



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

Neo-liberalization, Devolution, and Refugee Well-Being: A Case Study in Winnipeg, Manitoba by Ray Silvius

Using a case study situated in Winnipeg, Manitoba, this article considers how refugee status and community actors contribute to refugee housing outcomes in a context in which refugee well-being is increasingly becoming 'neo-liberalized', or made a 'private' affair predicated on market processes and voluntary contributions. The article also draws attention to Community grounded research in a way that recognizes both the possibilities and limitations within community-based approaches to refugee service provision. available at: <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/652606/summary>

Landscape and Displacement: a Practical Intervention on a Syrian Informal Settlement in Lebanon by Maria Gabriella Trovato

This paper reports on the research of the Landscape in Emergency Research Group and its explorations of the role of landscape design on the landscapes of displacement caused by the Syrian crisis in Lebanon. It explores the importance of the interaction and communication between design experts and community members in envisioning scenarios of intervention to address the adversity created by displacement and temporary settlement. Available at: <https://scenariojournal.com/article/landscape-and-displacement/>

New directions in exploring the migration industries: introduction to special issue

Sophie Cranston, Joris Schapendonk & Ernst Spaan

This article introduces a Special Issue in the Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies. The objectives of this special edition are to explore the directions through which we can take research on the migration industries. This introductory article reviews existing research on migration industries to look at how this explores questions on how migration industries foster, assist and constrain migration. In doing so, the question that the Special Issue explores becomes how do the migration industries function and when/where/how do they intersect with other domains of migration. Available at:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/1369183X.2017.1315504>

Reports, Working Papers and Briefs

Mapping the refugee reception in the Mediterranean, First report of the Evi-med project

By the end of 2015 an estimated 1,008,616 people had reached Europe by sea. This report examines what happened next and presents the results of a questionnaire on refugee and migrant reception administered to participants in Greece (300), Sicily (400), and Malta (50), followed by interviews with migrants (45) and key informants (50) including government representatives, humanitarian agencies, NGOs and activists. The findings illustrate distinctly different reception systems operating in Greece, Italy and Malta. It also highlights the impact of factors such as gender and age. Available at:

http://www.mdx.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/409055/EVI-MED-first-report-final-15-June-2017.pdf?bustCache=885776

Access to Durable Solutions Among IDPs in Iraq, a report by IOM and Georgetown university.

This longitudinal study identifies the ways in which displaced Iraqis experience displacement, adapt to their circumstances, and create durable solutions. Through surveys of about 4,000 Iraqi families displaced since January 2014, and qualitative interviews with host communities and IDPs, the study aims to help researchers and policymakers build more accurate and nuanced understandings of IDPs' realities in order to foster more effective durable solutions. Available at <http://iomiraq.net/reports/access-durable-solutions-among-idps-iraq>

Understanding public attitudes towards refugees and migrants by Helen Dempster and Karen Hargrave

This working paper is intended as a primer – outlining current global polling data on public attitudes, and analysing what the literature has to say about the drivers influencing attitudes towards refugees and migrants within their host communities these attitudes. Some of the conclusions highlight the importance of understanding the real world concerns, as well as the emotions and values around which attitudes are formed and how it is important to root the latter in national and local contexts. Another interesting conclusion draws attention to the fact that traditional approaches to public engagement, such as ‘myth-busting’, may have exacerbated negativity and are unlikely to resonate beyond those who are already supportive. Available at: <https://www.odi.org/publications/10826-understanding-public-attitudes-towards-refugees-and-migrants>

News Articles and Blogs

The 10 Best Articles on Refugees and Migration 25/2017

This web review by [Open Migration Project](#) gathers 10 articles discussing different topics relating to forced migration and refugee issues. The topics include themes such as the shortcomings of treating refugees as a mere security matter and its effect on reception policies and preparations. The Mediterranean and why migrants keep risking their lives crossing it through different routes to Europe was another predominate theme along the selected articles. The review also includes articles that offer an up-close look at the stories of some refugees throughout their journey and resettlement. Available at: <http://openmigration.org/en/web-review/the-10-best-articles-on-refugees-and-migration-252017/>

Reframing Non-Refoulement as an Individual Right under International Law? By Jenny Poon

This blog highlights the debate surrounding the principle of non-refoulement regarding when the principle applies (i.e. when the individual has entered State territory or at the frontier of the territory) and whether it applies extraterritorially (i.e. when the individual is under the effective control and authority of the State but not within its territory). The article argues that the above debate misses a critical analysis of whether non-refoulement is merely a right of the State or whether it is also an individual right under international law. Available at:

<https://rli.blogs.sas.ac.uk/2017/07/18/reframing-non-refoulement-as-an-individual-right-under-international-law/>

Refugee Mothers: Pregnancy in Exile

This series from Refugees Deeply and Women & Girls examines how health systems are responding to pregnant refugees in different settings, from the emergency response in the world's largest refugee camp to healthcare access for new mothers after years of protracted exile. The series issued two reports so far highlighting maternal mortality at Bidi Bidi refugee camp in Uganda and the health care status of Syrian refugee women in Lebanon. Available at:

<https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/series/refugee-mothers-pregnancy-in-exile-refugees>

Digital and Social Media

Meet a refugee

Meet a refugee is a Facebook page that tries to give refugees a face (instead of them being treated as numbers). It connects people all around the world to the real stories of refugees. Available at: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/30614536012?view=permalink&id=10155275759746013>

Mixed migration in South East and East Asia Seminar videos:

The International Seminar on Mixed Migration in Southeast and East Asia held on 21-22 June at Mahidol University can now be watched at https://www.facebook.com/pg/nottrafficking/videos/?ref=page_internal. The Seminar was organized by UN-ACT (United Nations Action for Cooperation against Trafficking in Persons).