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# WELCOME/BIENVENUE

## 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](http://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.

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## RESEARCH IN 2016

**BY: MICHAELA HYNIE,  
CARFMS PRESIDENT**

As global concern about forced migration has increased, support for refugee research has expanded. In Canada, the Trudeau government has made a number of decisions that have brought international recognition of our role in the resettlement of refugees. Central to the Trudeau government's actions to respond to the civil conflict Syria was increasing the number of people resettled from this region and thus the overall number of refugees resettled in Canada. Between November, 2015, and the end of February, 2016, 25,000 people were resettled through the three resettlement streams (14,994 as Government Assisted refugees; 8,954 as Privately Sponsored refugees; and 2,224 Blended Visa-Office Referred refugees). The Federal government committed to resettling another 25,000 Government Assisted refugees by the end of 2016, and further committed to complete processing of another approximately 12,000 Private Sponsorship applications by early 2017.

The current political context has created a number of important opportunities and obligations for researchers in this field. The Welcome

Refugees initiative has coincided with a sharp increase of interest in Canada's unique Private Sponsorship program. Many countries are considering modeling resettlement programs of their own on the Canadian model. However, little research explores and/or compares outcomes between different sponsorship routes. Thus, as Canada begins to export its resettlement programs, there is an urgent need to identify those elements that are the most successful, and for whom. For example, Privately Sponsored refugees generally arrive with higher levels of

education, fewer serious health problems, and other advantages. They find employment earlier than Government Assisted refugees, and initially have higher incomes. Over time, however, this advantage dwindles, until the two groups are essentially on par<sup>1</sup>.

This is somewhat reminiscent of the "Healthy Immigrant Effect", where immigrants arrive in Canada healthier than the average Canadian but then lose that initial advantage. The erosion of initial advantages over time is concerning and calls for additional

research.

The impact of "month 13" is also now being felt. With sponsorship and government assistance ending in after 12 months, many newcomers through the refugee resettlement program struggle with the transition. With challenges in finding employment, they must move to social assistance that provides even less financial support. Given the extent to which many resettled refugees struggle to meet basic needs on the amounts allocated for their support during the first year, this transition can be particularly difficult. This raises a number of important questions regarding the impact of the transition, strategies for navigating it, and social and structural factors creating and maintaining the difficulties faced at this time.

The salience of these questions to policy makers and the general public creates a window of opportunity, and obligation, for us to share our research with the broader community. Canadians are now paying attention to refugees and refugee resettlement. There is on-going media coverage of the resettlement experience and numerous opportunities for researchers to share their findings with the general public. Sponsorship groups are reaching out for information



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about how to best provide support for sponsored families, with many questions around physical and mental health needs, family relationships, education and on how to navigate their relationships with each other, and with the families they are sponsoring. We need to be reaching out and sharing our current knowledge in ways that can facilitate the resettlement process.

Governments at municipal, regional, provincial and federal levels have recognized the need to identify relevant research in these areas, and the need and opportunity for more research into refugee resettlement. These governments have been actively

consulting with researchers through roundtables and working groups. The Government of Canada has been releasing a number of research reports based on their own databases and have created opportunities for more research funding. In the spring, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada partnered with the Social Sciences and Humanities Council (SSHRC) to launch a call for one-year Targeted Research grants focused on Syrian refugees. Several CARFMS members are among the 27 funded projects. The findings from these projects will be reported in July, 2017; we hope to see some early results at the CARFMS conference in Victoria in

May, 2017 and eagerly await the findings of all of these research initiatives.

Unfortunately, global attention is fleeting and the current focus on issues of forced migration is unlikely to remain. Other crises of forced migration around the globe are already being neglected while attention shifts to the conflict in Syria. For 2017 the Canadian government is reducing the numbers of resettled refugees it plans to accept while the USA has

