



Refugee Research Network

Research Digest

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The RRN Research Digest provides a synopsis of recent research and publications on refugee and forced migration issues from entities associated with the RRN and others.

RRN Research Snapshot

Congolese refugee young people in Uganda rely on their own capacities

Research by Christina Clark-Kazak, Centre for Refugee Studies (York University)

Many people see refugee young people only as vulnerable persons lacking their own capacities and in need of protection. In reality, refugee young people respond purposefully to violence and constraints that they face.

A clear language summary is available here:

<http://refugeereseach.net/rrn-research-snapshot-congolese-refugee-young-people-in-uganda-rely-on-their-own-capacities/>

Recent Publications and New Research

Power in the global refugee regime: Understanding expressions and experiences of power in global and local contexts

By James Milner and Krystyna Wojnarowicz. *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees*

This article proposes a framework for understanding power and influence in the diverse context of the global refugee regime. The article is available here:

<http://refuge.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/refuge/article/view/40444>

Utrecht Refugee Launchpad

This project seeks to facilitate the integration of asylum seekers from day one by working to connect newcomers with available social networks and their new neighbours.

More information available here:

<https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/project/utrecht-refugee-launchpad/>

Conceptualising integration: A Framework for empirical research, taking marriage migration as a case study

By Sarah Spencer and Katharine Charsley, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (University of Oxford)

These scholars develop a model for the assessment of integration processes.

Available here:

<https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/2016/conceptualising-integration-a-framework-for-empirical-research-taking-marriage-migration-as-a-case-study/>

Articulating rootlessness in Latin America: The drama of those who are alone and without a home

By Wooldy Edison Loudior, Instituto Pensar (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana)

*This book, entitled **Articulaciones del desarraigo en América Latina. El drama de los sin hogar y sin mundo**, considers those who have been forced to migrate from their homes. The author examines how displaced people refuse simple victimhood and find ways to affirm their human dignity.*

Available here (in Spanish):

https://issuu.com/mercadeoepuj/docs/articulaciones_sampler

Displacing the displaced: Challenging the international framework for Palestinian refugees in light of the Syrian crisis.

By Jasmine Fritzsche, Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies (University of Cairo)

This paper considers the relationship between the international framework for Palestinians and the respective policies in Jordan and Lebanon. The author pays special attention to refugee movement from Syria and argues that the international measures are inadequate to manage their protracted and multiple displacements since the 1940s. Article available here:

<http://schools.aucegypt.edu/GAPP/cmrs/reports/Pages/CMRS%20New%20Series.aspx>

Return migration and psychosocial wellbeing: Discourses, policy-making and outcomes for migrants and their families

Edited by Zana Vathi and Russell King, Sussex Centre for Migration Research

This book explodes the forced-voluntary dichotomy through which migration is usually understood and analyzes wellbeing issues related to return migration.

More information available here:

<https://www.routledge.com/Return-Migration-and-Psychosocial-Wellbeing-Discourses-Policy-Making/Vathi-King/p/book/9781138677500>

Longing to feel 'safe and comfortable': Literature on unaccompanied minors from Central America and Mexico. Annotated Bibliography

Compiled by Lara Kinne, Institute for the Study of International Migration (Georgetown University)

This annotated bibliography is part of a larger project on unaccompanied minors in the Mexico-U.S. corridor. The document is available here:

<https://georgetown.app.box.com/s/n47k7h85yy4ssuni77crsy5pivbdy2tn>

Refugee movement: Another aspect of popular movements in West Bengal in the 1950s and 1960s.

By Sucharita Sengupta and Paula Banerjee, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group

This article argues that refugee leaders never perceived themselves as refugees. Rather, they saw themselves as citizens who needed to use strident claims to achieve recognition. Furthermore, claims of citizenship were made in conjunction with claims for rights.

The article is available here: <http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP80.pdf>

Reports, Working Papers and Briefs

Access to socio-economic rights for refugees: A comparison across six African countries

By Sergio Carciotto and Cristiano D'Orsi

This report reflects on the extent to which refugees and asylum seekers enjoy socio-economic rights in the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The report finds that access to social protection is precarious. The report is available here:

www.osisa.org/sites/default/files/open_learning_-_access_to_se_rights.pdf

'Making Canada's refugee system faster and fairer': Reviewing the stated goals and unintended policy consequences of the 2012 reform

By Idil Atak, Graham Hudson, and Delphine Nakache, CARFMS

This publication adds to the important national process of reflection and practical change in refugee policy by analyzing the lack of success and unanticipated consequences of a reform process instituted by a previous government.

The working paper is available here:

<http://carfms.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/CARFMS-WPS-No11-Idil-Atak.pdf>

Decriminalising 'Humanitarian Smuggling'

From University of Oxford's Refugee Studies Centre

This brief outlines the concept of 'humanitarian smuggling' and provides critiques of existing prohibitions because they are overbroad, vague, fail to meet minimum requirements of the rule of law, and criminalize acts that are ethically defensible.

The brief is available here:

<https://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/publications/research-in-brief-decriminalising-humanitarian-smuggling>

The mental health state of refugees in Prison, A case-study from western Uganda

By David Stephen Ojok and Charity Ahumuza Onyoin, Refugee Law Project

This research assessed the mental wellbeing of refugees in prison in order to make recommendations for bridging gaps in service provision. The report is available here:

<http://www.refugeelawproject.org/resources/briefing-notes-and-special-reports/15-sprpts-access-2-justice/383-the-mental-health-of-refugees-in-prison,-a-case-study-from-western-uganda>

Book Reviews

Migration: Refugee Economics

Review of *Refuge: Transforming a Broken Refugee System*

Book by Alexander Betts and Paul Collier

Review by Heaven Crawley

Heaven Crawley questions the call for enterprise zones as a solution to forced migration. The review is available here:

<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v544/n7648/full/544026a.html#auth-1>