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Message from Dr. Susan McGrath

We are pleased to provide you with an update on RRN activities for the past year and highlight some of our projects. It has been a productive year with new research clusters launched, partner meetings in Kolkata and Geneva, a revamped website and a focus on knowledge mobilisation. Our global network of research institutions has also expanded.



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Jennifer Hyndman who is the new Director of the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University has organised a cluster of leading researchers looking at the issues of detention and asylum. With research assistance from Stephanie Silverman, the group is developing an annotated bibliography and will be launching their own website to promote engagement and dissemination. James Milner of Carleton and Alex Betts at Oxford formed a Global Refugee Policy Network at a workshop at Oxford in December. The Journal of Refugee Studies will soon be featuring the papers presented by the scholars who participated in the event. Susan Kneebone at Monash University in Melbourne is mobilising academics, practitioners and policy actors in her area to form a new network – the Asia Pacific Forced Migration Connection. A launch is planned for November 15, 2013 at a workshop on Comparative Regional Protection Frameworks hosted by the Refugee Law Initiative in London. We continue to work with Roberto Vidal at Javeriana University in Bogota in the development of the Latin American Network on Forced Migration (LANFM) and plans for the next conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) to be held in Cartagena in July 2014. It will mark the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Cartagena Declaration on Asylum Seekers. We are also working with LANFM and the Norwegian Refugee Council to organise a Canadian consultation of civil society organisations to contribute to a paper on regional protection concerns and solutions to be presented to UNHCR at their commemoration of the Declaration planned for November 2014 in Brazil.

RRN partners met in Kolkata in January at the IASFM conference hosted by one of our partners, the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group. Ranabir Samaddar and Paula Banerjee organised a most successful conference and participated in the RRN meeting discussion that included consideration of the relationship between RRN and IASFM. We are exploring this relationship further with Professor Banerjee who is the new President of IASFM.

UNHCR held its annual consultation with NGO agencies in June and we held a RRN consultation after the official meetings. The discussion focused on the sustainability of the RRN after 2015 and David Cantor of the Refugee Law Initiative in London has developed a proposal for sustainability of the network that is now under consideration. We have also had further conversations with the staff of Asylum Access and are reviewing how we can better support the research interests of the NGOs. In support of this effort, we have just released a compilation of research questions developed by Canadian NGOs serving refugees and are circulating it to faculty and students for consideration when developing their research projects. The compilation is available at the RRN website.

We have two years left in the SSHRC funded project and are looking at how to best utilize our remaining resources. Under the direction of Michele Millard, the project manager and CRS Coordinator, we have launched a knowledge mobilisation initiative to better document and disseminate the outcomes of the RRN research clusters. The RRN website (www.refugeeresearch.net) has been overhauled and we hope it is more accessible and informative. York doctoral students Wangui Kimari and Wesley Oakes have established Knowledge Migration, a website to promote public awareness of migration issues particularly of advocacy organisations. We have a great KMb committee that is guiding us.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions on all of our work.

Refugee Research Clusters

Borderless Education: The Provision of Tertiary Degree Programs to Long-term Refugees Wenona Giles and Don Dippo, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University

The Borderless Higher Education Research Cluster has made significant breakthroughs in translating its idea of equitable education for refugees into a concrete program of action. In 2011-2012, the cluster obtained grants from the SSHRC Partnership Development Program and MasterCard Foundation. The grants helped build a consortium of Canada and Kenya based institutions. It currently comprises York University (YU), African Virtual University (AVU), Kenyatta University (KU), Moi University (MU), University of British Columbia (UBC), Windle Trust Kenya (WTK) and World University Service Canada (WUSC). The consortium engaged in two major activities. Through participatory action research, it analyzed



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the needs, openings and obstacles to delivering portable skills to refugees and local youth and determined the best way of providing tertiary education in the context of refugee camps and local host communities located in remote areas. Community researchers collected data in the refugee camps and local communities in Dadaab. The analysis enabled the partnership to assess local needs and preferences for higher education among refugee and local youth. Subsequently, three research workshops in Kampala, Nairobi and Toronto helped the partnership to explore models that support participation of refugee populations in tertiary education.



