

**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**

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**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, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounge (Centre for Refugee Studies), Kaneff Tower**

**Friday, October 13, 2017**

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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 Raczycski (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**