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## Refugee-Led Organizations in East Africa

Community Perceptions in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia



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## REFUGEE COMMUNITIES MOBILISING IN THE MIDDLE EAST: REFUGEE-LED ORGANISATIONS IN JORDAN, LEBANON AND TURKEY



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## KNOWLEDGE VOICE AND POWER



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## Migrant Vulnerability in the Canadian Protection System: The View of Migrants, Public Servants and on-the-ground Practitioners

Delphine Nakache, Anna Purkey, Melissa Anders, Ritika Tanotra, Dagmar Soenneken, Christiana Sagay, Oula Hajj, Bifru Yousuf, François Crépeau

## Understanding RLO Impact

A metasynthesis of five external impact evaluations covering programs run by Refugee-Led Organizations (RLOs)

SEPTEMBER 2022

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## Meaningful Refugee Participation: An Emerging Norm in the Global Refugee Regime

• MUSTAFA ALIO •  
Managing Director, R-SEAT



# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

**W**here does the time go? As LERRN prepares to start its penultimate year in April 2023, we look back on the many incredible accomplishments of our partners over the years and look ahead – especially to the meeting of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) that will be hosted in Nairobi by Moi University and LERRN's wonderful Kenya working group, led by Dulo Nyaoro, in August 2024.

LERRN has continued to collaborate with partners working to advance meaningful refugee participation in the governance of refugee responses. As detailed in this newsletter, this has led to a co-authored publication on the emerging norm of meaningful refugee participation, support to the training and policy engagement activities of R-SEAT: Refugees Seeking Equal Access at the Table, and the on-going engagement of RAN Canada to help shape Canada's engagement in global refugee issues.

As actors within the global refugee regime prepare for the Global Refugee Forum in December 2023, the work of LERRN and its partners will be more important than ever. By amplifying the knowledge and expertise of those closest to the phenomenon of displacement, we can ask new questions, produce new forms of knowledge, and mobilize that knowledge to influence research, policy and practice. This will remain the focus of LERRN as we enter our penultimate year. We look forward to sharing our results along the way through our program of webinars and publications, and plan to share the combined results of this work when we gather in Nairobi for IASFM in August 2024. Karibu sana! See you there!

[Click here to read the full Director's Message](#)

James Milner  
Project Director, LERRN



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# RESEARCH ON REFUGEE-LED ORGANIZATIONS IN EAST AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

**L**ERRN, the [Refugee Studies Centre](#) (RSC) at the University of Oxford, and the [Centre for Lebanese Studies](#) (CLS) co-hosted two webinars to share the results of the innovative research that explored the impact of refugee-led organizations (RLOs) in humanitarian settings in East Africa and the Middle East. Each regional study was led by researchers with lived experience of displacement and was aimed to expand the understanding of the factors that shape RLOs' function and area of influence in their respective host communities.

This project was made possible by a consortium of donors including the [International Development Research Centre](#) (IDRC), the [Open Society Foundations](#) (OSF), [Robert Bosch Stiftung](#) and others.

You can check out the [recordings and summaries](#) from the series on LERRN's website!



## WATCH THE RECORDINGS HERE

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# REFUGEE COMMUNITIES MOBILISING IN THE MIDDLE EAST: REFUGEE-LED ORGANISATIONS IN JORDAN, LEBANON AND TURKEY

**T**he team researching Refugee-Led Organisations in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey launched the results of their research on January, 16th, 2023 through an [online webinar](#) in English, with interpretation in Arabic and Persian. The [Executive Summary](#) is available to read on LERRN's website. Stay tuned for a summary of the webinar and the full research report! The research aimed to map diverse RLOs across the region and to create an evidence base that policymakers, funders, and practitioners can use to justify and target support for various RLOs. The project received funding from Robert Bosch Stiftung, Open Society Foundations, International Development Research Centre, Rockefeller Brothers Foundation, and Rudolf Steiner Foundation (RFS Social Finance). The research studied the many structures, strategies, and levels of formality that refugee-led initiatives take to mobilise to assist their communities. The project has documented the nature and scope of RLOs' activities in the Levant, explained how such organised communities matter amidst humanitarian responses, investigated the opportunities and constraints that shape the work of RLOs and identified best practices to enhance their impact and minimize barriers.