Emily Antze and Don Dippo of York University and the BHER project with BHER staff onsite in Dadaab with two of the recently completed campus buildings in the background

The partnership activities informed the development of the Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) model, a collaborative “stackable” set of certificate, diploma and degree programs to be offered on site in Dadaab and online. Because a large proportion of Dadaab’s successful secondary school graduates become undertrained primary and secondary school teachers, BHER academic programs are primarily designed to serve teachers. Following a year-long university preparation program, students enroll in one to two years of study to earn a Certificate or Diploma in Primary or Secondary School Teaching. This allows participants to build their skills for classroom teaching, thereby improving the quality of education for the current generation of primary and secondary school students. Certificate and Diploma graduates will then have the option to apply to a BHER bachelor’s degree in one of several fields, with their certificate and diploma credits being counted towards their degree. The delivery of certificate, diploma and degree courses will be shared among the four universities in the BHER Consortium: YU, UBC, MU and KU.

Delivery of the BHER model is currently under way in the refugee camps and local communities in Dadaab with funding from Canada’s Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD). A major concern of the cluster for the next five

years (2013-2018) is to demonstrate how a multi-year development project such as BHER contributes to our understanding of providing higher education services to refugee and marginalized youth in the Global South. Potential themes include but are not limited to Knowledge and Precarity, Education for Sustainable Development, Innovative Pedagogy, North-South Partnerships, Politics of Resource Mobilization and Transnational Mentoring. **Click this link:** <http://goo.gl/AYqABc> to view more photos of the BHER project on site in Dadaab.

Environmental Displacement Cluster

Elizabeth Lunstrum, Pablo Bose & Anna Zalik

This cluster has conducted recent research in two key areas:

- 1) Environmentally-induced displacement
- 2) Nature-society relations in and of international borders (formerly referred to as “political ecology of international borders”).

A number of workshops and conferences with this focus were also held in 2012 and 2013 including an SSHRC funded workshop on *Environmental Displacement in a Global Context* which was held at York University in May 2012. The group also organized a conference on *Climate Change, Sovereignty and impacts on the Canadian Arctic and Broader Circumpolar Region* with a special focus on climate change refugees which was held in September 2012 at the University at Vermont in the United States. A number of members from this cluster also participated in a workshop on *The Great Limpopo Trans-frontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA) a Decade after Inception: Taking Stock of Current Socio-Ecological Research*, held in July 2013 at the Kruger National Park in South Africa. The cluster also formed useful working synergies with the Extractive Industry Research Group of the Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC), York University. The cluster also provided support to graduate students conducting research on Environmentally Induced Displacement (EID), related to the oil, gas and mining industries and presented as a panel on EID at the Centre for Refugee Studies Summer School in May 2012. A special issue of *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees on EID* is targeted for release in December 2013, while a special issue of *Area on Environmentally Induced Displacement* is slated to be released in 2014. A concept piece summarizing the findings from the May 2012 workshop will be used as introduction to the 2014 publication.

A preliminary annotated bibliography on nature-society relations in and of international borders was completed and circulated by this cluster for feedback in June 2013 and there are plans to produce a literature review from that bibliography for publication in a peer-reviewed journal in 2014. The possibility of

organizing a workshop on the same issue is being explored in the academic year or summer of 2015.

Methodology and Knowledge Mobilization in Forced Migration Research Cluster

Christina Clark-Kazak

This cluster, formed in 2011-2012, has produced an annotated bibliography that identifies gaps in knowledge and literature which could provide basis for future projects. Members of this group presented as a panel at the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (ISAFM) conference held in Kolkata, India in January 2013 and the group has proposed the hosting of a summer institute on forced migration methodology beginning summer 2014

Thematic Focus on Iran and Refugees

Mohammad Jalal Abbasi, Australian National University and University of Tehran

Research conducted on Afghans in Iran and knowledge produced on second-generation Afghans in Iran. A conference paper comparing fertility rates of native and Afghan women in Iran and a policy paper on adaptation of second-generation Afghans in Iran were also produced. A workshop was also held in Iran in May 2012.

