Historicizing the Refugee Experience, 17th–21st Centuries
First Annual International Seminar in Historical Refugee Studies
Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut (KWI), Essen, October 12-15, 2021

Day 1: Oct 12, 2021

13:30-15:45 (CET) Welcome & Session 1
Chair: Dane Kennedy (Washington, DC)

Fabrice Langrognet (Princeton/Oxford), The refugee-migrant distinction and the need for bridging analytical divides


Comments: David de Boer & Nicolás González Quintero

15:45-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-18:00 Session 2
Chair: Sabine Hanke (Duisburg-Essen)

David de Boer (Amsterdam), Humanitarianism before the Humanitarian Revolution: Transnational Compassion and Refugee Relief in Early Modern Europe, 1550-1750

Olivier Lamon (Geneva), A Republican-Democratic Asylum in the Heart of a Monarchical Europe? The Reception of Switzerland’s Asylum Policy Towards Refugees of the 1848 Revolutions

Comments: Mitchell Edwards & Salma Hargal

18:30-20:00 Public keynote

Peter Gatrell (Manchester), Learning by doing: reflections on refugee history
Day 2: Oct 13, 2021

9:00-10:45 Session 3
Chair: Delphine Diaz (Reims)
Victoria Abrahamyan (Neuchâtel), The Impact of the Armenian Refugees on the Syrian Hosts during the French Mandate, 1920-1936
Salma Hargal (Lyon), The Algerian Refugee and Migrant Experience in the Ottoman Empire (1830–1914) Questioning the muhācir status in the late Ottoman Empire: The Algerian migrations after the French conquest (1830-1876)
Comments: Fabrice Langrognet & Charlotte Lysa

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:00 Session 4
Chair: Megan Maruschke (Duisburg-Essen)
Mitchell Edwards (Evanston, IL), Cultivating Refuge in North-Central Uganda, 1720-1850
Edidiong Ekefre (Johannesburg), Hosting Refugees: The Nigerian Biafran Child-Refugees and the Inter-African Refugee network system during the Nigerian Civil War, 1967 and beyond
Comments: Lennart Bolliger & Sarah Knoll

13:00-14:30 Lunch (catering)

14:30-16:15 Session 5
Chair: Susanne Lachenicht (Bayreuth)
Nicolás González Quintero (Sao Paulo), Belonging or not to the Nation”: Loyalist Refugees in the Caribbean during the Spanish American Revolutions
Ana Joanna Vergara Sierra (Minneapolis/St. Paul), Routes of exile - trans-imperial networks and the emigrants of the Venezuelan War of Independence in the non-Spanish Caribbean (1780-1830)
Comments: Dimitra Glenti & Olivier Lamon

18:30 Conference Dinner
Day 3: Oct 14, 2021

9:00-10:45 Session 6
Intermediate discussion

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:00 Session 7
Chair: Peter Gatrell
Dimitra Glenti (Lesvos), Refugee Experience and Integration in a Historical Perspective: The Case of Lesvos
Charlotte Lysa (Oslo), A History of Refugees in Saudi Arabia
Comments: Edidiong Ekefre & Lynton Lees

13:00 Lunch (catering)

Free afternoon
Day 4: Oct 15, 2021

9:00-10:45 Session 8
The Academy in Exile

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:00 Session 9
Chair: Thomas Mareite (Duisburg-Essen)
Baher Ibrahim (Glasgow), Uprooting, Trauma, and Confinement: Refugees and Psychiatrists, 1945–1993
Sarah Knoll (Vienna), Historicizing International Aid: UNHCR for refugees in Austria during the Cold War (1956–1990)
Comments: Victoria Abrahamyant & Anne Schult

13:00-14:30 Lunch (catering)

14:30-16:15 Session 10
Chair: Jannik Keindorf (Duisburg-Essen)
Lynton Lees (New York), Rescue and resettlement: emigrating Jewish child refugees in the late British empire, c.1938-1948
Lennart Bolliger (Berlin/Johannesburg), Militarized Refugees: A History of Angolan Women and Children Associated with Apartheid South Africa’s Military, 1975-89
Comments: Ana Joanna Vergara Sierra & Baher Ibrahim

16:15-16:45 Coffee break

16:45-17:45 Concluding discussion

18:30 Farewell dinner