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WELCOME/BIENVENUE

DEAR CARFMS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

Welcome to the Winter 2016 Newsletter of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS).

We are very excited about our upcoming annual conference titled, "Freedom of Movement: Exploring a Path from Armed Conflict, Persecution, and Forced Migration to Conflict Resolution, Human Rights, and Development," which will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from 12-14 May. This year's annual conference is being hosted by the Conflict Resolution Studies and International Development Studies departments of Menno Simons College. We have over 100 speakers, including four distinguished keynote speakers. Special plenary panels will highlight scholars and practitioners in the fields of conflict resolution, human rights, and development. In this issue of our Newsletter, we feature some of the special events that will take place during our annual conference, including, a meeting of our CARFMS Student Caucus.

We are happy to announce that the CARFMS 2017 Annual Conference will be hosted by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) at the University of Victoria in Victoria, BC, from 18-21 May 2017. The theme of this Conference will be, "Forgotten Corridors: Global Displacement and The Politics of Engagement". Please plan on joining us at next year's annual conference as well.

2015-16 have been busy years for CARFMS. Our Bylaws were amended with the aim of improving the effective functioning of the Association. We also launched the CARFMS Working Paper Series as an online publication that provides open access to the work of some of the most interesting presentations and papers that have been delivered at CARFMS Annual Conferences and other relevant forums. The CARFMS Online Research and Teaching Tools and Practitioners Forum (ORTT&PF) web platform is expanding. It is our hope that it will become the "one-stop reference spot" for fulfilling the refugee and forced migration studies information and research needs for all CARFMS members. In addition, CARFMS sponsored a number of events including a graduate student panel on "Identifying and Analyzing Gaps in Protection for Asylum Seekers from the Middle East: Recent Research and Findings" that was held at the University of Toronto on January 29, 2016. Finally, the CARFMS Executive Committee welcomes the initiatives in favour of the resettlement of Syrian refugees in Canada. We are happy to express our strong support for this initiative through the declaration that you will find in this issue.

I take this opportunity to welcome those new members who have joined CARFMS. I also thank our members for their continued support. I hope to see you at our Annual Conference in Winnipeg!

Idil Atak, President of CARFMS

CHER-E-S MEMBRES DE L'ACERMF, CHER-E-S AMI-E-S,

Bienvenue à ce dernier numéro du Bulletin de l'Association canadienne des études sur les réfugiés et la migration forcée (ACERMF) dans lequel vous trouverez des informations utiles sur nos activités et notre prochaine conférence annuelle. Celle-ci porte sur « La liberté de circulation dans un contexte de conflits armés, de persécution et de migration forcée: le règlement de conflits, les droits humains et le développement comme pistes de solution », et se tiendra à Winnipeg au Manitoba, du 12 -14 mai. Cette année notre conférence accueillera plus de cent présentateurs, quatre conférenciers distingués ainsi que des séances plénières spéciales auxquelles prendront part des chercheurs et des praticiens de haut calibre dans les domaines de la résolution des conflits, des droits humains, et du développement. Notre conférence annuelle offrira aussi l'occasion de tenir le caucus étudiants de l'ACERMF.

Nous sommes heureux de vous informer que la conférence annuelle de 2017 sera organisée par le Centre d'Initiatives pour l'Asie-Pacifique (CAPI) à l'Université de Victoria, en Colombie-Britannique du 18 à 21 mai 2017. La conférence sera dédiée au thème « Le déplacement mondial et la politique d'engagement ». N'oubliez pas de marquer les dates de cette conférence dans vos agendas dès maintenant.

2015-2016 fut une année bien occupée pour l'ACERMF. Nos statuts ont été modifiés dans le but d'améliorer le fonctionnement de l'Association. Nous avons lancé une Série de Documents de Travail qui est une publication en ligne à accès ouvert dédiée aux recherches les plus intéressantes qui ont été présentées pendant nos conférences annuelles et dans d'autres forums. La Recherche et les Outils d'Enseignement en Ligne, et le Forum des Praticiens (ORTT & PF) qui est une autre initiative de l'ACERMF est en pleine expansion. Nous espérons que cette plate-forme deviendra à terme un point de référence pour nos membres au niveau de la recherche et d'échange d'informations dans le domaine des réfugiés et de la migration forcée. De plus, l'ACERMF a co-organisé un certain nombre d'événements au cours de l'année dernière. Parmi ceux-ci figure le panel intitulé « Identification et analyse des lacunes en matière de protection des demandeurs d'asile en provenance du Moyen-Orient » qui a eu lieu à l'Université de Toronto le 29 janvier 2016. Enfin, le Comité exécutif de l'ACERMF se félicite des initiatives en faveur de la réinstallation des réfugiés syriens au Canada. Nous sommes heureux d'exprimer notre ferme appui à ces initiatives à travers une déclaration que vous trouverez dans ce numéro.

