



Refugee Research Network

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

Recent Publications and New Research

Australia as a Powerbroker on Refugee Protection in Southeast Asia: The Relationship with Indonesia. By Susan Kneebone

Using the example of Australian-Indonesian cooperation on deterrence of asylum seekers in transit through Indonesia to Australia, this article analyzes the institutional nature of the Australian-Indonesian cooperation relationship in the Southeast Asian context, to demonstrate that Australia has not established itself as a model of “cooperative hegemony.”

Available at: <http://refuge.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/refuge/article/view/40446>

Bilateral Resettlement Agreements: Any Promising Future for Expanding Refugee Protection Space? A Case Study of the Guantanamo Ex-Detainees Seeking Asylum in Central Asia. By Khalida Azhigulova

Drawing upon the analysis of legal scholarship, policy materials and state practice, this paper explores to what extent ad hoc asylum that is privately negotiated between states can be regarded as an efficient durable solution for resettled Guantanamo asylum-seekers in Kazakhstan. It also examines to what extent and under what conditions bilateral resettlement agreements could promote more efficient refugee protection in regions with less developed asylum practices.

Available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2987940

Asylum under dreaming spires: Refugees' lives in Cambridge. By Marella Hoffman

This book offers an intimate look at the lives of 11 refugee women who settled in Cambridge, England. What do they think of their host society? How quickly do they recover from their traumas and integrate? How much do they contribute to their new country? Do they feel lucky? Using these women’s points of view and their stories, the book assesses the effectiveness of particular refugee policies.

Some glimpses of the book are available at:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/542ace47e4b0eb8048a20ba5/t/558131b7e4b01fc8c73aa941/1434530231424/Extract+pages%2C+June1.pdf>

Tracking the Interregional Mobility of Recently Arrived Refugees in Canada: Data Snapshots from the IMDB. By Fernando Mata

This conference paper was presented at the 2017 Canadian Sociology Association conference (CSA @Congress) at Ryerson University. It tracks the interregional mobility among three cohorts of refugees arriving to Canada between 2000 and 2013. Analysis of mover and non-mover domains suggests that refugees were a very mobile group compared to other non-refugee classes, particularly within the first ten years after arrival in Canada. Investigation of the socio-demographic composition of flows identified five major flow types which were defined by refugee categories, age, gender, birthplace, education and the geographical area where the migratory interchanges occurred.

Available at:

http://www.fern2350.com/uploads/4/6/3/7/4637956/intergv_migration_refugees-march30_final.pdf

Reports, Working Papers and Briefs

UNHCR Global Trends: Forced displacement in 2016

The Global Trends Report is published every year to analyze the changes in UNHCR's populations of concern and deepen public understanding of ongoing crises. This year's report demonstrates that by the end of 2016, 65.6 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations. That was an increase of 300,000 people over the previous year. The data presented are based on information available as of 15 May 2017 unless otherwise indicated.

Available at: <http://www.unhcr.org/globaltrends2016/>

Case Study Series - Dam Displacement: China Lessons Learned from the Manwan Dam

This case study series, aims to gradually draw a global picture of displacement associated with dam projects, with a focus on the most vulnerable people. In this issue, the series focuses on China's Manwan dam on the Upper Mekong river which had displaced 7,260 people, double the number estimated at the beginning of the project. It concludes that the Manwan dam's adverse effects might have been minimised through the consultation and participation of those affected, a social impact assessment before resettlement, increased technical and financial resources, sufficient compensation and better oversight and accountability of the government agencies involved in implementing the project.

Available at: <http://www.internal-displacement.org/library/publications/2017/idmc-case-study-series-dam-displacement>

Trump Executive Order and DHS Implementation Memo on Border Enforcement: A Brief Review. By Faye Hipsman and Doris Meissner

This policy brief, presented in an easy-to-reference side-by-side chart, summarizes and analyzes major provisions of the executive order that president Trump has signed which aimed at tightening enforcement along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Available at: <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/trump-executive-order-and-dhs-implementation-memo-border-enforcement-brief-review>

News Articles and Blogs

World Refugee Week: Best Reads. By Charlotte Alfred

This news report gathers a compilation of reports, blogs and research published during Refugee Week from Refugees Deeply and other outlets and organizations.

Available at: <https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/articles/2017/06/23/world-refugee-week-best-reads>

Climate Change Could Threaten Up To 2 Billion Refugees By 2100. By Alexander C. Kaufman

This new report highlights the work of Charles Geisler, a sociologist at Cornell University who began collating climate and demographic research, and came to a dire conclusion that by the year 2100, rising sea levels could force up to 2 billion people inland, creating a refugee crisis among one-fifth of the world's population.

Available at: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/climate-change-refugees-us_59506463e4b0da2c731c5e73?section=us_science

Videos and Social Media

Documentary: Chauka Please Tell Us the Time

In a collaboration between an Iranian-Kurdish journalist detainee and an Iranian-Dutch filmmaker, made with footage from a mobile phone, this documentary focuses on the stories and experiences of refugees seeking sanctuary in Australia by boat and how they intersect with Australia's border policies.

The trailer (and a link to purchase online tickets) can be accessed at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwaVMPYEzrA>