

Historicizing the Refugee Experience, 17th–21st Centuries

Second Annual International Seminar in Historical Refugee Studies

German Historical Institute
1607 New Hampshire Ave NW
Washington, DC

Washington, DC, July 13–16, 2022

DAY 1: JULY 13, 2022

16:00 Words of Welcome

Jan C. Jansen (Duisburg-Essen), Dane Kennedy (Washington, DC), Axel Jansen (Washington, DC)

16:15–18:00 Session 1

Chair: Jan C. Jansen

Lotte van Hasselt (Amsterdam), “The ‘Deserving’ Refugee in the Dutch Republic (ca. 1560s–1730s)”

Bastian Bouwman (Washington, DC), “Rights and Reconciliation: Christian Humanitarianism, Human Rights, and Expelees in Postwar West Germany”

Comments: Ebony Nilsson and Jochen Lingelbach

18:00 Reception at GHI

DAY 2: JULY 14, 2022

9:00–10:45 The Middle East Studies Association’s Global Academy

Mimi Kirk

10:45–11:15 Coffee Break

11:15–13:00 Session 2

Chair: Peter Gatrell (Manchester)

Viola Müller (Bonn), "Finding Work as a Refugee: Escaped Slaves in the Antebellum Urban South and the Anticipation of Undocumented Migration"

Yael Schacher (Washington, DC), "Asylum dialectics: Exclusions and Exceptions in the United States, 1915–1935"

Comments: Lotte van Hasselt and Joel Veldkamp

13:00–14:30 Lunch

14:30–16:15 Session 3

Chair: Megan Maruschke (Duisburg-Essen/Leipzig)

Joel Veldkamp (Geneva), "Armenians in Aleppo, 1921–1946: Refugees between Colonizer and Nation-State"

Anna Sadchit Mashi (Freiburg), "Actors of Statelessness: State Officials and Advocacy Groups in the 1920s Weimar Republic"

Comments: Pedro David Correa and Thomas Zuber

18:00–20:00 Public Keynote

Delphine Diaz (Reims): "Women and Children in Exile in and from France, from the early 1830s through 1939"

DAY 3: JULY 15, 2022

9:00–10:15 Intermediate Discussion

Chair: Dane Kennedy and Susanne Lachenicht (Bayreuth)

10:15–10:45 Coffee Break

10:45–13:00 Session 4

Chair: Delphine Diaz

Ana Guardiã (Florence/Coimbra), "Refugees, Migrants, or Citizens? The 'Categorization' of Autochthonous Populations on the Move During and After the Angolan Decolonization Process (1960s–1980s)"

Sandip Kana (London), "Voluntarism in Partition's Aftermath: The Faridabad Story"

Thomas Zuber (New York), “‘Mali is my father; Upper-Volta if my mother’: Regimenting Sovereignty and Refugee Status in Upper-Volta (1965–1975)”

Comments: Bastian Bouwman and Yael Schacher

13:00–19:00 Free Afternoon

19:00 Conference Dinner

DAY 4: JULY 16, 2022

9:00–10:45 Session 5

Chair: Ilana Feldman (Washington, DC)

Rosa de Jong (Amsterdam), “Second World War Refugees’ Daily Lives in Caribbean Internment”

Jochen Lingelbach (Bayreuth), “From Imperial to International Refugee Regime: MERRA, UNRRA and European Refugees in British Colonial Africa (1942–1951)”

Comments: Anna Sadchit Mashi and Ana Guardiola

10:45–11:15 Coffee Break

11:15–13:00 Session 6

Chair: Anne Schult (New York/Washington, DC)

Ebony Nilsson (Melbourne), “Displaces Comrades: Politics and Surveillance in the Lives of Soviet Refugees in Australia, 1947–1960”

Pedro David Correa (Mexico City), “Exiles or Just Communists? The Fladren’s Exiles and their Reception in Revolutionary Mexico”

Comments: Rosa de Jong and Sandip Kana

13:00–14:30 Lunch

14:30–16:15 Concluding Discussion

Jan C. Jansen and Dane Kennedy