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WELCOME BIENVENUE

Dear CARFMS Members,

I am honoured to serve as president of CARFMS for 2012-2013. On behalf of the CARFMS Executive, I want to express how very excited we are about our Annual Conference that will take place in Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 7-10, 2013, and to welcome abstract submissions for the conference and paper submissions for the Graduate Student Essay Competition! My main objective for the year is to increase the representation of less populated regions in Canada in CARFMS, both in terms of the Executive and the Membership. I also endeavour to increase participation in CARFMS by including more interdisciplinary work, more graduate and undergraduate student involvement, and by encouraging more participation of forced migrants and their advocates. I also want to continue to support the important initiatives of recent past CARFMS presidents, such as the Bilingualism initiative, and the online research and teaching platform (ORTT).



Best wishes,

Morgan Poteet,
CARFMS President

Cher membres d'ACERMF

Je suis honoré d'assumer la présidence de l'ACERMF pour l'année 2012-2013. Au nom du comité exécutif, j'ai le grand plaisir d'annoncer que notre prochaine Conférence Annuelle aura lieu à Halifax en Nouvelle-Écosse du 7 au 10 mars 2013. Les propositions de présentation pour la Conférence sont les bienvenues tout comme les soumissions pour le Concours d'essais des étudiants de cycles supérieurs! Mon objectif principal pour cette année est d'assurer une meilleure représentation des régions les moins peuplées du Canada au sein de l'ACERMF tant dans le comité exécutif qu'au niveau de ses membres. Je souhaite également augmenter le nombre des membres de l'ACERMF en intégrant les travaux interdisciplinaires, et en encourageant une plus grande participation des étudiants de premier cycle et d'études supérieures, ainsi que des migrants forcés et de leurs défenseurs. Je continuerai aussi à soutenir les initiatives importantes entreprises par mes successeurs à la présidence de l'ACERMF, tel que la promotion du bilinguisme et la plateforme de recherche et l'enseignement (ORTT).

Mes meilleures amitiés,

Morgan Poteet,
Président 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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6TH ANNUAL CARFMS CONFERENCE

Spaces of Refuge: Exploring Practices, Perceptions and Policies in Forced Migration and (Re)Settlement

MARCH 7-10, 2013

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2013 CARFMS Conference will bring together researchers, policymakers, practitioners, displaced persons, and advocates from diverse disciplinary and regional backgrounds to discuss spaces of refuge for forced migrants in the context of a changing global geopolitical context. We invite participants from a wide range of perspectives to explore the practical, experiential, policy-oriented, legal and theoretical questions raised by situations of forced migration as a result of conflict, development, climate change, and natural disaster. We also invite studies of short and long-term options for, challenges of, and success with respect to, integration, settlement, resettlement and voluntary return. In the area of both migration and settlement, we are particularly interested in studies that address threats to humanitarian space, and recommendations to counter such threats and build solidarity with those who seek refuge. Papers that consider the relevance of gender and intersectional analysis for displacement, and issues of specific relevance for refugee children and youth, are particularly encouraged. The conference will feature keynote and plenary speeches from leaders in the field and refugees, and we welcome proposals for individual posters, papers, organized panels and roundtables structured around the following broad subthemes:

Global/Transnational Causes and Solutions to Forced Migration

Main causes of displacement include conflict, environmental disasters and climate change, development, and frequently a combination of these. What's more, one of the most concerning trends in the current global context is the number of long-term internally and internationally displaced persons. This suggests the usefulness of taking a global approach to understanding displacement and seeking solutions. Furthermore, the search for solutions must explore the balance between short-term emergency responses and durable solutions in the context of broader structural problems. In sum, this theme is an attempt to solicit analyses that explore causes for and solutions to displacement from global and transnational perspectives.

