



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

Book Review: Voting Rights of Refugees by Ruvi Ziegler, reviewed by Ashwini Vasanthakumar

The book argues that recognised refugees are a special category of non-citizen residents: they are unable to participate in elections of their state of origin, and are unable or unwilling, owing to a well-founded fear of persecution, to return to it. Refugees deserve to have a place in the world, where their opinions are significant and their actions are effective. Hence the author advocates for the right of refugees to vote in the community where they reside. A book review for this publication is available at:

<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/research-subject-groups/centre-criminology/centreborder-criminologies/blog/2017/07/book-review>

The Face of Violence: Rethinking the Concept of Xenophobia, Immigration Laws and the Rights of Non-Citizens in South Africa by Ngozi Odiaka

This article examines the constitutional rights of non-citizens in South Africa within the context of its immigration law and xenophobia. It argues that foreign nationals are particularly vulnerable to the restriction of their access to justice as the immigration laws and policies have not adequately guaranteed foreigners certain inalienable rights. The states uncoordinated attitude towards xenophobic attacks raises doubt as to whether there can be compliance with the sacred constitutional obligation to protect and preserve lives of all people within the country. Available at:

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3002630

Visions of Refugia: Territorial and transnational solutions to mass displacement Robin Cohen & Nicholas Van Hear

This article reflects on the work done over the last two years where the authors have been engaged in a dialogue on public platforms with each other and with colleagues and students about ‘what is to be done’ regarding the issue of mass displacement. In the course of this dialogue the authors have been surprised to find participants in various forums asking, ‘what is the problem you are trying to solve?’ In response, this article spells out ‘the problem of mass displacement’ by referring to three predominant statistical measures. Available at:

<https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/2017/visions-of-refugia-territorial-and-transnational-solutions-to-mass-displacement/>

Reports, Working Papers and Briefs

Working Paper: Immigration policy effects – A conceptual framework by Liv Bjerre

Immigration policies have different effects on different categories of immigrants, this working paper aims at providing clarity on the categorisation of immigrants, the relationship between the different categories of immigrants and the effects of different immigration policies on these immigrants. The paper concludes by identifying five types of immigration policy effects: 1) admission effects, 2) deterrence effects, 3) deflection/substitution effects, 4) magnet effects and 5) a definition effect. Available at:

<https://www.imi.ox.ac.uk/publications/immigration-policy-effects-2013-a-conceptual-framework-1>

Before the Desert: Conditions and Risks on Mixed Migration Routes through West Africa from the Danish Refugee Council

This report gathers Insights from the Mixed Migration Monitoring Mechanism initiative (4Mi) in Mali and Niger. The objective of the initiative. The report gives a preliminary insight into the conditions of movements and highlights some of the protection risks faced by people on the move. collects data on the conditions of mixed migration movements across various regions. Available at:

<http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/58470.pdf>

Refugees in urban Egypt: it's time to reassess UNHCR's 2009 Policy on refugee protection and solutions in urban areas by Lina Lotayef, Nourhan Abdel Aziz

To understand how a country that relies almost solely on UNHCR for refugee-related matters can cope with the increasing influxes, it is essential that policies and processes for determining refugee status are re-examined. This briefing assesses how UNHCR's 2009 policy on refugees in cities could be further developed to help resolve the difficulties faced in Egypt. Available at: <http://pubs.iied.org/17422IIED/>

News Articles and Blogs

Afrophobia: Europe should confront this legacy of colonialism and the slave trade by Nils Muižnieks

In this comment, the author reflects on a number of his country visits where manifestations of both old and emerging forms of racism and discrimination against minorities were visible. Black people are particularly exposed to racism and intolerance in many areas of their daily life. Available at:

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/afrophobia-europe-should-confront-this-legacy-of-colonialism-and-the-slave-trade>

Will Africa's Great Green Wall discourage migration to Europe? By Jill Philipovic

By 2020, 60 million people from sub-Saharan Africa are expected to migrate because of desertification. The Great Green Wall is a \$8bn project restoring degraded land. But will it encourage people to stay or earn the money to go? Available at: https://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2017/jul/19/will-africas-great-green-wall-discourage-migration-to-europe?CMP=share_btn_tw

Where are Germany's refugees? By Doug Saunders

Two years later, a lot of people are wondering where the refugees went. The author of this article spoke to architects who designed innovative refugee shelters only to find they haven't been used. Available at:

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/where-are-all-the-refugees/article35827259/>

Digital and Social Media

Art from Zaatari

A Facebook page that follows and promotes the work of artists within the Zaatari camp in Jordan:

<https://www.facebook.com/artfromzaatarinew/>

Migration 101

A mini-course covering the basics of migration studies and dynamics, the course includes a daily email over 10 days along with recommendations for further readings:

<http://migrationmatters.me/course/migration-101/>

If Yemen was a 100 People

This ICRC video gives some glimpse about the extent of the crisis in Yemen:

<https://twitter.com/FrMatthewLC/status/891715977536294914>