Je saisis cette occasion pour remercier nos membres pour leur soutien continu et saluer nos nouveaux membres. Au plaisir de vous voir à notre conférence annuelle à Winnipeg!

Idil Atak, Présidente de l'ACERMF

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ABOUT CARFMS

The Association works to foster an independent community of scholars dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of Canadian refugee and forced migration research by establishing active partnerships and collaborations among researchers, teachers, practitioners, policy makers, advocating and supporting publications, conferences, and other fora that contribute to open and inclusive communication and networking around issues relating to refugee and forced migration studies in Canada and elsewhere.

The vision of the Association is to create a community for scholars with an interest in issues relating to refugees and forced migration, to facilitate networking and collaboration between scholars, to disseminate research findings, to foster linkages between scholars and governmental and non-governmental actors, to serve as a forum for debate and intellectual exchange on refugee and forced migration issues, and to be a prime resource of Canadian scholarship and academic contacts in the field of refugee and forced migration studies in Canada.

For more information visit our website at www.carfms.org

À PROPOS DE L'ACERMF

L'Association cherche à encourager et réunir une communauté indépendante d'universitaires dédiés à l'avancement et à la diffusion de la recherche portant sur les migrations forcées et l'asile au Canada, en établissant des partenariats actifs et des collaborations entre les chercheurs, les enseignants, les praticiens, les représentants gouvernementaux et non gouvernementaux.

L'Association encourage et soutient la réalisation de publications, l'organisation de conférences et d'autres forums qui contribuent à créer une communication ouverte et inclusive, ainsi que le réseautage, sur des questions reliées à l'asile et aux migrations forcées, au Canada et ailleurs.

L'objectif de l'Association est de créer une communauté de chercheurs partageant un intérêt pour les questions reliées aux migrations forcées et à l'asile, de faciliter le réseautage et la collaboration entre les chercheurs, de diffuser les résultats de recherche, d'accroître les liens entre les chercheurs et les acteurs gouvernementaux et non gouvernementaux. L'Association vise aussi à créer un forum de débats et d'échanges intellectuels sur les questions de migrations forcées et d'asile, et à être une ressource incontournable au Canada en matière de contacts dans le milieu canadien universitaire et de la recherche dans ces domaines.

Pour plus d'information visitez notre site internet www.carfms.org

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CARFMS16 CONFERENCE – CONFÉRENCE ANNUELLE DE 2016

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT: EXPLORING A PATH FROM ARMED CONFLICT, PERSECUTION, AND FORCED MIGRATION TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND DEVELOPMENT



CONFERENCE TO EXPLORE HUMAN RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

Menno Simons College to host 9th Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies conference

WINNIPEG, February 23, 2016 — The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights (Article 13) states that everyone has the right to freedom of movement within and across borders. Today unprecedented numbers of people are being denied this right. How can host states, origin states, the international community, private citizens, and civil society act to address the escalating global crises triggered by forced migration?

That's the question that will be explored at the 9th annual conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced

Migration Studies (CARFMS), taking place May 11–14, 2016 at Menno Simons College and the University of Winnipeg.

The conference, "Freedom of Movement: Exploring a Path from Armed Conflict, Persecution, and Forced Migration to Conflict Resolution, Human Rights, and Development," will be

hosted by Menno Simons College (MSC) and chaired by Dr. Stephanie Stobbe, Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution Studies at MSC.

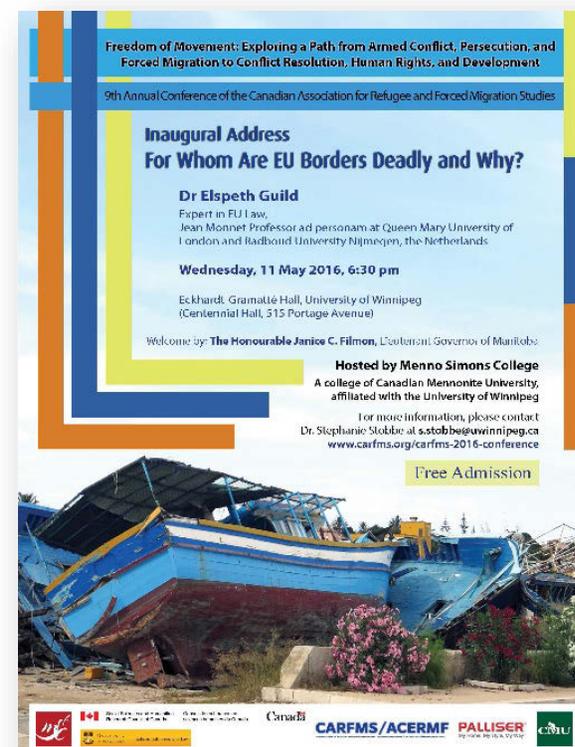
"We are in the fields of conflict resolution and international development at MSC and part of our mandate and goal is to look at social justice and how to assist in different humanitarian crises and situations," says Stobbe.

Academics, researchers, students, government officials, lawyers, and lawmakers, community organizations, and practitioners will explore the topic freedom of movement through four perspectives.

A **conflict resolution and peacebuilding** approach will encourage discussion of the root causes of forced migration and how those issues can be addressed. How can governments, non-governmental organizations, and other

actors participate in supporting freedom of movement?

A **human rights** perspective will explore which human rights are related to freedom of movement, how those rights can be realized, and what actors and instruments can help facilitate this movement.



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Discussions of **development** as related to freedom of movement will look at how to improve the livelihoods of people who are on the move. How can safe, sustainable environments be created that address human needs and work toward social justice?

A focus on **methodology and knowledge production** will examine interdisciplinary research

methodologies that look at war and armed conflict, extreme violence, human rights, and development. What are standard and new research methods being used to study freedom of movement?

Four plenary sessions will feature keynote speakers: Art DeFehr, CEO of Palliser Furniture, humanitarian, and former head of UNHCR in Somalia;

Elsbeth Guild, Jean Monnet Professor ad personam in Law at Radboud University in Nijmegen, Professor of Law at Queen Mary University of London, and associate senior research fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies; Christopher Mitchell, Emeritus Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University and expert on “Track Two” interventions to address international conflicts; and Loly Rico, President of the Canadian Council for Refugees and Co-Director of the FCJ Refugee Centre. Additional plenary panels will highlight scholars and

practitioners in the fields of conflict resolution, human rights, and development, including International Refugee Law Judges.

“We are looking forward to exploring collaborations between scholars, practitioners, non-governmental organizations, and governments to see how we can really address these crises and move towards peaceful relationships and peacebuilding,” says Stobbe.

Concurrent sessions, a student caucus, and exhibitions will provide participants with opportunities to explore freedom of movement through additional perspectives and mediums.

“We are pleased to have exhibitions as part of the conference for the first time,” says Stobbe. “The exhibits will provide discussion material and chances for participants to be informed about the

situation and learn what some responses have been.”

Doctors Without Borders will have an emergency clinic set up to display how they work in refugee camps and in situations of humanitarian crises. They will also have a photo exhibit about their work with refugees. The Bitter Oranges exhibit will focus on the work

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9ème Conférence annuelle de l'Association Canadienne d'Études sur les Réfugiés et la Migration Forcée (ACERMF)

à mai 11-14, 2016
Menno Simons College | 520 Portage Avenue
University of Winnipeg | 515 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

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Freedom of Movement: Exploring a Path from Armed Conflict, Persecution, and Forced Migration to Conflict Resolution, Human Rights, and Development

9th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies

Special Plenary Panel
The War Refugee in International Refugee and Humanitarian Law

International Association of Refugee Law Judges (IARLJ)

Chaired by:
Justice Kashim Zannah
Chief Judge for the State of Borno, Nigeria,
High Court Judge and Vice-President of the IARLJ

Friday, 13 May 2016, 7:30 pm Free Admission

Marpeck Commons, Canadian Mennonite University
(2299 Grand Avenue)

Hosted by Menno Simons College
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of Drs. Reiners and G. Reckinger, and photographer C. Reckinger in Italy and the situation facing African migrant workers under the European migration policies.