Challenges to Asylum/Resettlement and Humanitarian Space in Local Contexts

This theme seeks to analyze changing procedures and practices regarding asylum and (re)settlement more broadly. Recent changes in legislation on asylum in Canada, for example, illustrate the shrinking space for humanitarian action that characterizes the wider global context. What are the short and long-term implications of these changes in Canada and abroad? What are the responses of different social actors to such changes? What alternatives are available for humanitarian action?

Another set of questions addresses how forced migrants, and the agencies assisting them, are coping with changes in perceptions, policies and practices concerning refugees, asylum seekers, and other forced migrants: Where and with whom do refugees and other forced migrants look for support? Where do displaced persons find or seek to find a sense of belonging? How are identities of forced migrants negotiated in different contexts of reception? In sum, this theme solicits exploration of the changing contexts of reception for forced migrants, and how forced migrants, agencies, and other advocates are responding to these changes.

Researching and Theorizing Displacement

Grounding current theories and methods of research in concrete examples of displacement will lead to a better understanding, and ultimately to better policies and practices affecting the displaced in local, regional, national, and international contexts. What are the practical issues and challenges of researching displacement? How do we do research on displacement, and how does this influence what we know? How should conventional research methods be adjusted to studies of forced migrants, who are often difficult to locate, on the move, and highly vulnerable? What role do these paradigms play in how we understand different situations of displacement, and how we respond? What are the implications of positioning

ourselves as academics, policy makers, displaced persons, advocates, or activists when we are looking into issues of displacement? In sum, this theme solicits primary research into specific situations of displacement, with the goals of highlighting specificity, making comparisons, testing theory, practicing reflexivity, and examining policy appropriateness in a variety of national, and international contexts.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Individuals wishing to present at the conference must submit a 250-word abstract and 100-word biography by Thursday, November 15. The conference organizers welcome submissions of posters, individual papers, proposals for panels, and roundtables.

Please submit your abstract online via the conference website:
<http://carfmsconference.yorku.ca>

For more information, please contact Michele Millard at: mmillard@yorku.ca

Hosted by:

The Department of Sociology and Criminology, and
The Atlantic Metropolis Centre,
Saint Mary's University

6^E CONFÉRENCE ANNUELLE DE L'ACERMF

Espaces de refuge : Explorer les pratiques, les perceptions et les politiques relatives aux migrations forcées, à la réinstallation et à l'intégration

DU 7 AU 10 MARS 2013

HALIFAX, NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE, CANADA

APPEL DE COMMUNICATIONS

La Conférence de 2013 réunira chercheurs, représentants gouvernementaux, des personnes déplacées, des avocats et des acteurs issus de diverses disciplines et d'origines géographiques, pour discuter des espaces de refuge pour les migrants forcés dans un contexte géopolitique global en évolution. Nous invitons les participants à explorer, depuis une large variété de perspectives, les aspects théoriques et pratiques, nourris par l'expérience, de nature juridique ou politique, que soulève la migration forcée suite à des situations de conflit, de développement, de changement climatique ou de désastre naturel. Nous invitons aussi les participants à explorer les différentes questions concernant l'intégration, l'établissement, la réinstallation des réfugiés et le retour volontaire des migrants forcés, ainsi que les solutions à court terme ou de nature durable pour faire face à ces problèmes, y compris les propositions visant à élargir l'espace humanitaire et à assurer la solidarité avec les migrants forcés. Des personnalités reconnues dans le domaine de l'(im) migration et des réfugiés interviendront pendant la conférence inaugurale et les sessions plénières. Nous sollicitons la soumission de présentations individuelles, d'affiches, de panels et de tables rondes autour des axes suivants :

Les causes globales et transnationales des migrations forcées et les solutions

Parmi les principales causes de déplacements forcés figurent les conflits, les désastres environnementaux, le changement climatique, les projets

de développement, qui sont souvent combinés. L'augmentation considérable du nombre de personnes déplacées de manière durable, tant à l'intérieur de leur propre pays qu'à l'international, est un développement particulièrement préoccupant. Il est par conséquent nécessaire d'adopter une approche globale pour analyser les migrations forcées et explorer des solutions appropriées aux défis que soulève ce phénomène. Ce faisant, il importe d'assurer un équilibre entre les solutions d'urgence à court terme et des réponses durables aux problèmes d'ordre structural et systémique. Ce thème vise à promouvoir des analyses explorant diverses causes des migrations forcées et les solutions qui peuvent y être apportées dans des perspectives globales et transnationales.

