



International Workshop

Refugee transfers in the Euro-Arab Mediterranean zone: Tying the past with the present

Towards a transregional and transhistorical understanding in times of crises

10-12 April 2017
Lebanese American University,
Byblos, Lebanon
Location FREM 203-204

PROGRAM

10th of April: Arrival of Participants

17:00 Reception

18:00 OPENING SESSION AND PUBLIC KEYNOTE LECTURE

Location: FREM 201

Ibrahim Awad (Cairo): The Current Displacement Crises and Their Implications for the Debate on Refugee Contributions in Hosting Societies of the Middle East

20:00: Welcome Dinner

11th of April

9:00 Welcome note, Lebanese American University: Assistant Provost for Special External Projects Wassim Shahin on behalf of Provost George Najjar

9:30-10:00 Introduction: Context and Objectives of the Workshop: Tamirace Fakhoury (Beirut/Byblos) and Jenny Oesterle (Heidelberg)

10-11:00 SESSION I: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON REFUGEE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFERS

Chair: John Meloy (Beirut)

Presentations

Nicholas Terpstra (Toronto) Mass Migrations in the Late Medieval and Early Modern Mediterranean

Dawn Chatty (Oxford) Syria and Its Refugees: A Historical Perspective



11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 SESSION I: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON REFUGEE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFERS

Chair: John Meloy (Beirut)

Presentations

Ammar Abdulrahman (Tuebingen): Deportation in the Ancient Near East

Jenny Oesterle (Heidelberg) Protection for Refugees in the First Decades of Islamic History

Theresa Jäckh (Heidelberg) The Ruler as Refuge. Peril and Protection in the Medieval Mediterranean.

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:30 SESSION II: REFUGEE MOVEMENTS IN CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE: CONTEXTUALIZING AND MAPPING SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Chair: Sami Baroudi (Beirut/Byblos)

Presentations

Heaven Crawley (Coventry) Remembering the Past, Looking to the Future: Creating Opportunities for Dialogue and Exchange in the Context of Displacement

Paul Tabar (Beirut/Byblos) Political Remittances in the Context of the Syrian Refugee Influx

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-16:30 SESSION II: REFUGEE MOVEMENTS IN CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE: CONTEXTUALIZING AND MAPPING SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Paolo Boccagni (Trento) Mapping Social Remittances in the Context of Forced Migration: Social Actors, Units of Analysis, Research Options

19:00 Dinner with participants



12th of April

9:30h-11:00 SESSION II: REFUGEE MOVEMENTS IN CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE: CONTEXTUALIZING AND MAPPING SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Chair: Makram Ouaiss (Byblos/Beirut)

Presentations

Jennifer Skulte (Beirut/Byblos): Competing Conceptions of Borders Regarding Refugees and the Syrian Conflict.

Marieke van Houte (Oxford): Transnational Engagements and Agency of Afghan Refugees in the Diaspora and After Return

Dogus Simsek (Istanbul) Refugee Knowledge Transfers in Turkey

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30- 13:00 SESSION III. CULTURAL AND EPISTEMIC PERSPECTIVES ON REFUGEE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFERS

Chair: Marwan Rowayheb (Beirut/Byblos)

Leslie Tramontini (Marburg): Writing as Strategy of Survival – The Contribution of the German-Iraqi Writer Hussein al-Mozany to German Culture

Carola Richter (Berlin) Refugees' Use of the Media and Knowledge of their Destination Country, Germany, Before, During and After the Process of Flight

Florian Kohstall (Berlin) Current Examples of Integrating Refugees into the University: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Transnational Student Exchange

13:00 -14:30 *Lunch*

14:30-16:30 SESSION IV: TYING CHALLENGES WITH NEW PERSPECTIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES: SUCCESS STORIES, DRAWBACKS AND POLICY REFLECTIONS

Moderator: Chiara Butti (Beirut)

Participation of invited academics and representatives from international organizations, and invited civil society organizations

13th of April Departure Day



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