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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.

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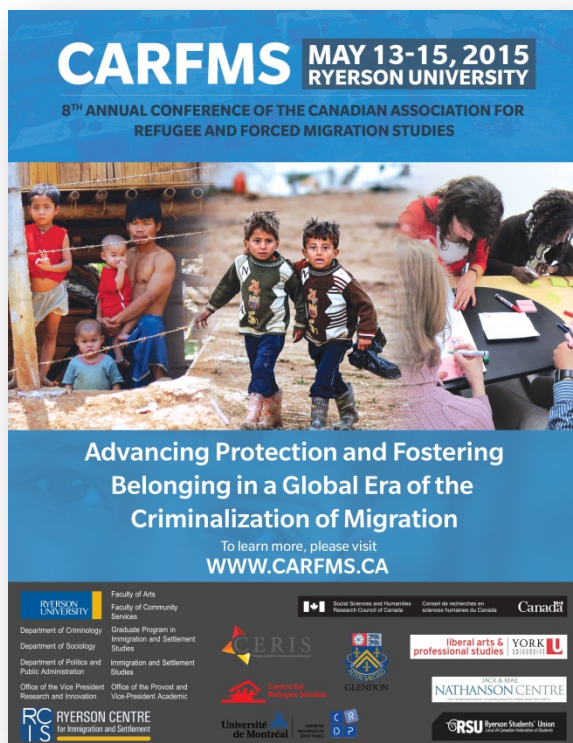
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CARFMS15 CONFERENCE – CONFÉRENCE ANNUELLE DE 2015



The 8th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) was hosted by the Ryerson Department of Criminology, in collaboration with the Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement, and held at Ryerson University, Toronto, from 13-15 May 2015. The conference explored the timely and topical theme of Advancing Protection and

Fostering Belonging in a Global Era of the Criminalization of Migration. Some of the world's leading scholars, policy makers, and practitioners in the field presented at CARFMS15.

In addition to 42 panels or roundtables comprising approximately 160 speakers and some 25 display tables of NGOs and other organizations, the conference also featured a public lecture by Prof. François Crépeau, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights

of Migrants, three keynote addresses, and three special plenary sessions with highly esteemed opinion leaders discussing: how to foster migrants' sense of belonging; the global state of international refugee law; and the best practices for advancing refugee rights.

Overall 280 individuals attended the conference which drew attention to the

increasing use of criminal law measures, the criminalizing public discourse and other policies and practices that stigmatize and/or diminish the rights of migrants and refugees in Canada and internationally. The conference explored the repercussions of these developments on the immigration and asylum systems, and for the situation of not only forced migrants, but also for legal migrants. CARFMS15 also discussed the achievements, challenges and short and long-term options for advancing the protection of migrants and fostering their belonging in their receiving societies. As to how best to create opportunities for advancing human rights protection in the face of the normalizing of criminalization, the conference featured cutting edge research and presentations on new approaches, research methods and theories. Inspiration and points of comparison were found in the exchange of ideas on the changes, achievements, challenges, and short and long-term options abroad.

Honoring CARFMS's commitment to bilingual knowledge exchange and dissemination, simultaneous translation of the main lectures was available for all audience members. Beyond the social advantages of providing a place to meet and exchange ideas, CARFMS15 increased the profile of studies in forced migration,

refugee, immigration and settlement in all fields of the social sciences and law and practice through knowledge creation, exchange, and dissemination.

The conference weaved stronger networks amongst Greater Toronto Area academic researchers, undergraduate and graduate students, national, provincial, and municipal policy makers, decision-makers, regional non-governmental agencies, community representatives and stakeholders as well as a sizable national and international contingent. With the growing criminalization of migrants and refugees, strengthening these bonds can encourage much-needed innovation in the advancement of research on refugee protection and social inclusion.



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The conference provided the opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students to present their research results, most notably through the CARFMS Student Essay Contest. It offered training, skills development and mentoring opportunities for some 20 students who were actively involved in the planning and organization of the conference as assistants, rapporteurs, volunteers, and paper presenters. For further details, see <http://carfms.org/>.