Asile et réinstallation: Défis et solutions humanitaires dans des contextes locaux

Ce thème vise à analyser l'évolution des procédures et des pratiques relatives à l'asile, à la réinstallation et à l'intégration des réfugiés plus largement. Des changements récents dans le système canadien d'asile illustrent la tendance restrictive au regard du droit des réfugiés et le rétrécissement de l'espace réservé à l'action humanitaire qui caractérisent le contexte global actuel. Quelles sont les conséquences immédiates et à long terme de ces changements dans le système canadien d'asile et dans d'autres pays? Quelles sont les réponses de différents acteurs sociaux face à ces changements? Quelles alternatives s'offrent à l'action humanitaire? Ce thème s'intéresse également aux manières dont les

migrants forcés et les agences qui les aident réagissent face aux changements dans les perceptions, les politiques et les pratiques concernant les réfugiés, les demandeurs d'asile et les autres migrants forcés. Il explore entre autres les questions suivantes : où et auprès de qui les réfugiés et les migrants forcés trouvent-ils du soutien? Où cherchent-ils un sens d'appartenance? Comment sont négociées les identités des migrants forcés dans divers contextes de réception? En d'autres mots, quelles sont les réponses apportées par les migrants eux-mêmes et par les organismes et les défenseurs des droits des migrants face aux conditions d'accueil plus restrictives et plus globalement, face aux défis d'intégration et de recherche d'un sens d'appartenance?

Les nouvelles approches et théories dans l'étude des migrations forcées

Ancrer les théories et les méthodes actuelles de recherche dans des exemples concrets de déplacement vont donner lieu à une meilleure compréhension et éventuellement à de meilleures politiques et pratiques ayant un impact sur les personnes déplacées au niveau local, régional, national et international. Quelles sont les méthodologies, les théories et les questions pratiques et les difficultés liées à la recherche dans le domaine des migrations forcées? Comment les méthodes de recherche propres aux sciences humaines sont-elles adaptées à l'étude des migrants forcés qui sont souvent en mouvement et dans une situation vulnérable? Comment le point de vue de différents chercheurs peut-il varier en fonction de leur position ou de leur statut

d'universitaire, de représentant gouvernemental, de décideur, de représentant du milieu associatif, d'avocat, de défenseur des droits humains ou de migrant forcé? Dans le cadre de ce thème, nous sollicitons entre autres des présentations sur des recherches empiriques portant sur des situations de déplacements forcés et qui ont pour but d'explorer ces situations, de faire des comparaisons, de tester des théories, ou d'examiner les politiques dans une variété de contextes nationaux et internationaux.

SOUSSION DE COMMUNICATIONS

Les personnes qui souhaitent présenter une communication individuelle, une proposition de panel, ou organiser une table-ronde ou toute autre événement lors de la Conférence sont priées soumettre un résumé de 250 mots de leur communication ou des présentations composant le panel ou la table-ronde, ainsi qu'une note biographique de 100 mots via le site internet de la conférence <http://carfmsconference.yorku.ca>. La date limite des soumissions est le 15 novembre 2012.

Pour plus d'information, prière de contacter Michele Millard: mmillard@yorku.ca

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6TH ANNUAL CARFMS CONFERENCE

2013 GRADUATE STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

The Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) seeks to foster an independent community of scholars dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of Canadian refugee and forced migration research. The Association aims to engage graduate students as active members of the Canadian refugee research community, and invites graduate students to participate in the third annual CARFMS Graduate Student Essay Contest.