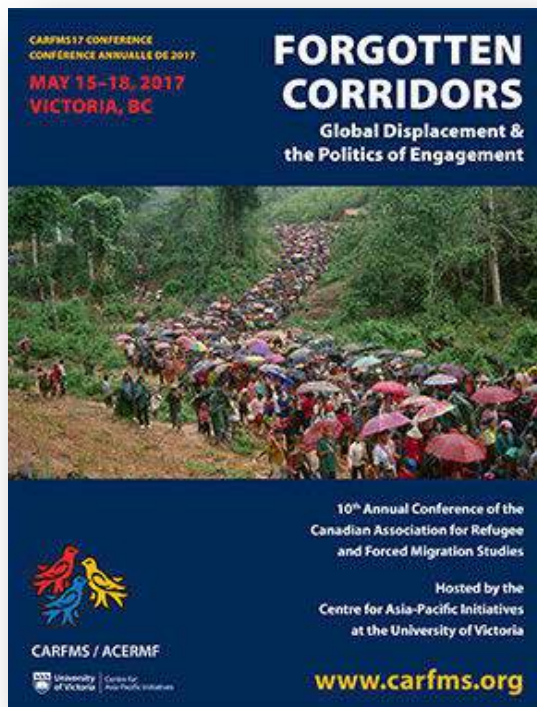
recently announced changes to their migration policies that will have consequences for refugee resettlement around the world. However, the increase in knowledge will remain. The greater the impact we can have on the knowledge and understanding of governments and the broader community, the greater influence we can have in the future, even after attention has shifted elsewhere. We should take every opportunity to engage while we can and build knowledge and networks that can sustain us through leaner years.





# CARFMS17 CONFERENCE – CONFÉRENCE ANNUELLE DE 2017

## FORGOTTEN CORRIDORS: GLOBAL DISPLACEMENT & THE POLITICS OF ENGAGEMENT



*The Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives' Migration and Mobility Program, University of Victoria to host 10th Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies conference*

**AUTHOR: HELEN LANSDOWNE, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR ASIA-PACIFIC INITIATIVES, EXECUTIVE MEMBER, CARFMS**

Spring is just around the corner, at least so it seems on the west coast of Canada, which means that the 10th CARFMS Conference will be happening soon. This year the conference will be held in Victoria, British Columbia, city of gardens, May 15-18. The title, "Forgotten Corridors: Global Displacement & the Politics of Engagement", speaks to its central theme of the conference, broadening the discussion of forced migration and displacement to

include not only the steady flow of refugees that leaving war-torn countries to end up on the shores of the Mediterranean, but those who remain neglected or forgotten, travelling little watched corridors en route to temporary destinations in detention centers, refugee camps or makeshift housing.

With more than 12 million displaced people annually, it is imperative that discussions of human mobility include all peoples rather than only those garnering the immediate attention of the west.

The conference will bring together 200+ leading national and international scholars, policymakers and government representatives,

legal practitioners, migrant rights advocates and other relevant civil society members, as well as students for multidisciplinary discussions exploring all types of global displacements. Key themes include an examination of migration flows, experiences and strategies, the role of economic and environmental degradation in human displacement and mobility with particular attention



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to Indigenous populations. Questions related to border security and surveillance, precarity of movement and resettlement, internal displacement and the diverse initiatives in the areas of policy advocacy, activism and support will be examined. The event will offer a rare opportunity for experts from various regions of the world to share knowledge, experiences and strategies as they relate to this

complex and pressing global issue.

Renowned Inuit Environmental, Cultural and Human Rights Advocate, Shelia Watt-Cloutier, will kick-off the conference with an evening keynote presentation in the David Lam Auditorium on May 15. This will be followed by three days of panel



presentations, plenary sessions and interactive workshops, and two additional public keynote presentations, by Jyoti Sanghera, Section Chief of Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Romola Sanyal, from the London

School of Economics whose current research looks at the urbanization of particular areas of Lebanon through humanitarian aid that has come in response to the Syrian refugee crisis.

More schedule information and registration please visit the CARFMS website.

See you in Victoria this May.