CARFMS15 Photo Gallery



THE CARFMS STUDENT CAUCUS

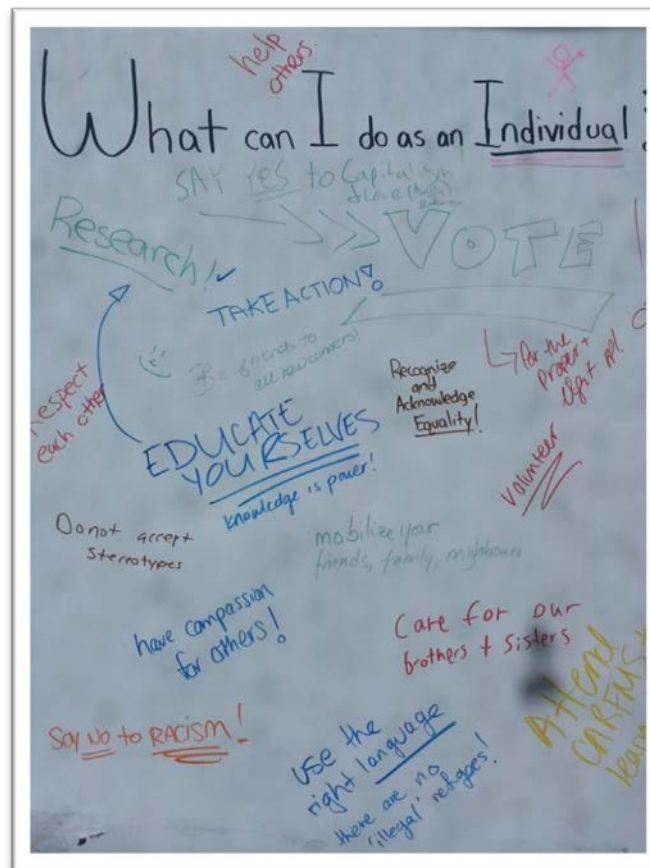
By Omar Abou El Hassan, CARFMS Executive Committee Member, University of Ottawa and Jona Zyfi, CARFMS Executive Committee Member, University of Toronto

The CARFMS student caucus held a meeting at the 8th annual CARFMS conference at Ryerson University, Toronto. Composed primarily of undergraduate volunteers, the caucus brought together students from Ryerson University, University of Toronto, McGill University, York University and the University of Montreal. The meeting allowed students to connect with one another, as well as, discuss issues of migration, refugees, law and policy.

Given the academic and professional nature of the conference, the caucus meeting provided students with an alternative, informal and less intimidating environment to express their thoughts. The meeting served as a platform for students from diverse disciplines to connect and engage with the topics of the CARFMS conference. Moreover, it enabled them to share their various research interests and further discuss the myriad of concepts, information and scholarly research presented during the panels and presentations.

In our attempt to come up with an innovative and creative way to engage students with the themes of the CARFMS conference we asked, "What can we do to raise awareness, further scholarly research and, improve law and policy in the field of migration and refugees?" We asked students to think critically and express their thoughts on three separate boards addressing the individual/local level, national level and global level. As the picture to the right illustrates, our caucus came up with very creative, reflective and meaningful responses. Students in the caucus who were interested in further contributing and getting involved also had the opportunity to be nominated and elected by their fellow members for student positions on the CARFMS Executive Committee.

We encourage interested students across Canada from any discipline, to get involved and connect to larger issues within the realm of forced migration and refugees through the CARFMS student caucus. We would also like to thank the many students who participated this year in making the first CARFMS student caucus session such a great success. Most importantly, we hope to reach out and engage even more undergraduate and graduate students during our next meeting at the 9th annual CARFMS conference being held at Menno Simons College in Winnipeg.



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

By Stephanie Stobbe, Chair of CARFMS 2016 Conference & Associate Professor in Conflict Resolution Studies

The 9th annual CARFMS conference on “Freedom of Movement: Exploring a Path from Armed Conflict, Persecution, and Forced Migration to Conflict Resolution, Human Rights, and Development,” to be hosted by Menno Simons College (a College of the Canadian Mennonite University) at the University of Winnipeg on May 12–14, 2016, comes at a critical time. In its 2014 Global Trends Report, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates that some 60 million people worldwide have been displaced by war, conflict, and persecution – the highest levels since records have been kept. Of these people, 20 million are displaced across borders, with more than half of this refugee population comprised of children. New waves of “boat people,” displaced by violence, are crossing the Mediterranean Sea, the Bay of Bengal, and entire oceans to seek asylum, safety, and freedom. Many perish on their dangerous journeys, while others who arrive at their

destinations are refused entry or detained.

Just as the photo of the severely burned “Napalm Girl” (Kim Phuc) captured the world’s attention during the Vietnam War, the tragic photo of the three-year-old Syrian boy Alan Kurdi, washed up on the shores of Turkey, has finally brought much-needed attention from the media, governments, and others around the globe. This is an opportune time to highlight and discuss the humanitarian crisis of today, and propose concrete actions to restore the right to free and safe movement for all peoples.

The CARFMS 2016 conference seeks to address the question: What



practitioners, governments, lawmakers, media, and NGOs to explore what the path to freedom means from the following perspectives:

- Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding
- Human Rights

strategies can host states, origin states, the international community, private citizens, and civil society undertake to address these escalating global forced migration crises? Through keynote addresses, plenary sessions, and panel discussions, we invite academics,

- Development, and
- Methodology and Knowledge Production

Freedom of movement and asylum are fundamental rights. What is needed to create safe and sustainable environments that meet basic human needs and provide durable solutions? How do we address the call for mandatory quotas across the European Union’s 28 nations and increase the intake of refugees and asylum seekers around the world? How can security be maintained while providing effective, efficient, and fair screenings? Once refugees are resettled, what kinds of assistance do they need to become fully integrated in their new home? Keynote speakers include:

- Carol Batchelor, director of the UNHCR Division of International Protection
- Loly Rico, president of Canadian Council for Refugees; and
- Art DeFehr, businessman and international humanitarian and refugee advocate.

Menno Simons College, a college of Canadian Mennonite University, is home to Conflict Resolution Studies

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and International Development Studies programs and located alongside the University of Winnipeg's Human Rights program. These programs, combined with the university's downtown neighbourhood encompassing numerous refugee and immigrant groups, make Menno Simons College ideally suited to host the CARFMS 2016 Conference. Manitoba has a strong commitment to resettling refugees. Premier Selinger recently stated that Manitoba "already has one of the

highest proportion of refugees on a population basis, on a per capita basis of any province but we think we can do more" (Prest, Winnipeg Free Press, 9 Sept. 2015). Winnipeg is also home to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the first national museum located outside eastern Canada. Menno Simons College, Winnipeg, and Manitoba have much to offer in exploring the path from armed conflict, persecution, and forced migration to

freedom of movement. Please join us at the CARFMS 2016 conference next May!

"The Winnipeg Conference offers a unique opportunity for scholarly and intersectoral debate about the root causes of forced migration as well as constructive solutions based on peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and the freedom of movement." ~ Idil Atak, Department of Criminology, Ryerson University

"The story of Syrian, Iraqi, Sudanese, Somali, Eritrean, and Rohingya refugees is the same... too many children and adults are losing their lives in pursuit of peace, security, and a new home. Canada opened its doors to those fleeing Stalinist Russia in the 1920s, then again in the 1970s and 1980s to the Southeast Asian people, and in the 1990s to the people from the former Yugoslavia. Today, their children and

grandchildren are contributing in significant ways to the mosaic that is Canada. We can and must do more to support those migrating today." ~ Elaine Peters, former director of Canadian Lutheran World Relief

We invite everyone to attend and participate in this highly relevant and significant conference that is intended to address the root causes of the unprecedented refugee and forced migration crises in the world today.

For more information, see
<http://carfms.org/carfms-2016-conference/>



CARFMS16 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 students as active members of the Canadian refugee research community, and invites undergraduate, graduate and law students to participate in the fifth annual CARFMS Student Essay Contest.

The CARFMS Student Essay Contest will recognize the most outstanding research

produced by 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 9th Annual CARFMS Conference, which will take place May 12-14, 2016 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Papers submitted to the 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 in each category: 1) undergraduate students; 2) graduate and law students. Subject to peer review, high quality short-listed papers will be considered for publication as working papers on the CARFMS website and/or in *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees*.



Eligibility

- Participants in the contest must be members of CARFMS, or join the association in advance of the 2016 Conference.
- Participants must be Canadian students or international students registered at a Canadian university. 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 2016 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 online at Student Essay Contest Submission Form by 5:00 PM EST, December 31st, 2015.
- Papers may be submitted in either English or French.
- Papers must not exceed 7,500 words. 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 appropriate referencing conventions.
- The papers will be evaluated through an anonymous review process. Please do not include any identifying information in the paper.
- 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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College, York University
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Sasha Lallouz, winner of the 2015 essay contest for her paper titled "The Credible Claimant meets the Credible Autobiographer."