The CARFMS Graduate Student Essay Contest will recognize the most outstanding research produced by graduate students in the field of refugee and forced migration studies. The authors of the shortlisted papers will be invited to present their work at the 5th Annual CARFMS Conference, which will take place March 7-10 at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Papers submitted to the Graduate Student Essay Contest may address any issue relevant to refugee and forced migration studies, in Canada or elsewhere.

The selection committee will shortlist three authors, and will award a prize of \$250 for the best essay. In coopera-

tion with the Refugee Research Network, CARFMS will provide funding to contribute to the costs of shortlisted authors' travel to the 2012 Annual CARFMS Conference in Toronto. Subject to peer review, high quality short-listed papers will be considered for publication as working papers on the CARFMS website.

Eligibility

Participants in the contest must be members of CARFMS, or join the association in advance of the 2013 Conference.

Participants must be Canadian graduate students (Master's or PhD), or international students registered at a Canadian university. Law school students are also eligible to participate in the contest. Papers from any disciplinary background are welcome.

The student must be the sole author of the submitted paper.

The authors of shortlisted papers are encouraged to present their work in person at the 2013 CARFMS Conference, but students may participate in the competition even if they cannot attend the conference.

Application process and editorial guidelines

Papers must be submitted on-line at <http://www.carfms.org/essays-essais> by 5:00 PM EST, December 31st, 2012.

Papers may be submitted in either English or French.

Papers must not exceed 7,500 words or 30 double-spaced pages. Please use 12-point font and standard margins.

Submissions must include an abstract of no more than 150 words, setting out the main arguments or findings of the paper.

Papers should follow the Chicago Manual of Style (15th edition), or the Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation (5th Edition) for essays in law.

The papers will be evaluated through an anonymous review process. Submissions should include a cover page indicating the title of the article and the author's name and institutional affiliation. This cover page will be removed before the review process. Please do not include any identifying information in the rest of the article.

Submissions that do not meet the basic editorial guidelines will not be reviewed by the assessment committee.

Any questions should be directed to

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6^E CONFÉRENCE ANNUELLE DE L'ACERMF

CONCOURS 2013 D'ESSAIS POUR LES ÉTUDIANTS DE CYCLES SUPÉRIEURS

L'Association Canadienne d'études sur les réfugiés et la migration forcée cherche à encourager une communauté académique indépendante qui se consacre à l'avancement et la diffusion de la recherche canadienne sur les réfugiés et la migration forcée. L'Association vise à impliquer les étudiants des cycles supérieurs comme membres actifs de la communauté canadienne de recherche sur les réfugiés, et invite les étudiants des cycles supérieurs à participer au troisième Concours annuel d'essais de la CARFMS.

Le Concours d'essais pour étudiants de cycles supérieurs de la CARFMS reconnaîtra la recherche la plus remarquable réalisée par des étudiants de cycles supérieurs dans le domaine des études sur les réfugiés et la migration forcée. Les auteurs des essais présélectionnés seront invités à présenter leurs travaux durant la 5^{ème} Conférence Annuelle de la CARFMS, qui se tiendra du 7 au 10 mars 2013 à l'Université Saint Mary, Halifax, Nouvelle Ecosse.

Les travaux soumis au Concours peuvent aborder toute question pertinente et en lien avec les études sur les réfugiés et la migration forcée, au Canada ou ailleurs.

Trois essais seront présélectionnés. Le premier prix d'une valeur de 250\$ sera décerné à l'auteur du meilleur essai.

Pour les auteurs présélectionnés en deuxième et troisième position, ainsi que pour l'auteur du premier prix, la CARFMS contribuera aux frais de voyage liés à leur participation à la Conférence Annuelle du CARFMS, en coopération avec le Réseau de Recherche sur les Réfugiés (Refugee Research Network).

Après une revue de paires favorables, des essais de haute qualité seront considérés pour publication comme documents de travail de recherche au site web de la CARFMS.