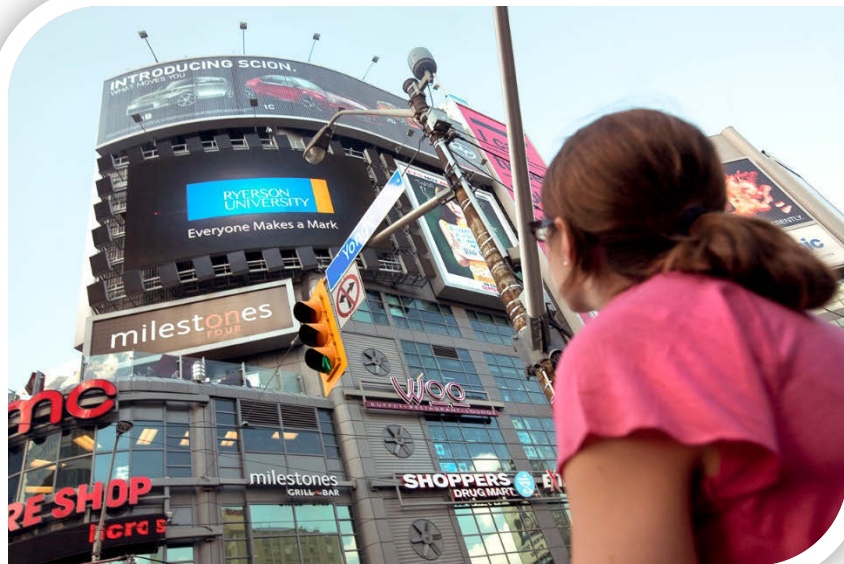


# CARFMS17 CONFERENCE STUDENT CAUCUS

BY: JONA ZYFI

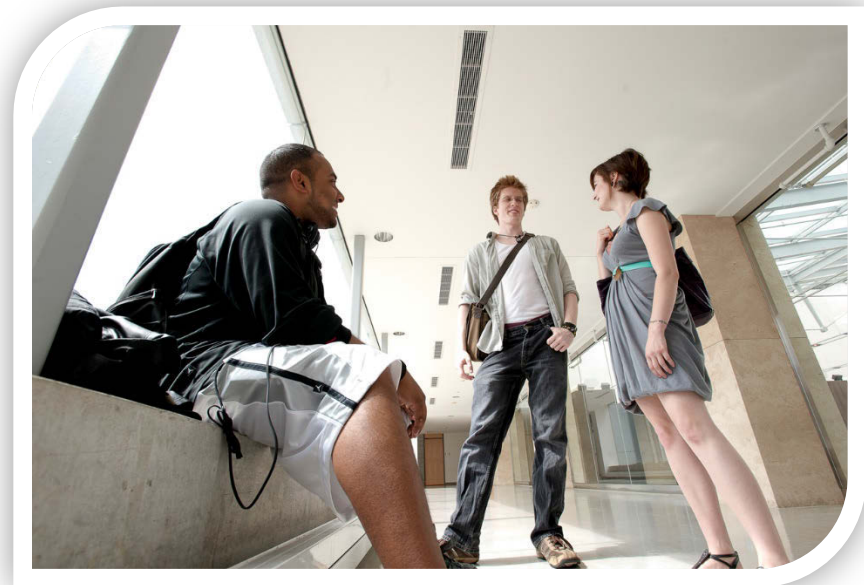
The CARFMS Student Caucus held its inaugural meeting at the 8th Annual Conference at Ryerson University in Toronto in 2015. Bringing together undergraduate and postgraduate students from higher education institutions across Canada, the Student Caucus aims to not only engage

Building on the 2015 experience, last year's meeting during the Annual Conference at the University of Winnipeg provided an alternative and informal way to further engage students. Students were invited to use the space to network with their peers and disseminate their research.



students, but also ensure they can meaningfully participate with at the 2017 conference through dialogue and discussion.

Last year's Caucus session also provided a platform for students to share ideas on how to further engage with CARFMS all-year round and across the country. Some of these ideas, such as the creation of a Student Engagement



Committee, have already been implemented. In Winnipeg, students also elected their new Student Director to the Executive Committee, Jona Zyfi.

Goals for CARFMS10 at the University of Victoria include generating new, innovative, and creative ways to: engage students on migration, asylum, law, and policy; encourage students to think critically; to share their research, raise awareness, and participate in public and academic discussions on forced migration. The Caucus is planning a special activity aimed at

helping students get further their own research.

Thus, the Student Caucus encourages interested students across Canada from any discipline to join us, get involved, and connect to larger issues within the realm of forced migration and refugee studies. The Student Caucus looks forward to welcoming returning and new members at CARFMS 10!



# CARFMS ORTT&PF WEB PLATFORM

## HELPING TO KEEP ALL CARFMS MEMBERS AHEAD OF THE CURVE

**BY: DR. JAMES C. SIMEON,  
CARFMS DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE**

### ***Why an Online Research and Teaching Tools and Practitioner Forum (ORTT&PF) web platform?***

The Canadian Association for Refugees and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) is dedicated, in part, and as stipulated in our governing Bylaws, to promoting and supporting “excellence in Canadian research and teaching refugees and forced migration issues.” It does so through a variety of means such as our annual conferences, the CARFMS Working Paper Series, the CARFMS Blog, the co-sponsorship of book launches and special workshops and panel sessions, our biannual newsletters, and our Online Research and Teaching Tools and Practitioners Forum (ORTT&PF), among other things, like financially supporting the publication of *Refuge: Canada's Periodical on Refugees*. The ORTT&PF was created by CARFMS members for the use of all CARFMS members. It perhaps comes closest to fulfilling one of the primary purposes and objectives of CARFMS, Article 3.1 of our Bylaws, promoting research and teaching excellence in refugee and forced migration studies. In essence, it is a highly innovative and path breaking web platform that provides ready access to a wide range of tools for those who are

researching and teaching in the discipline of refugee and forced migration studies. It is far from perfection but it is a first tentative step in the right direction, given the trajectory and development of digital technologies to all aspects of research, knowledge generation and dissemination, and instruction, skills acquisition and development, and creative problem solving, discovery, and innovation.

