organized by the Refugee Studies Programme at the University of Oxford. The fifth IRAP was effectively the first IASFM conference, but the association chose to keep the numbering reflecting its IRAP past. This 5th conference was held in April 1996 at the Centre for Refugee Studies, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya.

For more information about past and future conferences please visit the Conference page.

DISCOUNT ON PUBLICATIONS
As a special benefit to members, the Association has negotiated a reduced rate for members (25% discount) for the Journal of Refugee Studies, as well as for the combined subscription which includes that journal and the International Journal of Refugee Law and the Refugee Survey Quarterly. All of these journals are published by Oxford University Press. IASFM members also receive a discount on the journal International Migration, published by Blackwell.

HOW TO JOIN
Membership is open to all who subscribe to the objects and statutes of the Association, subject to the payment of annual dues. Given the concern that programmes and policies concerning refugees and other forcibly uprooted people are rarely made with their participation, the Association strongly encourages membership of persons who have had such experience, and encourages all members to adopt methods and policies which involve the consultation of those affected by forced migration.

Membership covers the following benefits:
- A discount of 25% on subscription to the Journal of Refugee Studies, or the combination package of that journal with the Refugee Survey Quarterly and the International Journal of Refugee Law.
- Reduced Subscription for the journal International Migration.
- Receipt of information about the Association’s activities.
- In a conference year, a reduction on the IASFM International Conference registration fee (one conference reduction per two-year membership period).

The Association has established an International Secretariat thanks to the generosity of the Andrew W Mellon Foundation. The Association is seeking to build up a strong membership base from which to launch its activities. You can help to build our organization by downloading and returning the membership form. According to the decision of the General Meeting of Members on September 30, 2002, from February 2003 a new membership fee structure has been in effect which differentiates membership fees payable according to the country of origin/residence.

For more information contact us at secretariat@iasfm.org.

Membership Fees Schedule
Membership fees are charged for two-year periods.
Membership fees

- OECD and high income non-OECD countries: US$50
- Non-OECD countries and students: US$ 25

To become a member register here.

BECOME AN INSTITUTIONAL SPONSOR

Are you interested in becoming an institutional sponsor of IASFM and would like to learn more?

Please follow this link (http://iasfm.org/sponsorship) for the Application Form or contact the IASFM International Secretariat.

Institutional Sponsorship of IASFM

Institutions around the world are invited to sponsor the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration.

IASFM brings together people with an interest in understanding and dealing with the challenges of Forced Migration. Members are drawn from the academic, policy-making and practitioner communities. A growing network, the IASFM holds biennial conferences and circulates a biannual newsletter. The Association has an International Secretariat based at the Refugee Studies Centre in Oxford, UK. Both membership and activities are expanding. The sponsorship of these efforts by your institution can support IASFM and all its members, as well as bringing benefits to your institution.

Sponsorship income will be used for several IASFM goals including:

- To support the operating costs of the International Secretariat
- To support international and regional workshops on key forced migration issues
- To develop materials to encourage wider membership of the Association
- To support conference participation by scholars and practitioners from less wealthy countries.

Sponsorship is possible at three levels, with the benefits and costs shown below:

IASFM Sponsorship level ONE
Fee (two years)
- Institutes and Organizations in the North – minimum $3,000
- Institutes and Organizations in the South – minimum $1,000

Benefits
- Up to FOUR conference registrations to be used by employees or Board Members of the Sponsoring Organization (within one sponsorship period)
- Inclusion in the SPONSORS page on the IASFM website list of funders and in the conference materials
- Pre-conference meeting of sponsoring organization’s directors to identify projects for collaboration/ fundraising opportunities etc.
- The Programme Committee will consult directors of Benefactor Sponsoring Institutes and Organizations during the Conference Preparations, with regard to the theme and content of the conference. These directors’ input in this capacity does not preclude them from being invited, on a personal basis, to join the Advisory Group under the usual rules regarding the composition and appointment of that Group.

IASFM Sponsorship level TWO

Fee (two years)
- Institutes and Organizations in the North – minimum $2,000
- Institutes and Organizations in the South – minimum $750

Benefits
- Up to THREE conference registrations to be used by employees or Board Members of the Sponsoring Organization (within one sponsorship period)
- Inclusion in the SPONSORS page on the IASFM website list of funders and in the conference materials
- Pre-conference meeting of sponsoring organization’s directors to identify projects for collaboration/ fundraising opportunities etc.

IASFM Sponsorship level THREE

Fee (two years)
- Institutes and Organizations in the North – minimum $1,000
- Institutes and Organizations in the South – minimum $500

Benefits
- ONE conference registration to be used by employees or Board Members of the Sponsoring Organization (within one sponsorship period)
- Inclusion in the SPONSORS page on the IASFM website list of funders and in the conference materials
- Pre-conference meeting of sponsoring organization’s directors to identify projects for collaboration/ fundraising opportunities etc.