Regional Initiatives with Institutional Partners

Latin America Network on Forced Migration

Robert Vidal

A workshop of the Transatlantic Forum on Migration and Integration (TFMI) was held in Bogotá, Colombia in June 2012 – *“Migration and Violence: Lessons from Colombia for the Americas.”* The main objective of the conference was to foster the development of inter-disciplinary academic research in Central America and Mexico regarding the relationship between violence, particularly narco-violence, and migration. The location of the conference was deliberately chosen in order to examine how lessons learned from Colombia’s experience with narco-induced migration could be leveraged for the benefit of Central America and Mexico. Participants included experts on international cooperation, authorities, university officials, and civil society representatives.

A report produced from the workshop provides an overview of presentations and discussions held at the conference, in three parts:

- 1) Similarities and differences regarding migration and violence in Colombia and El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico;

- 2) Major epistemological challenges emerging from research and models of intervention; and
- 3) Implications of parts one & two and their impacts on public policy. The report concludes with key lessons from Colombia for the Americas in terms of conceptual frameworks such as research and intervening in issues of violence and migration.

The Asia Pacific Forced Migration Connection (APFMC)

Dr. Susan Kneebone

The Asia Pacific Forced Migration Connection (APFMC) has been formed to create a hub for research scholars in Australia and the Asia Pacific region on issues of Refugee Law, Human Trafficking, Labour Migration and other Forced Migration issues. APFMC will develop an interdisciplinary approach to research on migration caused by forced displacement in the Asia Pacific region (APR), including refugees and asylum seekers, human trafficking and labour migration, to harness existing expertise and networks and direct them to a higher level of knowledge based understanding of key concepts and issues.

The APFMC will be launched at a Workshop on *Comparative regional protection frameworks for refugees: Norms and norm entrepreneurs* to be held at the Refugee Law Initiative in London on 15th November 2013.

The purpose of the workshop is to:

- Compare existing regional arrangements, co-operative processes and underlying norms for refugee protection in the different regions, namely, Southeast Asia, Africa, Europe and South America.
- Determine the respective roles and effectiveness of organisations within those arrangements as ‘norm entrepreneurs’, including non-governmental (NGOs) and international organisations (IOs), and regional organisations.
- Evaluate the role of UNHCR within the three regions and the significance of ‘issue linkages’ between regions, in steering regional arrangements for refugee protection.
- Determine whether and how ‘burden’ or ‘responsibility’-sharing operates within the three regions, and whether ‘effective protection’ is provided to refugees.

Confirmed speakers include Dr Alice Nah and Martin Jones from the Centre for Applied Human Rights, University of York, UK. For further information about APFMC or the Workshop please contact the network leader, Susan Kneebone at susan.kneebone@monash.edu.

Updates

Refugee Research Network Online: New Website Design, [Social Media](#) Update



www.refugeersearch.net

New RRN Website Design

The [Refugee Research Network](#), (RRN) has a new look. The previous website was revamped over two months; (July and August 2013) with the aim of creating an online hub that will more effectively engage policymakers, academics, activists, NGO communities as well as media around the world through knowledge mobilization on refugee and forced migration issues.

One of the biggest changes to the website is the incorporation of a new banner as the main feature of the site. The new banner currently depicts a world map which symbolizes the global contributions of those working in the field of refugee studies. It also serves as a powerful visual indication that refugee issues and refugees themselves are a global occurrence and concern. The intertwining lines represent the flow of information and ideas being exchanged and the dots connecting them together are indicative of the working global synergies and solidarities which have developed across the global North-South divide.

The main features of the website include the purpose of the Refugee Research Network Project, the team of people who make the project happen, research networks and clusters, discussion groups, job postings, conference updates, calls for papers, and information on further education/training – all of which are meant to advance academic research opportunities and enable the use of applied knowledge from research in the field.

Since one of the main goals of the website is that it will evolve into an interactive and collaborative hub for scholars and practitioners, the new design has been conceptualized to ensure the site will be user-friendly and easy to navigate. Information on the site has been organized coherently, while maintaining a professional and attractive layout which should appeal to visitors to the site.

Ultimately, the re-launch of the website is expected to help revitalize the online component of the RRN by fostering deeper and more frequent engagement, provide support... a spark that ignites the field with renewed ideas and action.

