



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Learning by Doing: Reflections on Refugee History Public Keynote by Peter Gatrell**

Part of the First Annual International Seminar in Historical Refugee  
Studies

**Tuesday, 12 October 2021, 6:30 CET via ZOOM**

**In his presentation, Peter Gatrell will discuss some of the conceptual and methodological issues which he encountered in writing [refugee history](#), and how he has attempted to deal with them. He will connect these semi-autobiographical reflections with a discussion about what is at stake when refugees and institutional actors in the refugee regime „learn by doing“. These remarks are informed by his current research, which makes use of the extensive individual case files created by UNHCR between 1951 and 1975.**

Peter Gatrell recently retired from the University of Manchester. His latest book, *The Unsettling of Europe: the Great Migration, 1945 to the Present* (Penguin Books and Basic Books, 2019), was awarded the Nanovic Institute's "Laura Shannon Prize" and Italy's "Premio Cherasco". He is a Fellow of the British Academy and led the AHRC-funded research project "Reckoning with refugeedom: refugee voices in modern history, 1919-1975".

#### **SPEAKER**

[Peter Gatrell](#), University of Manchester and Fellow of the British Academy

#### **PARTICIPATION**

Participants can register for the lecture via e-mail to "[henrike.lambrecht@kwi-nrw.de](mailto:henrike.lambrecht@kwi-nrw.de)" by Monday, 11 October, 2021. Participants will then receive the Zoom link.

#### **ORGANISATION**

The First Annual International Seminar in Historical Refugee Studies is organised by The University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE), the German Historical Institute in Washington (GHI) and the National History Center of the American Historical

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Association (NHC), in cooperation with the Interdisciplinary Center for Integration and Migration Research (InZentIM), the Institute for the Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI) and the Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK/GCR21).

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

[Event on the KWI website](#)

[Website of the research project "Reckoning with refugeedom"](#)

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