CONCOURS D'ESSAIS POUR LES ÉTUDIANTS 2016

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 comme membres actifs de la communauté canadienne de recherche sur les réfugiés, et invite les étudiants du premier cycle, aux études supérieures et de droit à participer au cinquième Concours annuel d'essais de la CARFMS.

Le Concours d'essais pour étudiants reconnaîtra la recherche la plus remarquable réalisée par des étudiants 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 9^{ème} Conférence annuelle de l'ACERMF, qui se tiendra du 12 au 14 mai 2016 à Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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 dans chaque catégorie – étudiants du premier cycle ; et étudiants des Facultés de droit et aux études supérieures – seront présélectionnés.



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 l'ACERMF et/ou à Refuge : revue canadienne sur les réfugiés.

Éligibilité

- Les participants au concours doivent être membres de l'ACERMF, ou joindre l'Association avant la Conférence annuelle de 2016.
- Les participants doivent être des étudiants canadiens ou des étudiants étrangers inscrits à une université canadienne. 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 l'ACERMF. 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://carfms.org/student-essay-contest/> avant 17h, le 31 décembre 2015.
- Les essais peuvent être soumis en français ou en anglais.
- Les essais ne doivent pas dépasser 7,500 mots. 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 un style standard de citation.
- Les essais seront évalués par un processus anonyme 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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STORY FROM THE FIELD – SYRIAN REFUGEES IN TURKEY

**By Alizee Bodson, CARFMS
Executive Committee Member,
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Protracted conflict in Syria and Iraq combined with increasingly restrictive border politics in Europe—including the construction of walls in Bulgaria¹ and Hungary² and the interception of refugees at sea off the shores of Greece and Italy³ - have created a boom in the smuggling and trafficking industries. Studies have proven that increasing securitization at borders to keep incoming refugees and economic migrants out in fact lead to a rise in the smuggling industry, creating a greater demand for smugglers and increasing prices.⁴

Stories of drownings at sea, abuses in detention centres and the deplorable conditions in refugee camps across Europe are inundating the media and yet, the number of people risking their lives to seek asylum in Europe is steadily on the rise. Why?

Ibrahim a 20-year-old Syrian male from Aleppo explains his point of view, before leaving Istanbul to meet his smuggler in Izmir on the coast of Turkey.

“I used to judge those people leaving on the death boats but now I’ve realized that I have no future here and I rather take my chances”.⁵

Today Ibrahim is in a refugee camp in Germany, waiting to enter refugee status determination procedures. Paradoxically, he made this bold statement earlier this summer at the first annual conference on International Migration Management in Istanbul, organized to bring together policy-makers, NGO representatives, academics and donors from foreign embassies to discuss the state of migration in Turkey.

With more than 1.9 million Syrians, Turkey is now host to the largest refugee population in the world.⁶ The situation in Turkey is complex. Because of its geographical positioning bridging East and West, presence of the UNHCR office and national asylum policies, Turkey has long acted as a transit country for both refugees and economic migrants on route to the West.⁷ Indeed prior to the conflict in Syria there were already some 40 000 Iranians, Iraqis, Afghans and Somalis in Turkey awaiting refugee status determination.⁸ While the United Nations Refugee Agency continues

refugee determination procedures in Turkey, the conflict in Syria and large influx of refugees have transformed the national system and its capacity to absorb such a significant number of people. Iranians, Iraqis, Afghans and Somalis in Turkey remain under the status of asylum-seeker while they await recognition and third country resettlement. However with the large influx of Syrians the country formed a new Directorate of Migration Management and implemented the New Law on Foreigners and International Protection in 2013, placing all Syrians under temporary international protection with the designation of ‘guest’.⁹ The new law enabled Syrians to remain in the country without having to enter standard refugee status determination procedures, with the caveat that they must return to Syria as soon as the conflict ceases.

At the outset of the conflict many Syrians chose not to learn Turkish and to stay in the South East of the country near the border with Syria waiting to eventually return, creating a state of limbo; however with ongoing conflict a large number of Syrians have now made their way to Istanbul to seek employment. While the reception of

Syrians in Turkey has been better than other neighbouring countries, Syrians still face many challenges including a language barrier, employment discrimination—with those working receiving half the wages of Turks—and difficulties accessing health care and education.