RRN to Launch Post Conference Online Forum Discussions

The Refugee Research Network (RRN) will, starting in January 2014, begin an ongoing series of online discussions as post conference activities where significant issues highlighted at conferences can be explored in-depth via an online discussion hub (“Research Reflections”) to be hosted on the RRN’s website. Currently, two such online discussions are being planned:

1. The Refugee Law Initiative’s Conference on International Human Rights Law in Refugee Status Determination held in London, UK from November 13 - 14, 2013.
2. The Indochinese Refugee Movement 1975-80 and the Launch of Canada's Private Refugee Sponsorship Program – a conference held in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University, held November 21 – 23, 2013, in Toronto, Canada.

The text of the discussions will then be edited and published as an e-publication that will be publicly available. It is anticipated that such documents will provide a quick snapshot of current thinking about particular refugee and forced migration themes. The discussions will be structured in plain, easy to understand language in conversation format rather than the more formal approaches used in conference presentations and journal articles.

Michele Millard, Project Coordinator of the Refugee Research Network explained the objectives behind the concept; “While traditional outputs (presentations, summary reports, edited volume) are well under control, it could be productive to consider the content produced in ways relevant to non-academic audiences (policy makers, practitioners, interested community members). Disseminating the information through more informal routes and in a more conversational tone might allow for more engagement with those who do not normally read full research papers. For example, we’ve been told many times by policy makers that anything longer than two pages just won’t be read, so if we can disseminate content in short bursts (i.e. daily messages in the forums), maybe it will increase the impact of the scholarship being presented.”

The initial two online post-conference discussions would be a pilot, which if successful, can be used as a model for other activities – and may be integrated as a matter of course in other post conference or workshop activities.

Social Media

The [Refugee Research Network](#) continues to successfully engage with its research partners, academics and the public via social media. The RRN's Facebook group membership has expanded to just over 800 persons. The network has almost 2,000 registered users on its website, just over 1,100 followers on Twitter and our Youtube channel has 63 subscribers and numerous videos uploaded. The RRN recently added a [Facebook fan page](#) to its online platforms and the page currently has just under 200 fans.

The Facebook fan page was created as part of a renewed Knowledge Mobilization thrust by the RRN. The page is geared at assisting with the online branding and promotion of the RRN and its projects and activities. While the Facebook group facilitates general posts and discussions on refugee and forced migration issues, the fan page is meant to exclusively promote the RRN's activities via Facebook.

We are pleased with the level of support our social media sites receive from the online community as well as the myriad opportunities that they have provided for global networking. However, we would love to see more discussions generated around posts made to the various sites by individuals and the RRN. Increasingly, social media sites are where a significant amount of useful discussions and idea and information exchanges occur.

Join the conversations taking place among the RRN community online today.

Visit RRN on Facebook: (Group) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/30614536012/>

(Fan Page) <https://www.facebook.com/RefugeeResearchNetwork>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/refugeereseach>

Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/refugeereseach>

New Scholars Network

The New Scholars Network's Executive Committee, in the last year, has been working toward a set of definite goals that will showcase the work of new scholars and bring these new scholars into discussions with each other. An electronic platform has also been created that will more easily support the continuing contributions of its members. The Committee has met regularly in a virtual medium, reorganizing itself so that it will firstly focus on a small set of deliverables (of which the publication of the first issue of an e-journal is the most important) and then work to support a more decentralized set of projects that will be of use to new scholars into 2014 and beyond.

The New Scholars Network was provided funding during this year to undertake organizational and connective work in the form of Assistantships and travel subsidies. This funding generously allowed for the following to take place:

- The hiring of one undergraduate member of the NSN EC based at York University, who contributed to editing the e-journal, creating an outline of

content for e-blasts for the coming year, and developing the plan for a new scholars directory, a project that young scholars attending the IASFM meeting in Kolkata indicated was of interest to them.

- The hiring of one graduate member of the NSN EC based at York University, who worked to re-launch the NSN website and select and develop the platform via which the e-journal was published. As a result of this collaboration, the website was re-launched in June 2013 and the e-journal was launched in September 2013.
- Three members of the Executive Committee were able travel to Kolkata for the IASFM conference. There, they organized a brief meeting with 15-20 young scholars and used the feedback from this meeting to move forward with appropriate goals. Attending the IASFM conference also allowed the EC to meet with each other and the RRN. These meetings greatly assisted the group's purposeful reorganization. Young scholars from the IASFM conference have now joined the NSN, contributed to projects that are showcased within the e-journal, and expressed interest in future projects detailed below.