# REFUGEE-LED ORGANIZATIONS IN EAST AFRICA: COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS IN KENYA, UGANDA, TANZANIA AND ETHIOPIA

**O**n September 29, the lead researchers in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Ethiopia launched the report on Refugee-led Organizations (RLOs) in East Africa through [a webinar](#) hosted by LERRN and the Refugee-Led Research Hub (RLRH). The full report and event details are available on [LERRN website!](#) This research project examines the impact of refugee-led organizations in urban and camp/settlement sites across Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Led by researchers with lived experiences of displacement from start to finish, and supported by a consortium of partners including the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), the Open Society Foundations (OSF), and Robert Bosch Stiftung, this research provides timely and surprising insight on the factors that enable and constrain the work of RLOs. The report demonstrates the importance of RLO inclusion in global humanitarian activities and calls for further research on the impacts of RLOs, while providing an extensive knowledge base that shows the diverse and valuable work of RLOs.

# UPDATES FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

LERRN stands strong in solidarity with our partners at the Center for Lebanese Studies, Lebanon, in our efforts and commitments to safeguard the academic freedom and independent research that produces critical knowledge and evidence for effective policymaking. [Read more](#)

## JORDAN

**B**eyond the RLO project, LERRN funded the research for a book chapter published in August 2022, entitled “An Aesopian Fable: Canada, Refugeedom, and Responsibility in the Levant.” The chapter was written by LERRN partner Oroub El-Abed in collaboration with H.K. Falcon and Nuseibah Shbeita.

In September 2022, Dina Baslan joined the Centre for Lebanese Studies as a LERRN-funded fellow. She is reflecting on the NGOisation of a grassroots refugee volunteer group in Jordan that is centred on community development through community-led initiatives, advocacy, and research. Sara Nandi, a PhD scholar at McGill University supervised by Professor Megan Bradley, has been funded by LERRN to conduct research in Amman on the impact of the international refugee regime's failure to find lasting solutions on the families and their means of livelihoods. The funds received at the Amman office covered the recruitment of Hamzeh, a research assistant to support Sarah in her fieldwork.

# UPDATES FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

## LEBANON



Photo of Dr. Sana Tannoury-Karam

**T**he Centre for Lebanese Studies hired historian of the modern Middle East Sana Tannoury-Karam as a research fellow, writing on the intellectual and cultural history of the left in Lebanon. Tannoury-Karam received her PhD in History from Northeastern University, and as a fellow at the CLS, successfully produced a paper as part of her research project, “Red Flags in the Streets of Beirut: An Intellectual and Cultural History of the Left in Lebanon, 1920-1948.”

Furthermore, as part of our series of workshops on research ethics, we conducted a workshop in Lebanon on October 19, delivered by Mai Abu Moghli with 20 participants. Researchers, scholars, and practitioners discussed topics related to research such as theorizing, political reflexivity, dynamics of knowledge production, use of language, terminology, and much more. We have also launched our series of PhD retreats in Lebanon and the UK with candidates at all stages of their PhD research conducting research on Lebanon and other Arabic-speaking countries. The first one took place in Beirut on 5-7 December with more than 15 participants under the title, “Theorising in PhD research,” and focusing on social science and humanities disciplines. The second retreat was held in the UK from January 16 to 18. The retreat in both locations discussed questions relating to how we use theory and theorise in our research and the implications for the politics of knowledge production. While theorising in many disciplines may be presented as an abstract practice, in this retreat, we focus on theorising as an act of knowledge production, in contact with even our daily lives.

