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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

The duty to be generous (karam): Alternatives to rights-based asylum in the Middle East **Dawn Chatty**

This article explores the disconnect between international rights-based protection approaches to refugee and duty-based asylum (karam) commonly accepted in Middle Eastern societies. Returning to an exploration of Marcel Mauss' Essay on the Gift, it asks whether we are abrogating our moral responsibilities when we permit a 'rights-based approach' to asylum to prevail. In other words, when we mainstream 'rights' do we repress our human urge to provide refuge to those in need? Should we perhaps be looking for a more holistic engagement with humanitarian assistance and delivery that brings together a duty-based responsibility with a 'rights-based' approach? Available at: <https://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/publications/the-duty-to-be-generous-karam-alternatives-to-rights-based-asylum-in-the-middle-east>

New Book: The Child in International Refugee Law by Jason M. Pobjoy

The book highlights some of the key challenges that children face in establishing entitlement to refugee protection, mostly due to their invisibility and the risk of incorrect assessment. Drawing on an extensive and original analysis of jurisprudence of leading common law jurisdictions, this book undertakes an assessment of the extent to which these challenges may be overcome by greater engagement between international refugee law and international law on the rights of the child. The result is the first comprehensive study on the manner in which these two mutually reinforcing legal regimes can interact to strengthen the protection of refugee children. Available at:

<http://www.cambridge.org/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9781107175365>

Ethical Considerations: Research with People in Situations of Forced Migration by Christina Clark-Kazak, with the Canadian Council for Refugees, the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, and York University's Centre for Refugee Studies

This document is intended to provide researchers, community organizations, and people in situations of forced migration with information on the particularities of forced migration contexts to complement established ethical principles and frameworks on research with human subjects more generally. They draw on good practices identified in a scan of civil society and government documents and academic literature. Available at: <https://refuge.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/refuge/article/view/40467/36453>

Reports, Working Papers and Briefs

Hidden Realities: Screening for Experiences of Violence amongst War-Affected South Sudanese Refugees in northern Uganda

This working paper explores whether a systematic approach to screening for experiences of violence (sexual, physical and psychological) is possible in a range of humanitarian settings (just arrived and longer-term, rural and urban) and, if so, what kinds of levels of disclosure are found, what are some of the

factors influencing disclosure positively and negatively, and what might be the cost of addressing the most urgent needs. Available at:

https://www.refugeelawproject.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=481:hidden-realities-screening-for-experiences-of-violence-amongst-war-affected-south-sudanese-refugees-in-northern-uganda&catid=17:working-papers&Itemid=147

EU Migration Policy towards Libya A Libyan Perspective on the Memorandum of Understanding between Italy and Libya, Zakariya El Zaidy

The purpose of this paper, issued by the Libya office of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, is to provide a brief analysis of the recently-signed memorandum of understanding between the Presidential Council of Libya, and the Italian government, on February 2nd 2017. It seeks to illuminate some key difficulties and obstacles to implementing such an agreement from the Libyan point of view, as well as some enabling factors. It also contains a set of recommendations to enhance both EU policy relating to regulation of migration and Libya's approach to managing migration.

http://festunis.org/media/2017/pdf/EU_MigrationPolicyTowardsLibya.pdf

The history of global migration governance by Alexander Betts, Lena Kainz

This working paper is aimed at a policy-making and diplomatic audience, and seeks to situate the current discussions within a historical context and enable the trajectory of the institutional architecture relating to migration governance to be better understood by all parties to the negotiations. It traces the evolution of migration institutions over the last 100 years and highlights key turning points that have enabled to pace of institutional developments to accelerate in recent years. It argues that one of the great challenges of global migration governance has been its fragmentation, and concludes with a series of recommendations about how policy-makers can manage fragmentation in a way that promotes international cooperation.

Available at: <https://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/publications/the-history-of-global-migration-governance/@@download/file>

News Articles and Blogs

Refugees deeply Executive Summary for August 30th

This summary reviews the latest issues related to refugees, including thousands fleeing a surge of violence in Myanmar, an Israeli court ruling against indefinite detention of migrants, and flooding in Sudan displacing thousands of refugees and IDPs. Available at: <https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/executive-summaries/2017/08/30>

How should the East Asian countries respond to a potential exodus of North Koreans in case of a Korean peninsula crisis? by Naoko Hashimoto

With the increasing possibility of a direct military clash between North Korea and the United States, arising from the escalated missile developments by North Korea and the unpredictability of the Trump administration, this blog directs attention to the fact that the border control capacity of the North Korean regime might be weakened, which would facilitate the exodus of North Korean citizens to neighbouring countries. How should China, the Republic of Korea and Japan respond to a potential largescale influx of North Koreans, and on what legal basis? The author considers two separate scenarios: one in which Kim Jong-un remains in power even after a military clash; the other in which a regime change occurs following the clash. Available at: <https://rli.blogs.sas.ac.uk/2017/08/30/how-should-the-east-asian-countries-respond-to-a-potential-exodus-of-north-koreans-in-case-of-a-korean-peninsula-crisis/>

Does migrant security take priority over national security? By Clémence Houdaille

Fr Laurent Stalla-Bourdillon director of the Pastoral Service for Political Studies, offers his analysis and explains Pope Francis' recent comments insisting that personal security of migrants and refugees takes priority over national security. Available at: <https://international.la-croix.com/news/does-migrant-security-take-priority-over-national-security/5770>

Digital and Social Media

Climate-linked movement: forced and voluntary migration

This is a series of videos that introduces and reflects on statistics to demonstrate the implications of climate change on global movements: <http://climatemigration.org.uk/project/climate-migration-forced-voluntary-video/>

#DACA

Check on twitter the, mostly outraged, reactions to Trump's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, an American immigration policy founded by the Obama administration. It allows a certain category of illegal migrants who entered the country as minors, to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and eligibility for a work permit.