Ibrahim’s motivation to leave Turkey stems from the challenges he has faced as a homosexual living in Istanbul, including labour and sexual exploitation. Ibrahim’s particular case, as a self-identified LGBT would have been eligible for resettlement by the UNHCR but after two years of waiting and the extremely difficult challenges he faced in his workplace he instead chose the death boats.

At the moment only vulnerable cases are being resettled by the UNHCR, including those identifying as LGBT, victims of torture, the elderly, and women with young children and special health cases. However case-processing is lengthy and the financial pressures of residing in Turkey make life difficult. Thus, many will resort to the cheapest methods possible to arrive to a destination country that they believe will offer them support and accept their claims to asylum. Even those like Ibrahim with vulnerable cases, eligible for resettlement feel

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they are trapped with no way of moving forward.

Ibrahim left Istanbul for Izmir on June 23rd, arriving on the island of Kos in Greece on the 29th. On July 7th he checked-in with me from Serbia and on July 12th I received an update that he had arrived safely in Germany;

"I am in the camp now waiting for house from the government.

I'm trying to live but life here very boring nothing to do.

When you want you can visit me in Germany you have house here always."



Ibrahim, was very fortunate to make it to Germany, I have many friends who set off on the very same journey but were intercepted by search-and-rescue teams on the way to Greece and sent back to Turkey.

While in some cases, the interception was life-saving, the act itself is in violation of the principle of non-refoulement and rights of refugees to seek international protection.

Painted by a student in Alizee Bodson in an Arts and Crafts session at the Association for Solidarity and Asylum-Seekers Child-Friendly Space for Syrians in Istanbul, Turkey.

1 Lyman, Rick. "Bulgaria Puts Up a New Wall, but This One Keeps People Out." *The New York Times*. *The New York Times*, 05 Apr. 2015.

2 "Hungary Is Building a Wall Along the Serbian Border to Keep Migrants Out | VICE News." VICE News.

3 "Between Greece and Turkey: At the Border of Denial." Online Report: FiDh- Migreurop- eMhrn: <http://www.frontexit.org/fr/docs/49-frontexitbetween-greece-and-turkey-the-border-of-denial/file>

4 See Ahmed Sara "Affective Economies" *Social Text*, Volume 22, Number 2 (2004): 117-139; Guild, Elspeth. "Sovereignty, security and borders." In *Security and migration in the 21st century*. Cambridge: Polity, (2009); Welch, Michael. "Ironies of Social Control and the Criminalization of Immigrants," *Crime, Law & Social Change* 39. (2003): 319-337

5 Public announcement at the 1ST Annual Conference on International Migration Management, Istanbul, Turkey, June 12th 2015.

6 See UNHCR- Syria Regional Response: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=224>

7 See Akcapar, S. Koser. "Re-Thinking Migrant's Networks and Social Capital: A Case Study on Iranians in Turkey". *International Migration Journal* (2009):162-187; İçduygu, Ahmet, and Deniz Yüksek. "Rethinking Transit Migration in Turkey: Reality and Re-presentation in the Creation of a Migratory Phenomenon." *Population, Space and Place*. (2010): Vol. 18: 441-456

8 See UNHCR 2014 Planning Figures for Turkey: <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/49e48e0fa7f.html>

9 For Turkey's New Law on Foreigners and Temporary International Protection 2013 see: http://www.goc.gov.tr/files/files/eng_minikanun_5_son.pdf

LA PROTECTION DES DROITS DES FEMMES ET DES ENFANTS AFGHANS

SÉMINAIRE AU TADJIKISTAN

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Au mois de novembre 2015, j'aurai à nouveau le privilège de dispenser un cours des droits de l'homme aux commissaires et membres de haut niveau de la Commission indépendante afghane des droits de l'homme¹. Ce

cours aura lieu dans la ville de Douchanbé au Tadjikistan. Il est organisé conjointement par la « Fondation allemande Max Planck pour la paix internationale et l'état de droit »² et « l'Organisation afghane de Hamida Barmaki pour l'état de droit »³.

La Commission indépendante afghane des droits de l'homme est un organisme national indépendant (ci-après CIDHA) dont le mandat est de promouvoir et protéger les droits fondamentaux des Afghans ainsi que de mener des enquêtes sur les allégations de violations des droits de la personne. Elle organise des formations sur les droits de la personne à destination du gouvernement, de l'Armée nationale, de la Police nationale, des institutions judiciaires ainsi que des écoles en Afghanistan. La CIDHA fait également la promotion de lois qui protègent les droits des groupes vulnérables, particulièrement les femmes et les enfants, et agit pour sensibiliser davantage la population afghane à ses droits⁴.