For those who have yet to visit our ORTT&PF website, we urge you to do so and to judge for yourself whether it

might prove useful for your own work in our field. The website is directly accessible from the CARFMS/ACERMF website or by double clicking on this web link:

<http://rfmsot.apps01.yorku.ca/home/>.

It is important to note, at the very outset, that the ORTT&PF is actually two very different web platforms: the Online Research and Teaching Tools (ORTT) is an open site that is publicly accessible to anyone; while the Practitioners Forum (PF) is a “CARFMS members only” closed site.



### ***The Online Research and Teaching Tools (ORTT) Website***

The ORTT seeks to present the most current information available on the broad set of basic tools for research and teaching that include: a glossary of terms; key concepts; methodological approaches; and theoretical frameworks. It also provides a detailed list of essential organizations that are working in the refugees and forced migration field. In addition, it provides a list of programs and courses in this field of study and, most importantly, an Experiential Education assignment for instructors to be able to use in their courses that will help to continue to build the information and materials that are available currently on the ORTT website, while at the same time teaching their students some of the basic research and presentation skills in the discipline.

Some of the main features of the ORTT include:

1. the Google translation bar to provide ready access to the ORTT in other languages;
2. an extensive listing of the most frequently used terms, concepts, methodologies, and

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- theoretical frameworks in the discipline;
- 3. direct access web links to a number of the key organizations in the field;
- 4. a growing list of degree and diploma programs and courses currently available in the discipline; and,
- 5. lesson plans for those who are teaching in the field.

### ***The Practitioners Forum (PF) Website***

The CARFMS members only PF, on the other hand, provides opportunities for members to network with colleagues who are conducting research and/or teaching in the field and for practitioners, policy makers, jurists, advocates, and so on, to share their experience and expertise on working with refugees and other forced migrants. The PF features:

- 1. a self-controlled personal information page for all CARFMS members to list their profiles and to feature their work in the discipline.
- 2. specific disciplinary and occupational/professional forums for CARFMS members to dialogue, to discuss, to debate and to raise their particular concerns on any subject matter



- related to refugees and other forced migrants.
- 3. a general forum is also available for overarching and cross-cutting general issues and concerns to be raised across the disciplines and professions.

We anticipate that the general and the specific forums will raise the level of dialogue, debate, and discussions on refugee and forced migration issues within the specific disciplines and occupations/professions as well as across

disciplinary and occupational/professional fields. These interactive two-way continuous dialogic and exploratory problem solving arenas we hope, in time, will prove to be invaluable communications channels for CARFMS members and the Association-at-large.

To summarize, the main features of the PF include the member's page which allows members to upload their photos and profiles and to share their latest publications, research projects findings

and outline their future research endeavors; specific occupational/professional forums and useful information pages; and, a general forum for debates and discussions on the issues of the day. There are also plans to introduce a members' only Blog to initiate debates and deep discussions around specific issues and concerns for CARFMS members' benefit only. Other features are being planned and tested and will unfold gradually as sufficient numbers of CARFMS members get registered on the PF website and begin to use the forums on a regular basis.

### ***CARFMS Members are urged to Register and participate in the PF***

For those who are new to the ORTT&PF we have developed, and recently updated, two tutorials to help to guide you through the main features of both websites. They are found under the respective 'Help' tabs on the ORTT and PF websites or by double clicking on the following web links:

<http://rfmsot.apps01.yorku.ca/demo/> and  
<http://rfmsot.apps01.yorku.ca/prc/help/>.

If you are a CARFMS member, then, we urge you to register on our PF website and to participate in the ongoing discussions with colleagues across the



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country and, indeed, in other parts of the world. If you are not yet a CARFMS member then please join us by completing our membership form and paying the applicable membership fee and, then, registering on our PF website and joining in on the networking opportunities and ongoing discussions.