“We’re very excited so many people are interested in coming to this conference and contributing to the discussion about next steps. It will be very interesting to have perspectives from people all over the world,” says Stobbe. “We’re hoping that after this conference people will be able to continue the networking opportunities and connections they’ve made, and be able to collaborate and work together to address this humanitarian crisis.”

**Interviewer/
Entrevue menée par:
Ellen Pauley**

The conference is open to anyone who is interested in learning about freedom of movement of refugees and forced migrants as it relates to conflict resolution and peacebuilding, human rights, development, and research and methodology. The conference has attracted international interest with participants from countries worldwide.

For more information about the conference, visit www.carfms.org/conferences/9th-annual-conference.

Follow CARFMS on Twitter @ [_carfms](https://twitter.com/_carfms).

Join the conversation online by using the hashtag **#CARFMS16**.



ABOUT MENNO SIMONS COLLEGE

Menno Simons College, a part of Canadian Mennonite University and affiliated with the University of Winnipeg, has been offering programs in International Development Studies (IDS) and Conflict Resolution Studies (CRS) since 1989. MSC fosters a vibrant undergraduate learning community in its newly renovated facility at 520 Portage Avenue. It offers 3-year and 4-year majors and a minor in IDS and CRS, an honours program in IDS, and an extensive practicum program.

The College has over 1,000 students and hundreds of alumni working in the development and conflict resolution sectors in Manitoba, Canada, and internationally.

For information about Menno Simons College visit www.mscollege.ca.

For additional information about the CARFMS conference, please contact:

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CARFMS16 CONFERENCE STUDENT CAUCUS

**BY: OMAR ABU EL HASSAN
AND JONA ZYFI**

The CARFMS Student Caucus brings together students from higher education institutions across Canada. It aims to not only engage students, but also ensure they can meaningfully participate with the 2016 conference themes through dialogue and discussion.

further discuss issues of migration, asylum, law and policy, as well as the scholarly research, information and insight that will be presented throughout the panels and keynote presentations. Beyond that, we hope the Caucus will allow students to network with their peers and provide a platform where they can share their own research interests and/or research.



Building on last year's experience at Ryerson University in Toronto, we hope the meeting will provide students with an alternative and informal way to

In our attempt to come up with an innovative and creative way to engage students with the themes of the CARFMS conference, last year we asked



them to think critically and express their thoughts on how we can raise awareness, further scholarly research, and improve migration and refugee policies by creating idea boards. This year, our students will be putting on their biggest and brightest smiles to creating a brief video to raise awareness on how Canada is supporting refugees.

In addition, we will be using this opportunity to connect with students who are interested in further contributing and getting involved with CARFMS on a regular basis through

membership and our Executive Committee. Lastly, we have a special activity planned to help students get involved with and further their own research.

Thus, we encourage interested students across Canada from any discipline, to join us, get involved and connect to larger issues within the realm of forced migration and refugees through the CARFMS Student Caucus at our 9th annual conference being held at Menno Simons College in Winnipeg from May 11-14, 2016.

CARFMS17 CONFERENCE – CONFÉRENCE ANNUELLE DE 2017

FORGOTTEN CORRIDORS: GLOBAL DISPLACEMENT & THE POLITICS OF ENGAGEMENT

May 18–21, 2017 | Victoria, BC

*10th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for
Refugee and Forced Migration Studies*

**Hosted by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives' Migration and Mobility
Program, University of Victoria**

Never before in modern history have so many people been forced to leave their homes and journey to other places for either permanent or temporary settlement. According to the UNHCR Mid-Term June 2015 report, "by the end of 2014, 59.5 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, generalized violence or human rights violations."

Much attention in the west has been directed at the steady flow of refugees leaving war torn countries and ending up on the shores of the Mediterranean. However, many displaced people remain neglected or forgotten, travelling little watched corridors en route to a temporary destination, or waiting in detention centers, refugee camps, or makeshift housing. Hierarchies of human mobility make many migrants' lives precarious, and demand the attention, visibility and engagement necessary to make transformations.

The Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives at the University of Victoria (www.uvic.ca/capi) will host tenth annual CARFMS conference from May 18th to 21st, 2017 in beautiful Victoria, BC.

CARFMS17 will invite researchers, policy makers and activists from diverse disciplines and regions to discuss the parameters of global displacement—especially the experiences of those taking routes less traveled—and to address the complex negotiations and obligations required for a politics of engagement.