# UPDATES FROM EAST AFRICA

## TANZANIA



**D**IGNITY Kwanza has been coordinating activities to build the capacity of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to conduct advocacy with high-level government officials. The DIGNITY Kwanza team has met with several high-level government officials to share NGOs' perspectives on forced displacement management in Tanzania. Through the meetings, DIGNITY Kwanza learned about the thoughts and ideas of the engaged high-level officials on the role of CSOs. CSOs, including all LERRN members and some refugees, participated in CSO closed meetings to assess their needs, concerning the capacity to advocate and implement a rights-based approach to protection with regard to the social and economic inclusion of refugees. They also discussed the challenges they face. Some strategies were identified and discussed for further follow-up. This project has highlighted the value of the National Consultative Forum convened in 2020, where DIGNITY Kwanza learned the significance of engaging former high-level officials in refugee advocacy. Five high-level officials were identified and they agreed to mentor DIGNITY Kwanza and support them in getting their messages to the targeted high-level decision-makers. One of the recommendations from these mentors was to have a National Consultative Forum regularly (every two or three years) to keep an open space to brainstorm and discuss solutions to forced displacement.

Professor Chris Maina Peter has joined the LERRN Tanzania Working Group in a book writing project, in which he will be joined by Professor Kamanga and Janemary Ruhundwa as the book's editors. Three Volunteer Research Assistants have also joined the team to support the work.



# UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

## Intersectionality Working Group

The members of the Intersectionality Working Group (IWG) have been working on several initiatives over the past few months. This fall Jennifer Hyndman, Christopher Kyriakides, and Hayley Britton have been exploring the potential for collaboration with the geographical working groups that are a part of LERRN. The aim is to bring an intersectional lens to the research and activities of these groups and potentially assist with highlighting and facilitating communication of this important work. Chris Kyriakides has invited Dulo Nyaoro to work together on the theme of “race, racism, and racialization” with the intention of organizing a session at IASFM20 to be held at Moi University in the summer of 2024. With partners in Lebanon, several areas for potential collaboration around an intersectional framework were explored, particularly in relation to training options for PhD candidates.

Uptake on offer from the IWG to assist with knowledge mobilization was welcomed and a follow-up meeting is planned for early 2023.

Christopher Kyriakides and postdoctoral fellow Gemechu Abeshu organized a virtual conference on 17 & 18 January 2023 entitled “(In)visible Displacement in the Horn of Africa: concepts, consequences, experiences.” This event was hosted by the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University in partnership with LERRN, and featured LERRN researchers Dulo Nyaoro, Moi University, and Mohamed Duale, Doctoral Candidate in Education, York University. Several important themes facing the Horn of Africa were explored in this two-day event which sought to understand the lived experiences of discrimination – ethnic, racial, religious and gender – in the African context, and how such ‘intersectional’ factors can catalyze and exacerbate the conditions of displacement.

To read more about “(In)visible Displacement in the Horn of Africa,” [click here](#):