C'est dans le contexte exposé ci-dessus que s'est le déroulé au Tadjikistan le séminaire de l'année passée sur la

question des normes internationales et nationales de la protection des enfants contre l'exploitation économique et sexuelle. Ont été déclinés les grands axes suivants: le travail forcé, l'esclavage, la servitude, l'implication des enfants dans les conflits armés, ainsi que la traite des enfants à des fins économique et sexuelle. En effet, nombreux ont été les enfants afghans déplacés à l'intérieur de leur pays ou vivant dans les pays limitrophes que sont l'Iran et le Pakistan en tant que demandeur d'asile/réfugiés ou en situation irrégulière et exposés de ce fait à toutes formes d'exploitation.

Le séminaire prévu pour le mois de novembre prochain se focalisera cette fois sur les droits de la femme. Une attention spécifique sera accordée à la problématique actuelle des femmes demandeurs d'asile/réfugiées exposées à la traite.

¹ Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, <http://www.aihrc.org.af>

² Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law, <http://www.mpfr.de/foundation/foundation/>

³ Hamida Barmaki Organisation for the Rule of law, <http://hborl.org.af>

⁴ Pour information, le Canada aide par sa contribution la CIDHA à mettre en œuvre son plan stratégique de 2014 2018, qui est axé sur le leadership, la promotion des droits de la personne, l'autonomisation ainsi que la protection des droits de la personne et la surveillance de leur respect. Les activités du projet cherchent à renforcer le rôle de chef de file que la CIDHA exerce en ce qui concerne les questions liées aux droits fondamentaux des Afghans et ses capacités à: 1) sensibiliser les Afghans à leurs droits fondamentaux afin de les aider à les comprendre, à les faire respecter et à les exercer; 2) donner au gouvernement de l'Afghanistan et à la société civile les moyens voulus pour mieux protéger et promouvoir les droits de la personne, ainsi que pour mieux assurer la surveillance de leur respect; et 3) promouvoir le respect des droits de la personne aux échelons régional, national et international.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS/ÉTABLIR DES PARTENARIATS

WITHIN THE FIELD OF REFUGEE AND FORCED MIGRATION STUDIES DANS LE DOMAINE DES ÉTUDES RELATIVES AUX RÉFUGIÉS ET AUX MIGRATIONS FORCÉES

BUILDING CAPACITY AND REACH THROUGH SUSTAINING PARTNERSHIPS

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The 2015 Annual Conference, held at Ryerson University, Toronto, May 13th to 15th, presented an unique opportunity for the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) to reach out to a number of national and international professional associations in an effort to bring in both State and civil society refugee law practitioners into the main elements of our conference program. Perhaps the two most high profile and evident were the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL) and the International Association of Refugee Law Judges (IARLJ). Prominent members of both of these outstanding professional associations agreed to be on a number of special plenary sessions that were scheduled throughout the three-day conference. For instance, Lorne Waldman, President of CARL, agreed to be a speaker on the highlight special conference plenary session on

“Advancing Protection and the Rights of Refugees in the Global Era of the Criminalization of Migration” and Justice Katelijne Declerk, President of the IARLJ, chaired the special panel session on “The State of International Refugee Law in the World Today.” Indeed, members of CARL and the IARLJ participated throughout the conference serving on Round Tables, chairing panel sessions, and actively participating by asking questions and providing their commentary at various sessions during the conference. (To see

the video recordings of these special plenary sessions visit the CARFMS/ACERMF website at <http://carfms.org/conferences/8th-annual-conference>.)

This was a new pilot initiative on the part of the CARFMS15 Planning and Organizing Committee to seek out more formal partnerships with sister professional associations in an effort to help ensure that our conference featured and engaged some of the most senior and well respected legal

practitioners, whether legal counsels or jurists, in the field of refugee law. This added a further dimension and dynamic to the CARFMS15 Annual Conference and provided CARFMS members, whether students, researchers, scholars, service providers, or advocates, an opportunity to hear and to meet a number of the most well-known and leading legal practitioners in the field, not only from across Canada, but, from around the world.

