



Refugee Research Network

Research Digest

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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: Bakewell, O. and Landau, L. B. (eds.) (2018) Forging African Communities: Mobility, Integration and Belonging. London: Palgrave.

This book draws renewed attention to migration into and within Africa, and to the socio-political consequences of these movements. It sheds new light on how human mobility redefines the meaning of home, community, citizenship and belonging. The authors ask how people's movements within the continent are forging novel forms of membership while catalysing social change within the communities and countries to which they move and which they have left behind. More information available at: <http://www.palgrave.com/gb/book/9781137581938>

Juárez, M., Gómez-Aguiñaga, B., & Bettez, S. P. (2018). Twenty Years After IIRIRA: The Rise of Immigrant Detention and Its Effects on Latinx Communities Across the Nation. *Journal on Migration and Human Security*, 6(1).

This paper studies the dynamics of detention, deportation, and the criminalization of immigrants. The analyses and discussion focus on the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996's (IIRIRA's) detention mandate, the role of special interest groups and federal policies. It argues that these special interest groups and major federal policies have come together to fuel the expansion of immigrant detention to unprecedented levels. The study analyzes two main questions: What is the role of special interests in the criminalization of immigrants? And does the rapid increase in detention pose challenges or risks to democracy in the United States? Available at: <http://jmhs.cmsny.org/index.php/jmhs/article/download/113/104>

McDonald, C. (2018). 'We became British aliens': Kindertransport refugees narrating the discovery of their parents' fates. *Holocaust studies: A journal of Culture and History*

This article explores the post-war lives of Kindertransport refugees. How the Kinder learnt of their parents' murders or were reunited with them following years of separation. The article argues that distance and proximity are key to how the Kinder frame these difficult memories. While the parents may be absent in the public memorials dedicated to a redemptive portrayal of the scheme, they are certainly present within the Kinder's own narratives. Available at:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17504902.2018.1428784>

Reports, Working Papers and Briefs

Refugee Integration and Long-term Health Outcomes in Canada (SyRIA.lth)

This is a pan-Canadian longitudinal study funded by [The Canadian Institute of Health Research](#) (CIHR) and housed in the [Centre for Refugee Studies](#) (CRS), [York University](#). It looks at how different resettlement programs support the social integration of Government Assisted Refugees (GARs) and Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSRs) and the impact of integration pathways on their long-term physical and mental health. The

goal is to improve the health and well-being of new Canadians by understanding what leads to successful integration outcomes and for whom so that we can tailor resettlement programs to best suit newcomers' needs and circumstances. More information and updates about the initiative available at: <http://syrialth.apps01.yorku.ca/project-updates/>

IDMC 2017 Africa Report on Internal Displacement

This report highlights the severity of the continent's displacement crisis. As the world focuses its attention on preventing irregular migration and protecting refugees coming out of Africa, the displacement that happens behind its own borders persists at an alarming rate. Since the beginning of 2017, 2.7 million people have been displaced by conflict, violence or disasters, and have not crossed an international border. Available at: <http://www.internal-displacement.org/library/publications/2017/africa-report-2017/>

News Reports and Blogs

Deportation of Eritrean and Sudanese asylum seekers from Israel and the legality of relocation/transfer agreements Dr. Reuven (Ruvi) Ziegler

On 1 January 2018, the Israeli government announced plans to indefinitely detain or forcibly 'relocate' thousands of Eritrean and Sudanese asylum seekers to 'third countries' in Sub-Saharan Africa, should they refuse to leave voluntarily (and receive a lump sum payment of USD 3500) by 31 March 2018. Israel's Population, Immigration, and Border Authority (PIBA) advertised 100 new posts for inspectors to work in the 'voluntary repatriation programme' and others to enforce laws against asylum seekers and their employers. This blog reflects on three elements that make the context and content of Israel's plans particularly troubling. Available at: <https://rli.blogs.sas.ac.uk/2018/02/02/deportation-of-eritrean-and-sudanese-asylum-seekers-from-israel-and-the-legality-of-relocation-transfer-agreements/>

Tests to prove gay asylum seekers are telling the truth about their sexuality break EU law by James Crisps

Judges in Luxembourg said that basing an asylum decision solely on the result of a psychological evaluation broke EU law because their infringed on the human right of privacy and dignity. This news reports highlights the details of this test as well as the ruling. Available at:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/01/25/tests-prove-gay-asylum-seekers-telling-truth-sexuality-break/>

New Zealand Proposes Humanitarian Visa for 'Climate Refugees' by Alex Randall

This article commends the New Zealand proposal for a new visa for climate refugees but affirms that the issue of climate-linked migration is both vast and complex; that it cannot be "fixed" with merely a new visa system. Available at: <https://thediplomat.com/2017/11/new-zealand-proposes-humanitarian-visa-for-climate-refugees/>

"The applicant, a stateless person" – Roma, statelessness and the European Court of Human Rights by Ivan Kochovski

On 15 June 2017, the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), communicated the case [HASANI v. the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia](#) (Application no. 4558/17). This is the most recent case which deals with a stateless Roma applicant, portraying the crippling effects statelessness and lack of documentation has on the Roma community in the Western Balkans. This blog reflects on this case. Available at:

<https://www.statelessness.eu/blog/applicant-stateless-person-roma-statelessness-and-european-court-human-rights>

Digital and social media

Are you working at the intersection of humanitarian and development programming and want to facilitate the economic inclusion of refugees? This video promotes the ILO-UNHCR training course on 'Market-based livelihoods interventions for refugees' where it introduces how to design market-driven livelihoods programmes. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAAqeo7I-To>