

**Historicizing the Refugee Experience, 17<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> 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: Jan C. Jansen (Duisburg-Essen) & Session 1**

Chair: Dane Kennedy (Washington, DC)

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

Anne Schult (New York), *Counting the Countless: Statistics, Demography, and the Modern Refugee, 1920s-1960.*

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 muhâcir 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 Abrahamyan & 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**

Chair: Jan C. Jansen (Duisburg-Essen)

### **18:30 Farewell dinner**