The central projects of the Executive Committee include:

- The e-journal *Refugee Review: Social Movement*. The journal, which has gone live using an entirely free and open-access platform, features the contributions and peer reviews of more than 30 individuals from more than 10 nations, and includes interviews, discussion series, academic working papers, and practitioner reports. The e-journal was published online in early September 2013 (<http://refugeereview.wordpress.com/>) and has been publicized via listservs, the RRN website and other channels. The feedback has been entirely positive, and the NSN EC has been contacted by many readers who now wish to play a more active role in the NSN.

A revitalized website was launched that will work as a platform that can regularly host contributions of new scholars in a way that the present website could not. This website, (<http://newscholarsnetwork.wordpress.com/>) went live in the summer of 2013.

- IASFM 14. The organizers of the next IASFM meeting in Colombia have reached out to the NSN to seek assistance with reviewing submissions to the conference. In response, the NSN has communicated that they would like to be involved in this process as well planning a systematic contribution of new scholars in Colombia. The NSN hopes that this dialogue will continue in the coming months.
- A set of projects that will continue to populate the website, including the continuation of the Discussion Series, configured around themes of interest to new scholars, a Twitter account that will showcase week-long guest Tweeters and NSN members from around the world, mentoring content via partnerships with RRN partners, conference reports by new scholars and a new scholar directory. With time, the Executive Committee will gauge which projects are

most helpful to new scholars and adjust accordingly. The projects that are determined to be the best for fostering participation can be continued, find appropriate homes in the field among new scholars, or be run by members of the NSN, RRN or international community.

The New Scholar Network's e-journal *Refugee Review: Social Movement*. [CLICK to view online: http://refugeereview.wordpress.com/](http://refugeereview.wordpress.com/)

Meet a RRN Researcher

More than half of the world's population lives in the Asia-Pacific region. A concerning lack of government policies to protect the rights of migrant workers, refugees and other forced migrants and displaced persons, including victims of human trafficking are among the many social dynamics that assist in shaping that regions' migration and resettlement trends. The Asia-Pacific region hosts 25 per cent of the world's estimated 214 million international migrants and international migration from Asia grew dramatically in the 1970s and 1980s. The main destinations were North America, Australia, and the oil economies of the Middle East.



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The large numbers of immigrant activity in this region coupled with inadequate government regulations to protect their rights, present opportunities for advocacy by various agencies on behalf of these migrant workers. The availability of credible and

current data on the issues is an essential part of this process. Professor Susan Kneebone, an internationally renowned scholar on issues of forced migration, human trafficking and refugee law, is one of the key persons actively involved in development advocacy through research on refugee and forced migration issues in the Asia-Pacific Region. A Professor at Monash University in Australia, Dr. Kneebone was instrumental in the creation of the Asia Pacific Forced Migration Connection (APFMC). The APFMC has been formed to create a hub for research scholars in Australia and the Asia Pacific region on issues of Refugee Law, Human Trafficking, Labour Migration and other forced migration issues.

“Australia is directly affected by issues of forced migration in the region, and there is an urgent need for Australian policy makers to understand better the causes of displacement in the region, so that they can engage meaningfully in dialogue with states in the region,” Dr. Kneebone disclosed.

“Solutions to issues arising from forced migration in the region tend to favour a ‘securitized’ approach. But there are civil society organizations in the region working to bridge the gap between forced migrants and states. APFMC will provide a supportive link between such organizations and states through quality research and policy papers,” she continued.

Dr. Kneebone will head the network. She will join forces with a distinguished team of professionals to realize the new group’s vision and objectives; her two colleagues from Monash University; Dr Anne McNevin and Dr Maria O’Sullivan, as well as Dr. Alice Nah and Dr. Martin Jones from Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN). She says her vision to create the APFMC was encouraged and supported by Professor Susan McGrath of the Centre for Refugee Studies and the Refugee Research Network at York University in Canada.

The APFMC will be officially launched on November 15, 2013 at a workshop on *Comparative Regional Protection Frameworks for Refugees: Norms and Norm Entrepreneurs* to be held at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square, London. Discussions at the one-day workshop will include comparing existing regional arrangements, co-operative processes and underlying norms for refugee protection in the different regions, namely, Southeast Asia, Africa, Europe and South America. Confirmed speakers include Dr. Alice Nah and Martin Jones from the Centre for Applied Human Rights, University of York, UK.

