12th Annual Centre for Refugee Studies Student Caucus Conference

Bordering on Crisis:
Citizenship, Borders and Forced Displacement

12-13 October 2017

519 Kaneff Tower, York University

Thursday, October 12, 2017

8:00 – 8:40  Registration and coffee

9:40 – 9:00  Acknowledgement of the land and traditional territories

  Opening remarks Conference team
  Welcome on behalf of CRS Dr. Jennifer Hyndman

9:00 – 10:50  Session 1: Securitization I: (anti)Immigration policies and the refugee as a threat (Discussant: Professor Dagmar Soennecken)

Peter Milonas (York University) The medicalization of security and the Syrian refugee crisis

David Meinen (University of Waterloo) Shifting nexuses, development continuities: Early reflections on the securitisation of ‘climate refugees’

Oyewo Adetola Elizabeth and Umoh Samuel Umoha (University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa) State actors, migration and asylum policy in South Africa

Tanya Aberman (York University) Considering self-deportation in a sanctuary city

Vanessa C. Wachuku (Ryerson University) An era of displacement and criminalisation of migration: Immigration detention as an extraordinary measure

11:00 – 12:20  Session 2: Securitization II: Fortress Europe? (Discussant: Professor Özgün Topak)

Adriana Cefis (University of Oxford) Bordering on illegal: Borders and securitisation in Hungary and the 1951 Convention
Sakis Gekas (York University) & Michalis Sotiropoulos (Advisor to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and National Defense of the Hellenic Parliament) The legacy of another refugee crisis”: Greece as a ‘refugee state’ in the long twentieth century.

Michael Gordon (McMaster University) (De)Constructing the European ‘refugee crisis’: Producing the humanitarian-security nexus.

Raluca Bejan (University of Toronto) Problematizing EU’s relocation system of shared responsibility

12:20 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:10 Session 3: Political economy and the refugee industry (Discussant: TBD)

Anum Rafiq (York University) A Political economy analysis of Bill C-31 and Refugee Determination in Canada

Mark Machacek (Simon Fraser University) The marketization of refugee crises and the new political economy of the global refugee regime

Stuart Schussler (York University) Capitalism is war: Migration and dispossession understood through Mexico’s crisis

2:20 – 3:30 Session 4: LGBTQ+ newcomers: Trauma, displacement and sites of resistance (Discussant: William Payne)

Jane Thirikwa (University/affiliation) Lesbian newcomer from Kenya, Social Justice Advocate, Student in Gender Studies, University?

Mariah Nalubuulwa (University/affiliation) Lesbian newcomer from Uganda, Leader of the East African Rainbow LGBTQ+ Newcomer Therapeutic Dance Group

Ranjith Kulatilake (University/affiliation) Gay Immigrant from Sri Lanka, Frontline Worker: LGBTQ+ Newcomer Initiatives at Access Alliance

3:30 – 3:45 CRS announcements and opportunities

3:45 – 5:00 Keynote lecture
Introduction: Professor Gerald Kernerman
Professor Nevzat Soguk (University of Hawaii at Manoa), Migrants unbound: Insurrectional migrancy in a globalized world

5:00 – 6:30 Reception, 8th Floor Lounge (Centre for Refugee Studies), Kaneff Tower

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8:30 – 9:10 Registration and coffee

9:10 – 9:20 Announcements

9:20 – 11:00 Session 5: Reception contexts: Settlement in the Americas and the EU (Discussant TBD)

Ahmed Mohamoud Elmi, Marina Ghosh and Sasha Oliveira (University of Waterloo) Scaling-up place-based policies: Taking Canada’s local immigration partnerships for refugee resettlement abroad

Alexandra Blanchard (York University) Challenging discursive refugee narratives: The case for grassroots football

Scarlett Kelly (Dalhousie University) Bridging theories and practice in the eyes of the law, policy, and humanitarianism: A new view towards child refugees in Canada”

Stephany Vargas (Universidad del Valle, Colombia) An ethnographic study of the National Free housing Program implementation in Colombia: Case study “Urbanización Casas de Llano Verde” (Afrocolombian IDP’s Neighbourhood) Cali, Colombia (2012 - 2016).

11:15 – 12:30 Session 6: Decolonizing refugee research I: Subaltern Voices (Discussant Professor Jennifer Hyndman)

Bavo Stevens (United Nations University) Experiences of physical immobility of Bangkok’s urban refugees

Caitlin Procter (University of Oxford) The productivity of uncertainty: economic agencies of female youth in a Palestinian refugee camp

Jay Ramasubramanyam (Carleton University) Displacement from Venezuela: Does it represent a crisis of the refugee regime?

Oskar Raczycki (University of Warsaw, Poland) Remarks on customary international refugee law
12:30 – 1:10 Lunch

1: 10 – 3:00 Session 7: Decolonizing refugee research II: countering hegemonic narratives (Discussant: Elaine Coburn)

Zannah Mae Matson (University of Toronto) A geometry of borders: The points that support a line

Amy Barlow (Brock University) Opposing Borders, Securitization and Dispossession: Temporary Migrant Space

Brooke Alyea (York University) Countering the single story: Photovoice and refugee women

Michael P. A. Murphy (University of Ottawa) Everyday practices of destituent resistance: What irregular migrants have already taught us about Giorgio Agamben’s philosophy of the Coming Politics

Mirco Stella & Konstantina Peristeris (York University) Wor(l)ds in conversation: Open-ended stories of cosmopolitan intimacy through classroom correspondence

3:00-3:30 Health break and CRSSC committee meeting

3:30 – 4:45 Session 8: Refugee crisis or a nation-state crisis: a critical race approach (Discussant TBD)

Erin Baird (York University) Socio-environmental justice & migration as adaptation: Rethinking the discourse of climate change

Aysegul Balta (University of Buffalo) NGO representatives’ perceptions of immigration policies: (What) can Canada and the U.S. learn from each other?

Mirna Carranza and Elizabeth Grigg (McMaster University) Beyond legal definitions: Citizenship as a lived process

Martha Jackson-Eade (University of Glasgow) Framing the jungle: A critical analysis of the Calais Crisis in the Scottish press (June 2015 - June 2016)

4:45 – 5:00 Closing remarks and Thank you

5:30 Optional outing/social