

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

4:00pm Words of Welcome

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

4:15pm–6:00pm Session 1

Chair: Jan C. Jansen

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

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

Comments: Ebony Nilsson and Jochen Lingelbach

6:00pm Reception at GHI

DAY 2: JULY 14, 2022

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

Mimi Kirk

10:45am–11:15am Coffee Break

11:15am–1:00pm 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

1:00pm–2:30pm Lunch

2:30pm–4:00 pm Public Keynote

Delphine Diaz (Reims): "Women and Children in Exile in and from France, 1830–1939"

4:00pm–4:30pm Coffee Break

4:30pm–6:15pm 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

DAY 3: JULY 15, 2022

9:00am–10:15am Intermediate Discussion

Chair: Dane Kennedy and Susanne Lachenicht (Bayreuth)

10:15am–10:45am Coffee Break

10:45am–1:00pm Session 4

Chair: Delphine Diaz

Ana Guardião (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: Bastiaan Bouwman and Yael Schacher

1:00pm–7:00pm Free Afternoon

7:00pm Conference Dinner

DAY 4: JULY 16, 2022

9:00am–10:45am 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

10:45am–11:15am Coffee Break

11:15am–1:00pm 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

1:00pm–2:30pm Lunch

2:30pm–4:15pm Concluding Discussion

Jan C. Jansen and Dane Kennedy