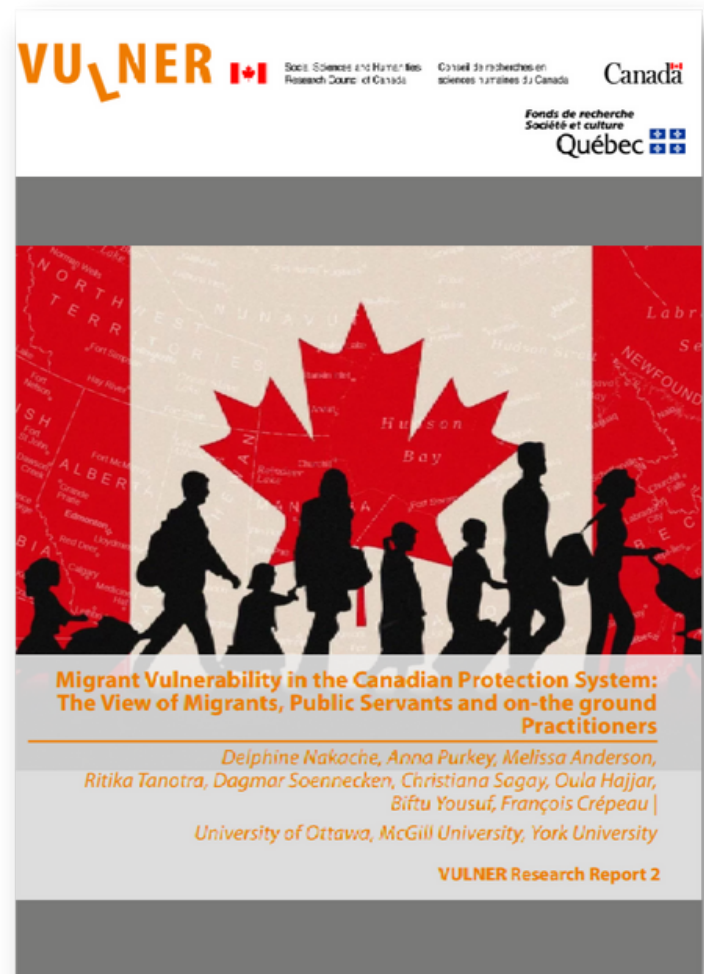
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# Protection Working Group

In November 2022, members of the Protection Working Group organized a workshop on the edited collection titled *Canada in the Global Refugee Regime* which will be published by McGill-Queen's University Press in Spring 2023. On November 9, the book editors (Nathan Benson, James Milner, and Delphine Nakache) met with the book contributors to discuss the introduction and map the conclusion of the edited collection. The book editors made note of the many fruitful comments and are currently revising the introduction and drafting the conclusion. The following day, book contributors were joined by 15 additional partners from the research, policy, and practitioner communities to discuss key themes and findings from the project and their implications for policy. The discussion affirmed the contribution the book can make with significant positive feedback.

On March 15, 2023, thanks to financial support from LERRN, a one-day workshop will be held at the University of Ottawa on the theme of Migrant Vulnerabilities in the Canadian Protection System. This workshop comes at the culmination of a three-year project, involving (among others) LERRN Protection Working Group researchers Delphine Nakache and Dagmar Soennecken. [The project](#) examines how the 'vulnerabilities' of migrants are defined in relevant policy documents, how decision-makers understand and address the 'vulnerabilities' of migrants, and how the legal frameworks and

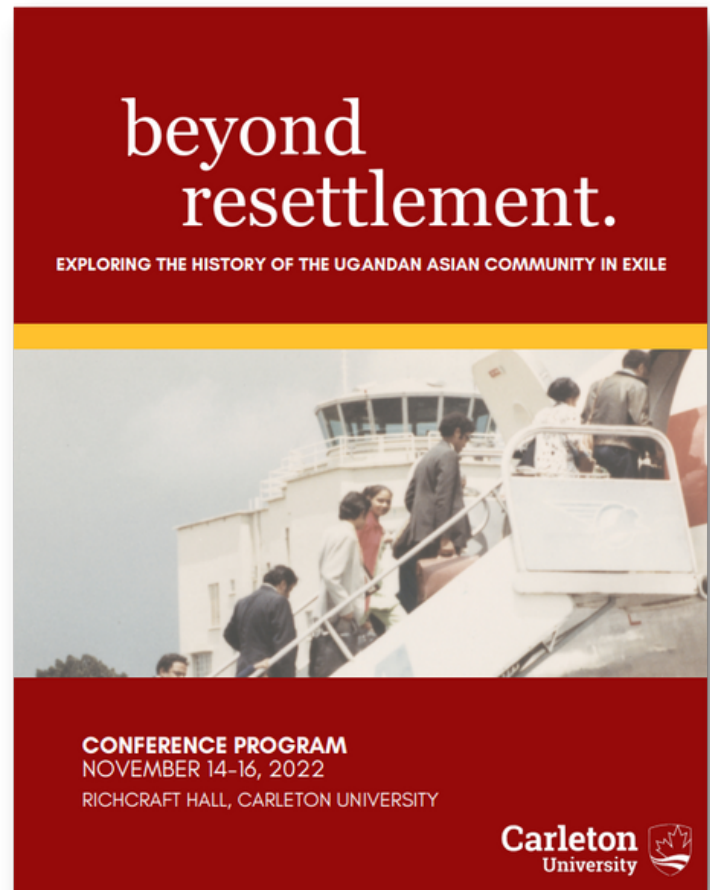
implementation practices concretely affect vulnerabilities as experienced by migrants in Canada. The workshop will bring together contributing authors of the two research reports, community workers who collaborated on the research, representatives of government, representatives from civil society and representatives from refugee-led organizations to present, discuss, and refine key themes and findings from the project.



