



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

New Book: The Oxford Handbook of Citizenship Edited by Ayelet Shachar, Rainer Bauboeck, Irene Bloemraad, and Maarten Vink

The *Oxford Handbook of Citizenship* brings together leading experts in law, philosophy, political science, economics, sociology, and geography to provide a multidisciplinary, comparative discussion of different dimensions of citizenship: as legal status and political membership; as rights and obligations; as identity and belonging; as civic virtues and practices of engagement; and as a discourse of political and social equality or responsibility for a common good. Available at: <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-oxford-handbook-of-citizenship-9780198805854?cc=de&lang=en&#>

New book: Brexit and British Politics, by Geoffrey Evans and Anand Menon

In this incisive book, leading analysts of UK and EU politics Geoffrey Evans and Anand Menon step back from the immediacy of the referendum to explain what happened on June 23rd 2016 and why. Teasing out the long term factors that culminated in the British decision to leave the European Union, they show that it was in many ways the logical outcome of shifts in the political landscape that had been ongoing for decades. It is only by placing the 'Leave' result within this broader context, they argue, that we can begin to fully grasp its implications for the future of UK and EU politics. More information available at:

<http://ca.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-1509523855,subjectCd-PO13.html>

Business Human Rights Responsibility for Refugees and Migrant Workers: Turning Policies into Practice in the Middle East, By Samentha GOETHALS, Joe BARDWELL, Mariam BHACKER and Bahaa EZZELARAB

The focus in this piece is to consider how companies have been implementing their human rights responsibility to address the risks and challenges faced by refugees and migrant workers in the Middle East. It draws on two case studies from recent research by the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre (BHRRC) on: (1) migrant construction workers in Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE); and (2) Syrian refugees in garment supply-chains in Turkey. Available at:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/business-and-human-rights-journal/article/business-human-rights-responsibility-for-refugees-and-migrant-workers-turning-policies-into-practice-in-the-middle-east/8C5675E19E8C3C01B416AFC960A1787A>

Universal Citizenship Through the Discourse and Policy of Rafael Correa by Jeffrey D. Pugh

This article investigates political opportunities and constraints associated with incorporating the concept of universal citizenship into migration debates. Analyzing the speeches of Ecuador's president Rafael Correa over eight years, the article argues that Correa strategically crafted a narrative of universal citizenship to undergird politically beneficial policies. Available at:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/laps.12028/full>

How cities shape refugee centres: ‘deservingness’ and ‘good aid’ in a Sicilian town by Noemi Casati
Building on ethnographic fieldwork in a Sicilian refugee centre and the surrounding town, this paper investigates the extent to which economic, historical and political configurations inform how local actors conceptualise aid and how they interact with refugees on a daily basis. Overall, the study found that both centre workers and the general population mobilise moral arguments that can only be understood in light of dynamics that are external to the centre itself. Available at:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/1369183X.2017.1354689>

Reports, Working Papers and Briefs

The Global Compact on Refugees Explained: ICVA Briefing Paper. Report from International Council of Voluntary Agencies

This briefing paper focuses on the Global Compact on Refugees to support NGOs (and all humanitarian actors) in better understanding and engaging in the processes leading to the adoption of the Global Compact in late 2018. It is compilation and interpretation based on UNHCR documents and information gathered at briefings. It covers questions such as: What is the Global Compact on Refugees? Why should we care about it? How is it being developed? What does it hope to achieve? How relevant is it to NGOs and how can you participate? Available: <http://reliefweb.int/report/world/global-compact-refugees-explained-icva-briefing-paper>

Researching forced migration: critical reflections on research ethics during fieldwork, by Ulrike Krause

This paper provides reflections on some of the key ethical questions surrounding fieldwork on forced migration. The aim is to bring together multi-disciplinary debates on research ethics; in lieu of stating presumably neutral, objective and universally applicable answers, the paper critically discusses guiding principles and practical issues, and proposes ways forward in order to spark further discussions. Subjects in this paper include harm in and due to fieldwork with a proposed Do No Harm analysis to minimise risks; relations and responsibilities of researchers to participants and among research teams with reflections on participatory approaches; transfer of results with scholars and humanitarian agencies but also with participants; and benefits of interdisciplinary platforms for exchange to openly address difficulties and opportunities in ‘the field’. Available at:

<https://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/publications/researching-forced-migration-critical-reflections-on-research-ethics-during-fieldwork>

News Articles and Blogs

Kenyan elections, the Yemen conflict and how to buy a posh passport: The Cheat Sheet

Which humanitarian topics are on IRIN’s radar and should be on yours? Check out this curation of upcoming events, topical reports, opinion, and quality journalism:

<http://www.irinnews.org/news/2017/08/11/kenyan-elections-yemen-conflict-and-how-buy-posh-passport-cheat-sheet>

Thessaloniki in the spotlight: 100 years after a fire destroyed the city of refugees

Some context and historical background about the city hosting the upcoming [IASFM'18](#) conference:

<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2017/aug/14/thessaloniki-spotlight-salonika-greece-refugees-great-fire>

We Must Ask Refugees What They Feel About Returning to Syria, by Sunil John

The founder of the consultancy behind the annual Arab Youth Survey explains why they did their first-ever poll of Syrian refugees and what the young refugees surveyed in Lebanon and Jordan said about the conflict and their attitudes toward going home. Available at:

<https://www.newsdeeply.com/syria/community/2017/08/11/we-must-ask-refugees-what-they-feel-about-returning-to-syria-2>

Digital and Social Media

Young refugees launch magazine to amplify the voices of their camp

In honor of International Youth Day on Aug. 12, a group of young refugees publicly launched the first two editions of [Ritsona Kingdom Journal](#), a magazine in which they express themselves and share their perspectives through artwork, photography, short essays, poetry, and more. Naturally, the Ritsona Kingdom flag graces the cover of the first issue. Now, through a "digital exhibit" of the magazine, people across the globe can learn more about Ritsona, hear from the youth who live there, and explore issues surrounding the refugee crisis that are both deeply personal and startlingly universal.

<http://mashable.com/2017/08/12/refugee-youth-ritsona-kingdom-journal-greece/>