### ***The ORTT&PF will be Developed Organically***

It is important to point out that the ORTT&PF is a work-in-progress and although we have managed to obtain

some seed money grants to help launch our web platform we have yet to obtain a sizeable grant to develop the site to its full potential. Rather, we are approaching things, by necessity, in a more organic and incremental manner and allowing the project to develop at its own pace. Naturally, we would welcome the infusion of grant funding to accelerate the development of ORTT&PF and we hope that this will be forthcoming in the not too distant future.

The CARFMS ORTT&PF is one of the



most useful additions to the panoply of CARFMS initiatives and activities since our Association was founded. It has engaged a number of academics, researchers, practitioners and students not only in Canada but in a number of different countries around the world. (Please see the collaborators on the ORTT&PF website.) One of the benefits of CARFMS membership is to be able to engage other CARFMS members in your research and teaching as well as your substantive advocacy, policy making, and service delivery in the field to advance the rights and the protection of

refugees and other forced migrants everywhere. The ORTT&PF provides ready ways and means for doing so. We welcome all CARFMS members to use this unique web platform and to register on the PF website and to participate in the networking opportunities and discussion forums that are made available for your specific use.

If you have any questions, comments and/or suggestions on the ORTT&PF please contact James C. Simeon at [jcsimeon@yorku.ca](mailto:jcsimeon@yorku.ca).

# IDENTIFYING AND ANALYZING GAPS IN PROTECTION FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

## RECENT RESEARCH AND FINDINGS



Stephanie J. Silverman.

The panel focussed on the 'migrant route' and how policies, ideologies, and laws impede or direct it. The 'migrant route' maps from war-torn and refugee-producing Middle Eastern states towards Europe and other places of safety. It crosses land and sea borders, and has been traversed by more than a million people, many of them originating from Syria, Iraq, and

Afghanistan. In a context of great uncertainty and potential hope for mass resettlement, the panel had a threefold aim of sharing recent research that would otherwise disseminate more



methodologies, country case studies, and insights into how the European Union was greeting asylum seekers on its periphery and at its core. Craig Smith laid the foundations for discussion by exploring the development of the Turkey-EU relationship from 'burden-sharing' to 'burden-shifting'. Next, Gulay Kilicaslan's Istanbul-based research taught us about space and place-making amongst some of the 3.5 million

displaced Kurds in Turkey, an important and diverse group that is not as frequently researched as, say, Syrian refugees. Then, Nicholas Fraser analyzed the implications of the East Asian regional attitude and policy

towards forced migration, blithely summarized as "open wallet, closed door". Finally, Raluca Bejan ended the formal part of the panel with an incisive historical and regional account of the internal EU politics of relocation versus resettlement. Discussion then launched into key themes from the presentations, including: the human impacts of faltering refugee policies and laws; power politics internal, external, and



transnational to the EU; the potentiality of a global responsibility-sharing project (and the perennial question of enforcement); and other topics germane to ethics and forced migration.

The panel and collaboration with the Centre for Ethics proved fruitful for everyone involved, and CARFMS looks forward to future opportunities to disseminate research and provoke discussion.

Taking place on 29 January 2016, 12:00pm – 2:00pm, this panel featured four postgraduate students discussing their recent research findings and then participating in a lively question-and-answer period with the thirty attendees. The panel was a collaboration between CARFMS and the Centre for Ethics at the University of Toronto, hence its location in the Centre's bright and welcoming seminar room. The panel was organized by two CARFMS members, Alizee Bodson and



slowly through traditional academic channels; workshop these findings to aid the researcher; and, finally, to increase knowledge about the obstacles confronting asylum seekers attempting to leave the Middle East to sharpen thinking about the scales of problems and potential solutions.

Each panellist brought something new to the Centre's table but also spoke in conversation with each other, in terms of





# ARE REFUGEES WELCOME HERE? TRUMP, IMMIGRATION, AND CANADIAN RESPONSES

## REPORT BY PETRA MOLNAR, STEPHANIE J. SILVERMAN, AND ETHEL TUNGOHAN, EVENT CO-ORGANIZERS

On Friday February 3rd, CARFMS co-sponsored an evening panel event called 'Are Refugees Welcome Here? Trump, Immigration, and Canadian Responses'. Co-organizers Petra Molnar, Stephanie J. Silverman, and Ethel



Tungohan rapidly organized the panel in response to President Donald J. Trump signing multiple Executive Orders on immigration and asylum in rapid succession in his first weeks in office. They envisaged 'Are Refugees Welcome Here?' as an informal, information-sharing session in the Centre for Ethics seminar room for students keen to make sense of American developments as well as to

understand the ramifications of these policies in Canada. However, after they advertised the event, it became clear that there was tremendous interest from the public. The venue was switched to the large and beautiful George Ignatieff Theatre and a 100-strong audience turned out to listen and react to a variety of expert viewpoints on both the Orders and Canada's reactions, and responsibilities, in the

face of these alarming developments. For this event, CARFMS partnered with the International Human Rights Program (IHRP) and the Centre for Ethics, both at the University of Toronto. The Centre generously

provided financial assistance for renting the Ignatieff Theatre, thus enabling the accommodation of a larger audience. Introduced by Samer Muscati and facilitated by Petra Molnar, the panel focused on laying out the content of the Executive Orders but also on finding and analyzing parallels and problems in Canadian immigration, asylum, and border laws and policies. Panelists framed the Orders as an entry point into

a larger discussion concerning the roles of xenophobia, Islamophobia, classism, and racism in selection, resettlement, and deportation criteria in Canada and the US. The panelists argued that Trump's Orders link refugees to terrorists, and perpetuate the dangerous fallacy that the Muslim community is a source of danger. Taking on a new and pointed urgency in the wake of the horrific attack at the

Quebec City Islamic Cultural Centre on 29 February, the panel also functioned as an interactive dialogue on how to effect positive change in Canadian law and policy. Key points of intervention were identified as including the Safe Third Country Agreement with the US; the country selection matrix of the Designated Countries of Origin regime; the Barbaric Practices Act, a Canadian predecessor for 'extreme vetting'; and pressuring the Federal Government to reopen the 'quota' on Groups of Five and Community Sponsors resettling Syrian and Iraqi refugees to Canada

The panelists were Salina Abji, a SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellow at Carleton University and from the Rights of Non-Status Women's Network; Idil Atak, Assistant Professor at Ryerson University; Andrew Brouwer from the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers; Hodan Cashuur from the Canadian Association of Muslim Women in Law (CAMWL); Stephanie J. Silverman, Bora Laskin National Fellow in Human



Rights and Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Ethics; and Ethel Tungohan, Assistant Professor at York University. CARFMS extends its appreciation to the panelists, the audience members, the IHRP, and the Centre for Ethics, and looks forward to organizing more rapid-response events pertaining to important legal and policy developments in Canada and abroad.

# PEACE LEADERSHIP

## 1ST PACS INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

BY: AZIZ RAHMAN

The 1st PACS International Graduate Student Conference was held on October 21-22, 2016, which coincidentally celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) Program at the University of Manitoba (UofM). Housed at the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College, UofM, PACS was the first Canadian PhD Program of its kind in Canada, begun in 2005.

In an Autumn 2015 meeting of the UofM PACS Student Association (PACSSA), PACS PhD student Aziz Rahman proposed the idea of organizing an international student conference. In the following months, the project was endorsed by PACS Program Director Zana Lutfiyya and Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and

Justice Director Sean Byrne. PACS colleagues immediately recognized the utility of the conference and the planning committee soon expanded to include Obasesam Okoi, Christina Reinke, Michele Lemonius, and other members focused on ideation, communications, finance, logistics and

([https://issuu.com/researchlife/docs/researchlife\\_winter\\_2017](https://issuu.com/researchlife/docs/researchlife_winter_2017)).

The conference was themed "Peace Leadership". Peace leadership involves



elements of successful peace leadership. The conference was organized and guided around the ICE framework. This theme was timely and under-researched. Strikingly the Google search did not show any academic conferences being organized under the banner of peace leadership.

The conference attracted over 100 participants, including colleagues travelling from across the USA, the UK, and Canada. Unfolding over two days, the conference numbered over 60 presentations organized into 19 sessions and 7 workshops ([http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st\\_pauls/mauro\\_centre/events/1100.html](http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_pauls/mauro_centre/events/1100.html)). Research on diverse, cross-cutting, and interdisciplinary issues ranging from youth extremism and youth activism to refugee issues were presented and discussed. All of the papers and

other subcommittees. The conference was eventually featured in the Winter 2017 issue of the University of Manitoba Research and International Office's ResearchLIFE magazine

innovative, communicative and empowering processes for transforming, managing and resolving conflicts at different levels of society. The conference ideation team developed a peace leadership model called ICE (innovation, communication, empowerment) integrating three key





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workshops presented by scholars and practitioners were phenomenal for both exploring the implications of leadership as well as indicating that peace is possible.