Éligibilité

Les participants au concours doivent être membres de la CARFMS, ou joindre l'Association avant la Conférence annuelle 2013.

Les participants doivent être des étudiants canadiens de cycles supérieurs (maîtrise ou doctorat), ou des étudiants étrangers inscrits à une université canadienne. Les étudiants des Facultés de droit sont éligibles à participer au concours. Les travaux provenant de toute discipline seront les bienvenus.

Les étudiants doivent être les seuls auteurs de l'essai soumis au concours.

Les auteurs des essais présélectionnés sont encouragés à présenter leurs travaux en personne durant la Conférence Annuelle de la CARFMS. Toutefois, les étudiants ne pouvant être présents à la Conférence seront éligibles à participer au concours.

Processus d'application et directives éditoriales

Les essais doivent être soumis en ligne au : <http://www.carfms.org/essays-essais> avant 17h, le 31 décembre 2012. Les essais peuvent être soumis en français ou en anglais.

Les essais ne doivent pas dépasser 7,500 mots ou 30 pages double interligne. Prière d'utiliser une police de 12 points et des marges 'standard'.

Les propositions d'essai doivent inclure un résumé de 150 mots présentant les principaux arguments ou résultats.

Les essais doivent suivre le Chicago Manual of Style (15^{ème} édition), ou le Manuel Canadien de la référence juridique (5^{ème} édition) pour les essais en Droit.

Les essais seront évalués par un processus anonyme de révision. Les propositions d'essais doivent inclure une page titre indiquant le titre de l'essai et le nom de l'auteur ainsi que son institution d'affiliation. La page titre sera retirée avant le processus de révision. Prière de ne pas inclure des informations pouvant vous identifier dans le reste du document.

Les propositions d'essai qui ne respectent pas les directives éditoriales ne seront pas révisées par le comité d'évaluation.

Pour toute question, veuillez communiquer avec

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CARFMS/ACERMF 2012 5TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

RESTRUCTURING REFUGEE AND SETTLEMENT: RESPONDING TO THE GLOBAL DYNAMICS OF DISPLACEMENT TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

Hosted by

York University's Centre for Refugee Studies at York University's Osgoode Hall Law School.

This year's CARFMS Annual Conference was an exciting and successful collaboration of participants in the field of refugee and forced migration studies from all over the world. Over 170 participants, 91 presenters and 23 chairpersons from over 15 countries gathered in Toronto this spring to share research and discuss policy and advocacy in the field. Held over three days at Toronto's newly renovated Osgoode Hall Law School, one of the premier law schools in Canada that pioneered the study of refugee law and practice in Canada, the conference was coordinated by a team of organisers all over Canada, with the invaluable help of 20 student volunteers.

Wednesday, May 16

The CARFMS Annual Conference was officially launched on Wednesday evening with an open-to-the-public and the York



University community opening keynote address by Dr. Volker Turk, Director, Division of International Protection, UNHCR, Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Turk delivered a fascinating examination

and deep reflection on the changing dynamics of global displacement. He also considered the important themes of contemporary challenges in the field including asylum law, interdependence amongst States, and the challenge of global governance. Following Dr. Turk's address, an evening of networking took place bringing together the conference participants, presenters and special guests.

Prior to Dr. Turk's keynote public address, York University President Mamdouh Shoukri welcomed everyone to the 2012 CARFMS Annual Conference at York University via a video address. He reminded everyone of the incredibly important work that they are doing on behalf of refugees in the world today and the leading role that the Centre for Refugee Studies has played in advancing knowledge in this important field of study.

Associate Dean (Research) for the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, Barbara Crow, brought her own greetings to the CARFMS Annual Conference participants and formally introduced Dr. Volker Turk for his keynote address. She also thanked Dr. Turk for his address and presented a small gift as a token of our appreciation for being the opening keynote speaker for our 2012 CARFMS Annual Conference.