At Monash University where she teaches Forced Migration and Human Rights, International Refugee Law and Practice, and Citizenship and Migration Law, Professor Kneebone has taken a leading role in introducing research on refugee law and human trafficking issues into her faculty.

“Through my publications and my academic role, which includes interaction with the non-governmental sector (NGOs) plus government, I have made a significant impact in the field

of governance and regulation of the rights of international migrants, including trafficked persons and labour migrants. In addition, by utilizing my background in Asian Studies, and making use of opportunities to conduct research in Asia, I have brought a much needed Asian perspective to the analysis of legal issues in the region,” Dr. Kneebone stated.

Dr. Kneebone, who is recognized as an expert on the issue of governance relating to international migration in the Asia-Pacific region, began teaching refugee law in 2001, the year that a major diplomatic controversy - the Tampa Affair, erupted regarding Australia’s handling of a refugee situation at sea. The Tampa Affair occurred in August 2001 when the government of Australia refused permission for Norwegian freighter, *MV Tampa*, which was carrying 438 refugees who were predominantly Hazaras of Afghanistan rescued from a distressed fishing vessel, to enter Australian waters. This triggered an Australian political controversy and a diplomatic dispute between Australia and Norway.

She has contributed significantly to the development of the field of the study of international migration in the Asia-Pacific and was the instigator and main force behind a major government grant to implement the project; *‘Australia’s Response to Trafficking in Women: Towards a Model for the Regulation of Forced Migration in the Asia-Pacific Region’ (2006)*. This was the first Australian Research Council grant awarded towards anti-human trafficking efforts in Australia. In addition, Dr. Kneebone has co-authored a book; *Transnational Crime and Human Rights: Responses to Human Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Subregion*, with Julie Debeljak. The book was published in 2012. She has also co-authored an article with Bernadette McSherry, *‘Trafficking in Women and Forced Migration: Moving Victims Across the Border of Crime into the Domain of Human Rights’* which was published in the *International Journal of Human Rights* in 2008 and recognized as a key article in the field. As a result of her extensive work and accomplishments, she has attracted a number of PhD students working on trafficking related projects, from Thailand, Vietnam, Ethiopia and the Philippines, among other countries, which brings an international focus to her work.

She has authored and reviewed work on global governance for publication in leading refugee and migration studies journals such as the *Refugee Survey Quarterly* special issue, *Asian Journal of Social Science* and the *Journal of Refugee Studies*. She has also participated in two major Refugee Research Network Hubs, one on Global Refugee Policy and another on Comparative Refugee Policy (both covering the Asia Pacific). A selection of her articles and other publications can be viewed here: <http://goo.gl/m601eN> under **Publications**.

She has been a member of International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) since 2003 and has organized four internationally funded workshops and conferences outside of the ARC scheme; a workshop on *Regionalism and Forced Migration: the Effect on Asylum Procedures and Policies* held in May 2004, a workshop on *The Right to Seek and Enjoy Asylum? The Pacific, Mediterranean and Caribbean Plans Compared* held in the UK in September 2005, *Best Practices for Refugee Status*

Determination: Principles and Standards for State Responsibility at the University of Montreal in 2008 and the IASFM Conference in Cyprus in 2009. She has also organized two panels at other conferences in the context of international migration which have all led to (or will lead to) substantial high quality publications, including edited collections or special issues of journals. In 2011, she co-organized a workshop on *Refugees and the Refugee Convention 60 Years On: Protection and Identity* and in January 2013, she convened panels on 'Accountability and Access to Justice for Persons Affected by Human Trafficking' at the IASFM conference in Kolkata, India. Papers from that conference are to be published in a Special Edition of *Journal of International Migration* (Georgetown University) which Dr. Kneebone will edit.

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For further information about APFMC or the Workshop please contact the network leader, Susan Kneebone at susan.kneebone@monash.edu.