Hosted at two universities, the first day was held at UofM and the second at University of Winnipeg (UofW). At the formal opening, conference participants were greeted by a range of university deans and PACS professors. Aziz Rahman introduced the guest speaker, Andrew S. Thompson (Global Security and Politics program, Centre for International Governance Innovation, University of Waterloo). Dr. Thompson is a specialist in the fields of international human rights, civil society movements and fragile states. His keynote was entitled "Peace leadership in uncertain times".

Of keen interest to CARFMS members is that two full sessions of the PACS Conference were concentrated on forced migration. Six graduate students presented their work on refugee issues in Canada and beyond. The first day session on refugees moderated by Felista Karanja featured three panelists. Maja Aziraj presented her paper titled "Examining the lived experiences of integration by refugees residing in Winnipeg, Manitoba". Yuliia Ivaniuk presented "Ukraine's role in

dealing with the European refugee crisis". Inga Schierholz presented "Refugees welcome! Peace leadership against acts of intolerance and xenophobia". The second day session on refugee issues was moderated by Aziz Rahman, and had two papers. Felista Karanja presented her paper titled "The light of the end of the tunnel: the



During the conference, Aziz Rahman invited panelists and participants of these

stories of resettled refugees in Winnipeg". Jason Allan Kowal and Bronson Ha presented "Caught between a snake and a crocodile: examining the Rohingya people's statelessness and persecution in Bangladesh and Myanmar".

two refugee sessions to join CARFMS at the 2017 Annual Conference, to be held at the University of Victoria from May 15-18, 2017. In the post-conference, Aziz invited participants to join the Facebook group created for youths and students working with refugees in Canada (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1615264065435925/>).

The success of the conference was the result of the collective efforts of many student, civic organizations, and businesses, including PACS MA and PhD students, faculty members, PACSSA, and the PACS Department. UofM, UofW, Global College of UofW, St. Paul's College of UofM, Arthur V. Mauro Center for Peace and Justice, UofM Graduate Student Association, UofM Office of Student Affairs, Winnipeg Foundation, Winnipeg Mediation Services, Pitblado Law, and three local Rotary Clubs contributed financially and logistically to organizing the conference. Based on feedback received from participants and PACS faculty members, the PACS conference team is planning to publish an edited collection of research presented in October, and looks forward to developing relationships amongst students, faculty members, and the community at future conferences.



# CARFMS16 REPORT



**MAY 11-14, 2016**

It was my pleasure to chair the 9th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS), hosted by



*Honourable Janice Filmon, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, gave a welcome at the opening ceremony on May 11<sup>th</sup>.*

Menno Simons College, a College of Canadian Mennonite University, located at the University of Winnipeg.

The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 13) states that everyone has a right to freedom of movement within and across borders. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees estimates that war, conflict, and persecution have displaced an unprecedented 60+ million people worldwide. The conference theme, **"Freedom of Movement: Exploring a Path from Armed Conflict, Persecution, and Forced Migration to Conflict**

**Resolution, Human Rights, and Development,"** encouraged academics, researchers, students, government officials, lawmakers, community organizations, practitioners, and former refugees to examine these topics.

The four keynote speakers were: **Elsbeth Guild**, Jean Monnet Professor and personam at Radboud University in Nijmegen (Netherlands) and Professor of Law at Queen Mary University London; **Christopher Mitchell**, Emeritus Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University; **Arthur DeFehr**, CEO of Palliser Furniture, Humanitarian and former

head of UNHCR in Somalia; and **Francisco Rico-Martinez**, former President of the Canadian Council for Refugees and Co-Director of the FCJ Refugee Centre (see above photos).



*Special Plenary Panel: The War Refugee in International Refugee and Humanitarian Law (International Association of Refugee Law Judges)*



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## EXHIBITS & COURSE ON REFUGEES

This conference included various exhibits for the first time:

- Doctors Without Borders (MSF) Emergency Clinic Tents & MSF Sea Rescues Photo Exhibit
- Bitter Oranges: African Migrant Workers in Calabira by D. Reiner, G. Reckinger & C. Reckinger
- Making Place for Refugees (Landscape Architecture) by R. Perron & S. Irvine

Also, a course, Practitioner Perspectives on Forced Migration: Roots, Causes, and Intersectionality, was developed for Conflict Resolution Studies and Human Rights departments, and invited students to attend the conference.