CALL FOR CARFMS MEMBERS TO REGISTER ON THE PRACTITIONERS FORUM (PF)

ORTT&PF CONTINUES ITS NEXT PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT

BY: DR. JAMES C. SIMEON

The CARFMS Online Research and Teaching Tool and Practitioners Forum (ORTT&PF) web platform will one day become the “one-stop reference spot” for fulfilling the refugee and forced migration studies information and research needs for all CARFMS members. It will also provide convenient online forums for “real time” interactive communications on matters that are of most current interest and concern to CARFMS members.

The Online Research and Teaching Tool (ORTT) is the public portion of the website. While the Practitioners Forum (PF) is the CARFMS members only portion of the website. The ORTT&PF is an ongoing “work in progress” that was commenced in 2011, by then CARFMS President, Professor James C. Simeon, and a number of senior members of the CARFMS Executive Committee, including, current CARFMS President, Professor Idil Atak, and CARFMS immediate Past-President, Nanette Neuwahl. From an initially small group of CARFMS Executive Committee members the ORTT&PF grew into an international project that included senior academics from the United States, UK, Macedonia, and Italy. (See the ORTT&PF home page at <http://fmsot.apps01.yorku.ca>.)

The ORTT&PF has developed gradually with funding from various sources including the York University Minor Research Grant. York University has also provided the ORTT&PF with the technical support to build and develop the website and hosts it on its servers.

What follows is a brief description of the ORTT&PF, but, in particular, the PF which includes a detailed outline of its structure and how it operates. This is intended to encourage all of our CARFMS members to use the site and, especially, to register with PF and to start the dialogue with all

their CARFMS colleagues, either within their academic discipline or occupational category or within the general forum for all CARFMS members.

For those CARFMS members who will be attending the 9th Annual Conference at the Menno Simon College at the University of Winnipeg this May 11th to 14th, we would like to invite you to visit our poster exhibit on the ORTT&PF. This will provide you with an opportunity to review demonstrations of all of the features of our website and to get answers to any technical questions that

you may have regarding ORTT&PF. Of course, we would also welcome any suggestions that you might have regarding how it might be improved in any way.

The ORTT is intuitively structured and quickly grasped so that anyone can navigate the site with ease and find what they are searching for. It is CARFMS’ contribution to the field of research, instruction, and practice in refugee and forced migration studies. One of the abiding principles of our association is that it “promotes and supports excellence in Canadian research and teaching of refugee and forced migration issues.” (CARFMS Bylaws, Article 3.1) The ORTT certainly helps to fulfill this core purpose and objective of our association.

The central features of the ORTT website are six main information categories:

GLOSSARY OF TERMS;

KEY CONCEPTS IN THE FIELD;

METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES;

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORKS;

SOME ESSENTIAL ORGANIZATIONS;

PROGRAMS AND COURSES.



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The first four information and knowledge development, building and construction categories follow a particular internal structure. Information is arrayed along the following five-pronged matrix:

1. *definition;*
2. *examples and/or illustrations;*
3. *other useful sources;*
4. *bibliography;*
5. *case law.*

These five sections array information about terms, key concepts, methodological approaches and theoretical frameworks in refugee and forced migration studies in a simple and straightforward manner that allows the student, instructor and/or researcher to build their understanding and



knowledge of each of the terms, concepts, methods and theories in the field.

A number of instructors are contributing to the Glossary of Terms on the ORTT through an innovative Experiential Education (EE) assignment where students either select or suggest a term and completing the five-pronged matrix of information related to those terms. Thus far, three of the collaborators on this project have used the ORTT as part of their term assignments for their refugee and forced migration related courses. We welcome other instructors to offer their students an opportunity to do an EE assignment(s) that contributes to a “real life” research endeavor that will also assist the development of this public website that contributes to the

advancement of refugee and forced migration studies in a significant and substantial way.

While the ORTT is a public web platform the PF – Practitioners Forum – is for the exclusive use of CARFMS members in good standing (CARFMS

members in “good standing” have paid their membership fees in full).