Thursday, May 17

Thursday morning began with welcoming addresses from York University's Osgoode Hall Law School's Dean Lorne Sossin, and CARFMS President James C. Simeon, Deputy Director,

Centre for Refugee Studies, York University. This was followed by the much anticipated announcement of the winner of the CARFMS Graduate Student Essay Contest, Christophe Sevigny.



Toronto-based artist SPIN EI Poeta, which is available at <http://spinelpoeta.com/aboutspin.cfm>

Before the conference broke out into panel sessions, Annual Conference participants had the pleasure of hearing the frank and dynamic keynote address by Lorne Waldman, Barrister & Solicitor, President, Canadian Association



of Refugee Lawyers (CARL). Lorne Waldman reviewed the development of Canada's refugee determination system over the last thirty years. He began by noting that as a student at Osgoode Hall Law School there were no courses

on refugee or immigration law. He recalled his involvement on many of the leading cases in refugee law that he argued before all levels of the courts in Canada. However, he emphasized that the current Canadian Government was introducing some of the most repressive and regressive refugee policies that he had seen over his many years of practice in this field of law. Lorne Waldman's keynote address is available at the following web link, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B30beLWCZjM&noredirect=1>

Thursday was non-stop with the CARFMS Annual General Meeting taking place over lunch. By the time lunch was over, CARFMS had elected a brand new Executive. Welcome Morgan Pooteet as the new CARFMS President!

Thursday afternoon saw the launch of this year's CARFMS President James Simeon's initiative, the innovative Online Research and Teaching Tool and Practitioners Forum (ORTT & PF) website. The ORTT & PF website will be launched officially at the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) international conference in Kolkata, India in January of 2013. The pilot of the ORTT website is available at <http://rfmsot.apps01.yorku.ca/home/>

Friday, May 18

Friday was equally exciting. Friday's keynote address was presented by the acclaimed Debbie Douglas, Executive Director, Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI). Her bold and passionate speech set the tone for

Friday's panels, which highlighted Canada's refugee determination



process, settlement issues, including identity, LGBT and gender issues, and xenophobia. To see and hear Ms. Douglas' full keynote address please visit the following link, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwciUx3qRKA>

Late afternoon was reserved for a special plenary session, Assisting and Protecting People Fleeing Violence and Conflict: Special Plenary Panel Session on "Generalized Violence" with the participation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The UNHCR is currently undertaking

a number of major studies that are considering how the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol can be applied in situations where people are fleeing generalized violence. These studies will contribute to an expert conference that will consider the development of a new set of UNHCR guidelines for persons who are fleeing situations of extreme violence and armed conflict. CARFMS was very pleased to be able to host this outstanding panel of distinguished scholars and practitioners in the field of refugee and forced migration studies, in general, and international refugee law, in particular.

The session was chaired by Professor Emeritus Howard Adelman, Founding Director of the Centre for Refugee Studies, York University. An acclaimed group of leaders in the field contributed to the session: Dr. Kees Wouters, Senior Refugee Law Advisor, Division of International Protection, UNHCR,

Geneva, Switzerland, Barbara Jackman, Barrister & Solicitor, Jackman, Nazami & Associates, Janet Dench, Executive Director, Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR), Justice James O'Reilly, Federal Court (Canada).

Special events and activities

Alongside the performance by spoken word artist, SPIN El Poeta, the second annual CARFMS conference was full of special activities: book launches, community tables providing information on NGOs active in the field, ongoing research networks and projects, a walking tour of Toronto, and a screening of the refugee settlement film 'Nickel City Smiler'. More information about the film can be found at <http://www.nickelcitysmiler.com/>

Organising Team

A big thank you must go out to the organizing team for this year's conference!

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And the 20 CARFMS volunteers!

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

November 2012

November 12-13, 2012. "Forced Migration, Mobilities and Humanitarianism in Australia and Beyond". Swinburne Instituted for Social Research in Melbourne, Australia.