## SPECIAL GUESTS

**Brian Bowman**, Mayor of City of Winnipeg (below); **Robert-Falcon Ouellette**, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg Central (right); **Cheryl Pauls**, President of Canadian Mennonite University; and **Annette Trimbee**, President of University of Winnipeg all gave special welcome to conference attendees.



## FURTHER DIALOGUE & DISCUSSION

With 350+ people, from over 20 countries around the world in attendance over the 3.5 days of the conference, it is our hope that there will be continuing discussion on this important topic and how to effectively

address these issues as we continue to face the challenges of an increasing number of forced migrants in our world.



**Stephanie Stobbe, Chair of CARFMS 2016 & Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution Studies**

# UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND OTHER EVENTS



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### MARCH 2017

#### **March 16-18, 2017 19<sup>th</sup> National Metropolis Conference, Montreal, QC**

The theme this year is Looking Forward: Migration and Mobility in 2017 and Beyond.

The National Metropolis Conference is an annual forum for researchers, policy makers, representatives from community and settlement organizations to get together to share and exchange knowledge and experience in the field of immigration and settlement.

Visit the website:  
<http://metropolisconference.ca>

### MAY 2017

#### **May 8-12, 2017 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-2017/>.

#### **May 15 -18, 2017 CARFMS 2017 Conference: Forgotten Corridors: Global Displacement & the Politics of Engagement**

Hosted by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives' Migration and Mobility Program, University of Victoria, 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. We especially encourage filmmakers or producers to submit video documentaries.

The Call for Papers is now available at:  
[www.carfms.org](http://www.carfms.org).

### JUNE 2017

#### **June 1-3, 2017 Spring Consultation 2017 Canadian Council for Refugees, Edmonton, AB**

CCR Consultations address issues of refugee protection and immigrant and refugee settlement. They bring together 300 or more people from across Canada and beyond. Participants include refugees, immigrants, and representatives of NGOs, government, UNHCR, academics and international guests. A General meeting of members is always held at these Consultations, where the resolutions that drive CCR policy are moved and adopted.

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

#### **June 16-18, 2017 North American Refugee Health Conference, Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, Toronto, ON**

The North American Refugee Health Conference is recognized as the premier conference for those who work with refugee populations.

Visit the website:  
[www.northamericanrefugeehealth.com](http://www.northamericanrefugeehealth.com)

### PAST EVENTS

#### **March 03, 2017, 11am to 2pm TIFF, 350 King Street W., Toronto, ON**

Following a screening of Gianfranco Rosi's *Fire at Sea* — TIFF '16 official selection and winner of the Golden Bear at the Berlin International Film Festival — subject experts Prof. Alison Mountz (Wilfrid Laurier University), Prof. Jennifer Hyndman (York University), and Dr. Meb Rashid (Women's College Hospital) will unpack the complex and compounding health issues facing refugees during their migration and resettlement.

Visit the website:  
[www.tiff.net/films/fire-at-sea](http://www.tiff.net/films/fire-at-sea)

### CALLS FOR PAPERS

The **CARFMS Working Paper Series** is 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. We welcome the submission of any papers that deal directly or indirectly with refugees and other forced migrants. To see the basic requirements for papers to be considered for publication in the CARFMS Working Paper Series, visit:  
<http://carfms.org/working-paper-series/author-guidelines>



# BECOME A MEMBER/DEVENIR MEMBRE

## Why join CARFMS?

- 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.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES	ONE YEAR	TWO YEARS
<b>Regular – Independent Researchers and Individuals from/representing Government and Policy-Making Institutions</b>	\$125	\$220
<b>Regular – Student, Postdoc, Low Income Researcher</b>	\$40	\$60
<b>Regular – Individuals from NGOs/Reps/advocates of “Refugee” groups</b>	\$50	\$75
<b>Affiliate – Institutional Membership (Regular)</b>	\$300	\$550
<b>Affiliate – Institutional Membership (Non-profit)</b>	\$150	\$250

CATÉGORIES DE MEMBRES	UN AN	DEUX ANS
<b>Régulier – Chercheurs indépendants et membres du gouvernement, ou représentant le gouvernement et d'autres institutions responsables d'élaborer des politiques</b>	\$125	\$220
<b>Régulier – Étudiants, Post-docs, chercheurs à faibles revenus</b>	\$40	\$60
<b>Régulier – Membres d'ONG/Représentants ou défenseurs de groupes de « réfugiés »</b>	\$50	\$75
<b>Affiliés – membres institutionnels (régulier)</b>	\$300	\$550
<b>Affiliés – membres institutionnels (à but non lucratif)</b>	\$150	\$250

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