The initiative proved to be a great success for all three associations. Discussions with the members of CARL and the IARLJ, during and after the conference, confirmed their willingness to partner with us again on our future conferences. This will, undoubtedly, open up the possibility of holding other joint events and activities with CARL and the IARLJ.

Developing sustaining relationships with other associations that are dedicated to the field of refugee and forced migration studies helps to build the capacity of CARFMS while, at the same time, extending its reach. These types of mutually beneficial relationships with our sister associations ought to be nurtured and developed in the years to come.



CARFMS BYLAWS AMENDED

AMENDEMENT DES RÈGLEMENTS DE L'ACERMF

Proposed CARFMS/ACERMF Bylaws amendments were ratified recently in an evote of all our members with the aim of improving the effective functioning of the Association. The following changes have been made:

- The terms of office of the President and the rest of the Executive Committee have been extended from one year to two years, with the exception of the new Annual Conference Coordinator, who will have a one year term, and the Secretary, Treasurer, and the Directors-at-Large who already serve three year terms.

- A new Executive Committee position, Vice-President, is created, with a two year term. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the event of the latter's absence, disability, or request. The Vice-President will be assigned special assignments by the President that will further the purposes and objectives of the Association.

- The Events Officer position was replaced by the Annual Conference Coordinator position, typically, this position is occupied by the person who is hosting the CARFMS/ACERMF Annual Conference at their university. The Annual Conference Coordinator will be in charge of coordinating the CARFMS/ACERMF Annual Conference, including convening and chairing an Annual Conference Planning Committee.

Les règlements de l'ACERMF ont récemment été modifiés en vue d'améliorer le fonctionnement de l'Association. Les modifications suivantes y sont apportées :

- La durée des mandats du Président et des autres membres du Comité exécutif sera de deux ans au lieu d'un an actuellement. Les seules exceptions sont le mandat du Coordonnateur de la conférence annuelle qui sera en fonction pour un an, et celui du Secrétaire et du Trésorier qui ont chacun un mandat de trois ans.

- Le Comité Exécutif aura désormais un vice-président qui servira un mandat de deux ans et qui sera responsable d'aider le président et de promouvoir des buts et objectifs de l'Association.

- Le poste du responsable d'événements est remplacé par celui du coordonnateur de la conférence annuelle. Le coordonnateur sera en charge de l'organisation de la conférence annuelle de l'ACERMF et présidera le comité de planification.

Ces amendements qui ont été approuvés par les membres de l'ACERMF suite à un vote électronique, entreront en vigueur le dernier jour de la 9ème conférence annuelle de l'ACERMF, soit le 14 mai 2016.



UPCOMING EVENTS



OCTOBER 2015

Monday, October 5, 2015

6:30 pm, LIB-72

**Film screening and panel discussion
Immigration and Settlement Studies,
MA program, Ryerson University
Toronto, ON**

Film screening and panel discussion on the current migrant and refugee crisis in Europe, *In This World* (2004), Dir: Michael Winterbottom. Panel members:

- Idil Atak, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology, Ryerson University and President of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS)
- John Shields, Professor, Department of Politics and Public Administration, and Acting Academic Director, Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement
- Serene Tan, Curriculum Developer, Global Diversity Exchange, Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University

Friday, October 16, 2015

10:30am-5pm

CARL 9th Annual Conference

Visit the website

<http://www.carl-acaadr.ca/conferences>

for more information.

October 26, 2015, 2-4pm

Book launch event

**Centre for Ethics, Trinity College,
University of Toronto, Toronto, ON**

Book launch event for *Immigration Detention: The Migration of a Policy and Its Human Impact* (Routledge, 2015), edited by Amy Nethery and Stephanie J. Silverman. Panellist discussants include:

- Joseph H. Carens, Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto
- Barbara Jackman, human rights lawyer at Jackman, Nazami & Associates, Toronto
- Cetta Mainwaring, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Legal Studies, University of Waterloo

NOVEMBER 2015

November 5-7, 2015

**Canadian Council on International Law
44th Annual Conference:
"International Law: Coherence or
Chaos?"
Ottawa, ON**

For more details, visit the website:

<http://ccil-ccdi.squarespace.com/this-years-conference-ccil/>.

November 26-28, 2015

**Fall 2015 Consultation: Courage,
Contributions, Resilience
Sheraton Hotel Hamilton
Hamilton, ON**

The CCR Consultation at

<http://ccrweb.ca/en/meetings>.

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 12 -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.

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/>.



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

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

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