Announcements

The Refugee Law Initiative's Conference on International Human Rights Law in Refugee Status Determination

November 13 -14, 2013 - London, UK

The upcoming conference on '*International Human Rights Law in Refugee Status Determination: Comparative Practice and Theory*' will take place at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London. The 1½ day conference will bring together leading experts to reflect comparatively on the practical and theoretical impact of international human rights law upon refugee status determination. Three panels will explore comparative practice from around the world and one will be addressed to broader cross-cutting thematic issues.

<http://goo.gl/pEqOtG>

The Indochinese Refugee Movement 1975-80 and the Launch of Canada's Private Refugee Sponsorship Program

November 21-23, 2013 – York University, Ontario, Canada

A conference held in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University. The conference will examine Canada's largest refugee resettlement program from the perspective of these refugees, sponsoring groups, government officials, stakeholders, academics and policy makers. The decision to resettle 50,000 (later 60,000)

Indochinese refugees in 1979 coincided with the launch of the Private Refugee Sponsorship program. Canadians responded to the plight of the Indochinese refugees by establishing over 7000 sponsorship groups that resettled 39,000 refugees in a two year period. The conference also celebrates the 25th anniversary of Centre for Refugee Studies which grew out of the Indochinese Documentation Centre.

<http://tinyurl.com/mx5zpl9>

The Canadian Council for Refugees Fall Consultation

November 28-30, 2013 – Kitchener, Waterloo

Everyone has a Part to Play: What's Your Part?

The conference will explore questions affecting refugee protection and newcomer settlement. Conference discussions will address issues that challenge refugees, immigrants, advocates and community workers. The Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada will open the conference. His address will explore: *What does the legacy of residential schools for aboriginal people mean for refugees and immigrants?*

<http://ccrweb.ca/en/meetings>

The Refugee Studies Centre International Conference – Refugee Voices

March 24 – 25, 2014 – Oxford University (St. Anne's College)

The Refugee Studies Centre International Conference will explore the voices and aesthetic expressions of those dispossessed, displaced and marginalized by the pre-eminence of the nation state. The Conference will bring together scholars from across the social sciences and researchers in cultural studies, literature and the humanities to look beyond the nation state and international relations in order to give new attention to the voices and aspirations of refugees and other forced migrants themselves. Among the themes to be explored are historical and cultural sources and meanings of flight, exile and forced migration, as well as the significance of encampment, enclosures and forced settlement.

<http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/events/rsc-international-conference-2014>

CARFMS14 – Coherence and Incoherence in Migration Management and Integration: Policies, Practices and Perspectives

May 7 – 9, 2014 – University of Montreal

The 7th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) hosted by the Centre for Research in Public Law (CRPL), University of Montreal in collaboration with the Research Chair in Immigration, Ethnicity and Citizenship (RCIEC), University of Quebec at Montreal Montréal, Quebec

<http://www.carfms.org/carfms14>

XVIII International Sociology Association's (ISA) World Congress of Sociology – Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology

July 13 – 19, 2014 - Yokohama, Japan

The conference will focus on the Sociology of Migration and explore such topics as:

- Asian Migration from Comparative Perspectives
- Arts, Migration and Incorporation: A Global Perspective
- Back to Class and Race: Migrant Workers and Low Income Jobs in a Globalizing World
- Contemporary Labor Migration Policies in East Asia

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/rc/rc.php?n=RC31>

IASFM15 – International Association for the Study of Forced Migration’s 15th Conference on Forced Migration and Peace

July 14 - 17, 2014

International Association for the Study of Forced Migration 15th Conference will take place in Cartagena, Colombia at the Centro de Formación de la Cooperación Española en Cartagena de Indias. This event will constitute a space for reflection around the arguable relationship between forced migration and peace.

<http://iasfm.org/iasfm15>

For more conference and workshop listings, please visit:

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Are you planning a trip to Ottawa? Do you have research findings you would like to present to the policy and research community in Ottawa? If so, the Policy Research Network of the Refugee Research Network (RRN) can help!

In cooperation with the Ottawa Migration and Refugee Research Network (OMRRN), the RRN is able to host seminars and brown-bag lunches in Ottawa - and ideal way for researchers to share their findings. Past events have attracted engaged audiences from Ottawa's research and policy communities and resulted in lively discussion.

If your travel plans will bring you to Ottawa, please contact James Milner (James.Milner@carleton.ca) at least two weeks before your proposed visit with details of your research and to discuss the possibility of an event.