The PF allows members to register on this closed portion of the website. The PF allows members to be able to put as much information about themselves as they would like. The basic information that PF members choose to put on this portion of the website is publicly accessible. However, the forums available for interactive communications are not. Indeed, CARFMS members are required to abide by a number of rules when using the interactive forums. There are six rules for the use of the Practitioners Forum that are simple and to the point: all communications on these private forums are to be courteous, respectful and dignified. Any failure to abide by these rules will result in the CARFMS member’s entries and remarks not being posted on the forums. Any complaints regarding a posting will be investigate and removed if warranted. Continuous breach of these rules could result in the CARFMS membership being withdrawn from the Association.



(Please see the PF Rules at <http://rfmsot.apps01.yorku.ca/prc/notice>.)

There are six substantive categories on the PF web platform: Disciplines; Occupations and Professions; Fields; Associations; Affiliations and Common Forums. Each of these categories covers particular identifying characteristics of CARFMS members. For instance, under Disciplines there are 32 academic disciplines that are listed. There are 21 different Occupations and Professions listed. Within each of the 32 academic disciplines and 21 occupational and professional categories the information contained therein is arrayed according to the following five-pronged matrix:

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- *Useful Facts and Information about this Field of Study;*
- *Tips and Pointers;*
- *Representative Bodies and Associations;*
- *Students Studying in the Field;*
- *Open Forum.*

This matrix provides a convenient way to array the information that is contained within each of these different rubrics. The Open Forum rubric is where the CARFMS members can begin their dialogues and discussions with others who are in their academic discipline or occupational and professional category. These discussions are completely closed to the outside public and only available to those CARFMS members who have listed their academic discipline or occupation and profession according to what is listed in these categories on the PF website.

The Open Forum is where the dialogues and discussions are held amongst those CARFMS members within each of the academic disciplines and occupations and professions that are listed on the PF website. In addition to each of these designated Open Forums there is also a Common Forum where topics of general interest to all CARFMS members can take place. Therefore the dialogues and



discussions can take place in the Common Forum and/or in each of the disciplinary or occupational and professional Open Forums.

Under the Fields category the following fields are listed:

- *Area*
- *Comparative*
- *International*
- *Local*
- *National*
- *Regional*

Only a limited number of associations are included in this category. And, under the Affiliations category we have all of the universities and colleges in Canada listed.

All of this is to say that the PF is thorough in the provision of a wide number of Open and Common Forums. We encourage and call upon all CARFMS members to register on the PF and to post their relevant information and to start to use the Open and Common Forums on the PF web platform. We are hoping that the

CARFMS members will be able to have disciplinary and occupational and professional exchanges on topics of specialized interest and use the Common Forum to cover topics of generalized interest.

The ORTT&PF are one of CARFMS unique contributions to the field of refugee and forced migration studies. It is still a website that is very much under development but it is fully functional and we call upon all CARFMS members in good standing to begin the dialogue, debate and discussion on the PF web platform. This private and secure CARFMS website was constructed with Association's mandate and vision fully in mind: "to create a community for scholars with an interest in issues relating to refugees and forced migration, to facilitate networking and collaboration between scholars, to disseminate research findings, to foster linkages between scholars and governmental and non-governmental actors, to serve as a forum for debate and intellectual exchange on refugee and forced migration issues, and to be a prime resource of Canadian scholarship and academic contacts in the field of refugee and forced migration studies in Canada." (CARFMS Bylaws, Article 2.2)

CARFMS STATEMENT ON THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN CANADA

The CARFMS Executive endorses fully the tremendous efforts currently underway within Canada, to try to address the world refugee situation, including, specifically, the Syrian refugee crisis. We should like to draw all CARFMS members' attention to the following weblinks with the specific aim of advancing these causes through our members' endorsement. The CARFMS Executive calls upon all CARFMS members to consider adding their voice to those who are supporting these efforts by endorsing these initiatives.

<http://crs.info.yorku.ca/open-letter>

<http://crs.info.yorku.ca/global-refugee-crisis>

<http://ccrweb.ca/en/statement-syrian-refugees-responding-all>



Le Comité exécutif de l'ACERMF souscrit pleinement aux efforts déployés au Canada pour soutenir et aider des réfugiés au monde, en particulier des réfugiés syriens. Nous appuyons fermement les initiatives et appels figurant aux liens suivants. Le Comité exécutif de l'ACERMF appelle ses membres à envisager de soutenir ces initiatives en y ajoutant leur voix.

<http://crs.info.yorku.ca/open-letter>

<http://crs.info.yorku.ca/global-refugee-crisis>

<http://ccrweb.ca/en/statement-syrian-refugees-responding-all>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND OTHER EVENTS



MAY 2016

May 9-13, 2016
CRS Summer Course
Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS),
York University, Toronto, ON

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.