This two-day symposium will look at politics, policies and approaches to management and care of forced migrants are shaped by moral and practical imperatives and informed by often-implicit sets of values and knowledge. It will critique current paradigms framing thinking and practice and will interrogate new paradigms that situate mobility and morality at the center. A key focus is on humanitarian discourses and their consequences, as applied to the problem of forced migration. The symposium will facilitate an intensive face-to-face discussion among scholars and practitioners who are working on issues of forced migration in Australia and the region; and take stock of the state of the field and identify new research agendas.

For more information visit: <http://form-hub.net/blog/2012/07/20/forced-migration-symposium-and-launch-event/>

November 28-29, 2012. Canadian Council for Refugees National Forum and Workshop on Trafficking. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The forum will provide a space for networking, information-exchange and strategizing among NGOs on best practices, emerging needs and policy development priorities to meet the needs of trafficked persons. On the morning of November 29th, join CCR for a morning workshop that will allow for dialogue with government representatives, law enforcement and other interested parties. The objectives include: broadening and strengthen-

ing the network of NGOs working on trafficking across the country; sharing experiences, responses and effective strategies; and identifying policy development priorities and discussing strategies for a response.

For more information visit: <http://ccr-web.ca/en/trafficking-forum-2012>

November 29-December 1, 2012. "Our Vision: A fair and honorable future for refugee and immigrant families": Canadian Council for Refugees Fall Consultation. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

2012 has been a year of big changes for refugees, immigrants and those people who work with them. Policy-makers have had their say, but what is happening to refugee and immigrant families because of these new government policies? Find out what refugee and immigrant families and their supporters are seeing and doing to work through these changes. Come to the Consultation and have your say in how, together, we can ensure a fair and honourable future for newcomers to our communities.

Meet service providers, immigrants, refugees, private sponsors, youth, academics, policy makers and activists from across Canada. Gain professional training and new ideas to strategize, plan and carry out action on refugee-related issues on the ground. Exchange ideas to improve opportunities for refugees and immigrants from the bottom-up and discuss community and support the participation of newcomers in Canadian society.

For more information visit: <http://ccr-web.ca/en/meetings>

December 2012

December 6-7, 2012. "Understanding Global Refugee Policy": Refugee Studies Centre's 30th Anniversary Conference. University of Oxford, United Kingdom.

The RSC's 30th Anniversary Conference aims to examine and theorize the policy-making processes relating to refugees and forced migration at the global level. This conference provides a forum for a critical discussion on 'Understanding Global Refugee Policy' by bringing together academics, policy makers, practitioners, advocates and displaced people to engage in a debate on how we might begin to make sense of and conceptualize the global refugee policy process. It seeks to explore the nature, content and implications of 'global refugee policy'.

For more information visit: <http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/events/thirtieth-anniversary-conference>

January 2013

January 6-9, 2013. "Being Bounded: Contested Spaces and Cartographic Challenges": 14th International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) Conference. Kolkata, India.

IASFM 14 proposes to highlight the unique features of the new reality by focusing on the relevant experiences of strategies of protection of victims of forced migration, particularly in the post-colonial world.

For more information visit: <http://www.iasfmconference.org>

February 2013

February 11-12, 2013. "Refuge from Inhumanity: Enriching refugee protection standards through recourse to international humanitarian law" Refugee Studies Centre and Refugee Law Initiative, University of London at All Souls College, Oxford, United Kingdom.

International humanitarian law, human rights law, and refugee law are widely regarded as mutually reinforcing branches of international law. However, despite their proximity, the relationship between humanitarian law and refugee law is not fully understood. This paucity of knowledge contrasts sharply with the intense scrutiny to which the relationship of each to other relevant branches of international law has been subjected. On the one hand, human rights law is widely used to interpret and supplement refugee law. On the other, the interaction between humanitarian law and human rights law is a well-established field of enquiry for both academics and practitioners.

