THE REFUGEE IN THE POSTWAR WORLD

RESEARCH CONFERENCE
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THURSDAY, APRIL 8

9:30 – 10 a.m. INTRODUCTION
Anna Holian, Arizona State University
The Refugee in the Postwar World: A Global Perspective

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. PANEL 1
Defining “The Refugee”: Practices of Inclusion and Exclusion
Chair: David Kader, Arizona State University
Commentator: Christopher Duncan, Arizona State University

Susan Carruthers, Rutgers University
DPs, Refugees, and Escapees: Washington’s Cold War Taxonomy of Statelessness

Tahir Naqvi, Trinity University
Who is a Pakistani Refugee?: Violence, Sacrifice, and the Crisis of Muslim Nationalism

Laura Madokoro, University of British Columbia
Borders and the Making of Refugees in Hong Kong, 1949-1967

12 – 1:30 a.m. Lunch | University Club, Thoren Room

1:30 – 3 p.m. PANEL 2
The Refugee as Emergent Figure of International Politics and Law
Chair: Kenneth W. Abbott, Arizona State University
Commentator: Dirk Hoerder, Arizona State University

Lora Wildenthal, Rice University
Otto Kimminich from Right to Left: The Audiences of a Sudeten German Legal Expert

Daniel Cohen, Rice University
The Golden Age of European Refugees, 1945-1960

3 – 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 – 5 p.m. PANEL 3
The Nature of Refugee Relief: Concepts of Rehabilitation and Representation
Chair: Brian Gratton, Arizona State University
Commentator: Laurie Manchester, Arizona State University

Silvia Salvatici, Università degli Studi di Teramo
“Help the People to Help Themselves”: The UNRRA Mission and European Displaced Persons

Jay Howard Geller, University of Tulsa
Representing Jewish Refugees in American-Occupied Postwar Germany

5:30 – 6 p.m. Reception | University Club, Traditions Room

6 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner | University Club, Traditions Room

7:30 p.m. KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Peter Gatrell, University of Manchester
The Making of the Modern Refugee, 1945-1960
FRIDAY, APRIL 9

9 – 11 a.m.  
PANEL 4  
The Uneven Development of the International Refugee Regime  
Chair: Paul Schiff Berman, Dean and Foundation Professor, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University  
Commentator: Stephen Mackinnon, Arizona State University  
Glen Peterson, University of British Columbia  
Some Features of the Postwar International Refugee Regime in Asia: Evidence from China, Hong Kong and Indonesia

Cabeiri deBergh Robinson, University of Washington  
Kashmiri Refugees and the South Asian Refugee Regime, 1947-1971

Ilana Feldman, George Washington University  
The Challenge of Eligibility: UNRWA and the Definition of a “Palestine Refugee”

11 – 11:30 a.m.  
Break

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
PANEL 5  
Between Camp and City: Spaces and Practices of Everyday Life  
Chair: Stephen Batalden, Arizona State University  
Commentator: Mark von Hagen, Arizona State University  
Anna Holian, Arizona State University  
Placing Displaced Jews in Postwar Germany: A Spatial Perspective

Andrew Janco, University of Chicago  
“Free-Living DPs” and Life in the Allied Occupied Territories

1 – 2:30 p.m.  
Lunch | Engrained

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION  
The Promises and Pitfalls of Global Comparison

THE REFUGEE IN THE POSTWAR WORLD is an interdisciplinary conference that explores the causes, consequences and contemporary interpretations of the refugee crises that followed the end of World War II. The key objective is to gain a better understanding of a pivotal period of global population upheavals, which was also a critical moment in the formation of the international refugee regime. The conference examines the relationship between the construction of nation-states and the formation of refugee populations, the uneven development of the international refugee regime, the practices of refugee relief, and refugees’ efforts to make sense of their dislocation. Taking a global perspective, it focuses on the geographical regions in which displacement was most extensive after the war: Europe, the Middle East, South Asia and East Asia.
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