Visit the website:
<http://crs.yorku.ca/summer/summer-course-2016/>.

May 11 -14, 2016
CARFMS 2016 Conference: Freedom of Movement
Conflict Resolution Studies, Menno
Simons College, Winnipeg, MB

The Call for Papers is now available at:
www.carfms.org.

JUNE 2016

June 2-4, 2016
Spring Consultation 2016
Refugees Welcome Here: Awareness,
Advocacy and Action
Hilton Garden Inn, Saskatoon, SK

Join us to explore questions affecting refugee protection and newcomer settlement at the Canadian Council for Refugees Fall Consultation.

All are welcome to participate!

With views from all Canadian provinces and with participants in fields as diverse as healthcare and the law, the conference offers opportunities for professional development, networking and strategy.

Visit the website:
<http://ccrweb.ca/en/meetings>.

JULY 2016

July 12-15, 2016
IASFM 16: Rethinking Forced
Migration and Displacement: Theory,
Policy, and Praxis
Call for panels and papers
Adam Mickiewicz University
Poznan, Poland

The 16th conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) will be hosted by the Centre for Migration Studies, the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, and the Faculty of Law and Public Administration at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland. All panel, roundtable, and paper proposals must be submitted online by February 1, 2016.

For more information, please visit the website: <http://iasfm.org/iasfm16/>.

OCTOBER 2016

October 13-14, 2016
"The Figure of the Migrant in Law and
Literature: Common Places, Norms
and Evolving Narratives" Workshop
Ryerson University, Toronto, ON

The workshop will gather a diverse group of stakeholders – academics, researchers, students, writers, community organizations, practitioners, experts in law and in literature – to explore the challenges experienced by the disciplines of law and literature regarding the narrative configuration of the migrant and refugee, and to analyse political discourses, media representations and administrative measures involving political coercion and the limitations of individual rights and freedoms.

October 24-18, 2016
International Association of Refugee
Law Judges (IARLJ) Conference
10th anniversary of the African
Chapter
Johannesburg, South Africa

Preconference training workshops 24 & 25 October 2016. Main conference Plenaries 26 to 28 October 2016.

For more information, please visit the website: www.iarlj.org/general.

JUNE 2017

June 16-18, 2017
7th Annual North American Refugee
Health Conference
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Toronto, ON

The North American Refugee Health Conference is recognized as the preeminent conference destination for professionals working with refugee populations. Join us in Toronto on June 16-18, 2017 as we highlight best practices in the field and discuss current refugee health issues.

Visit the conference page to learn more:
www.northamericanrefugeehealth.com.



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- Participate in a community of scholars, researchers, advocates, policy-makers and NGOs working on issues of forced migration and refugees.
- Find out about job opportunities, lectures, conferences, publications and other important information through our listserve, forums, and publications.
- Discover others who are active in your area of research or policy advocacy through our online database of members.
- Share your research with other academics, advocates and the NGO community on our online forums or at our annual conference.
- CARFMS is an independent, interdisciplinary association run by its membership and dedicated to the advancement of refugee and forced migration studies.
- Participate in the annual conference.

Pourquoi rejoindre l'ACERMF ?

- Pour faire partie d'une communauté d'universitaires, de chercheurs, d'avocats, de représentants gouvernementaux et non gouvernementaux travaillant sur des questions de migrations forcées et d'asile.
- Pour être tenu au courant d'offres d'emploi, de présentations, de conférences, de publications, et d'autres informations importantes, à travers notre liste d'envoi, nos forums en ligne et les publications de ses membres.
- Pour faire la connaissance d'autres personnes actives dans vos champs de recherche ou de pratique, en utilisant la base de données en ligne réservée aux membres de l'Association.
- Pour partager vos recherches et pour discuter de ces dernières avec d'autres universitaires, avocats, décideurs politiques et membres d'ONG, en utilisant nos forums en ligne, ou en personne lors de notre conférence annuelle.
- Parce que l'Association, qui est indépendante, multidisciplinaire et fonctionne uniquement grâce à ses membres, est dédiée à l'avancement des études sur l'asile et les migrations forcées;
- Pour participer à la conférence annuelle.

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Affiliate – Institutional Membership (Regular)	\$300	\$550
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