For more information visit: <http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/events/refuge-from-inhumanity-conference>

February 22-23, 2013. Winter Working Group Meetings of the Canadian Council for Refugees. Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

For more information visit: <http://ccr-web.ca/en/meetings>

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March 2013

March 7-10, 2013. "Spaces of Refuge: Exploring Practices, Perceptions and Policies in Forced Migration and (Re) Settlement": 6th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) at Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Bringing together researchers, policymakers, practitioners, displaced persons, and advocates from diverse disciplinary and regional backgrounds, the conference will discuss spaces of refuge for forced migrants in the context of a changing global geopolitical context. The conference will be organized around the following broad themes: Global/transnational causes and solutions to Forced Migration; Challenges to Asylum/Resettlement and Humanitarian Space in Local Contexts; and Researching and Theorizing Displacement.

For more information visit:
<http://www.carfms.org>

March 22-23, 2013. "Development-Induced Displacement and Resettlement: Bridging Research and Practice, Filling the Knowledge Gaps". Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University, United Kingdom.

The International Conference on Development-Induced Displacement and Resettlement aims to revive the discussions on DIDR and to facilitate critical engagement with the current impasse. It will facilitate cross-communication between different stakeholders, disciplines and perspectives; and will seek to bridge research and practice with a view to fill the knowledge gaps and moved the DIDR studies forward.

For more information visit:
<http://www.didrconference.org>

May 2013

May 15-17, 2013. "Encounters in Canada: Contrasting Indigenous and Immigrant Perspectives". York University, Keele Campus, Toronto, Canada.

This conferences looks to foster connections through dialogue and reciprocity, between the differing yet similar experiences of Indigenous peoples, and Immigrant and Refugee communities in Canada. Aiming to fill this gap in knowledge, the objective of the conference is to build bridges – cultural, political, intellectual and social – between those who share the lands of what is now Canada. The underlying rationale stems from the fact that Canada is now shared by both communities, who encounter Canada in very different ways. Understanding how Indigenous peoples and various immigrant groups experience their lives in Canada will help in bridging this chasm, urgently needed in order to end discrimination and achieve equitable quality of life for all who live in Canada.

Questions can be directed to the principal academic organizer: Dr. Jennifer Dalton, Assistant Professor at the School of Public Policy and Administration, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, and Centre for Refugee Studies Scholar at jedalton@yorku.ca.

May 30-June 1, 2013. Canadian Council for Refugees Spring Consultation. Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada.

For more information visit:
<http://ccrweb.ca/en/meetings>

June 2013

June 6-8, 2013. North American Refugee Health Conference. Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Building on the momentum of the Canadian Refugee Health Conference held in 2011, health professionals and experts from many disciplines will meet to discuss the best health practices, challenges for optimal care, research and advocacy for the refugee patient population.

For more information visit:
<http://www.northamericanrefugee-health.com>

July 2013

July 10-12, 2013. "Children and War: Past and Present". University of Salzburg, University of Wolverhampton and the United Nations Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict at the University of Salzburg, Austria.

This conference is planned as a follow-up to the first conference and is focused on the theme of 'Children and War', ranging from the experience of war, flight, displacement and resettlement, to relief, rehabilitation and reintegration work, gender issues, persecution, trafficking, sexual violence, trauma and amnesia, the trans-generational impact of persecution, individual and collective memory, educational issues, films and documentaries, artistic and literary approaches, remembrance and memorials, and questions of theory and methodology. A special focus will be on the 'Changing nature of armed conflict and its impact on children'.

For more information visit <http://www.wlv.ac.uk/default.aspx?page=29263>

September 2013

September 9-13, 2013. "The New Mobility: Managing Growth, Security, and Social Justice": 18th International Metropolis Conference. Tampere, Finland.

The International Metropolis Conference is a forum for discussing and developing research, policy and practice on migration and integration.

For more information visit: <http://www.metropolis2013.fi>

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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.

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