# ARCHIVES, LIVING HISTORIES AND HERITAGE WORKING GROUP

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the expulsion of Asians from Uganda, LERRN members supported the organization of the successful conference [“Beyond Resettlement: Exploring the History of the Ugandan Asian Community in Exile”](#) hosted at Carleton University in November 2022. The conference explored the historical context of the expulsion, Canada’s response and reception of a large number of these refugees, the larger diaspora of Ugandan Asian refugees, and the lived experiences of the community in Canada over the past 50 years. The aim of the conference was to yield insights on the Ugandan Asian experience in Africa, Canada and elsewhere in the diaspora. It also considered the nature of being a racialized refugee community in 1970s Canada and beyond. With this framework, the conference intended to broaden understanding of the refugee resettlement experience in Canada.

The Group is collaborating on a project called “The elusive voices: Preserving the stories of elderly Palestinian refugees,” undertaken by the Arab Resource Center for Popular Arts (AL-JANA) in Beirut, Lebanon. The project is being led by Chris Trainor (Head, Archives & Special Collections, MacOdrum Library), Laura Madokoro (Department of History, Carleton University), and Hicham Kayed (AL-JANA in Lebanon). AL-JANA works with marginalized communities and produces resources for children and youth. This project will ensure the preservation of the



memories of refugee elders, which are becoming increasingly elusive, and will enable AL-JANA to advance its core mandate. The project has received funding and the group is now working with AL-JANA to transfer the appropriate funds to purchase digitization equipment and to hire a technician to work on the digitization work. We look forward to working with AL-JANA over the next year to complete this important work. The Group is also preparing to conduct research at the UNHCR Archives in Geneva in 2023.

# COLLABORATING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE

## IDRC Research Chairs Network on Forced Displacement

In November and December, the [IDRC Research Chairs Network](#) met online to discuss the establishment of the network and brainstorm areas of collaboration. The network includes the eight Research Chairs who have been formally appointed by their institutions, alongside representatives of the three additional universities who have been selected to host a Chair beginning in 2023. So far, the network is proving to be a driver of innovative collaboration between academics around the world who are based in the Global South and who are working on forced displacement. Carleton Research highlighted the new network in a feature story: [New Initiative Builds Research Networks in Global South to Shift the Way Forced Migration Policy is Made](#). Activities planned for 2023 include collaborative events in Mexico and Lebanon, a side event at the Global Refugee Forum, and an inaugural workshop in Dar es Salaam. Heather Alexander has taken on the role of Research Network Coordinator to facilitate this collaboration, which will adopt climate displacement as a major theme in 2023. The Chairs will also collaborate with the UNHCR Sergio Vieira De Mello Chairs, a research consortium established in partnership between UNHCR and the government of Brazil. The bios of the Chairs and more details about the network are available on LERRN's webpage:

[IDRC Research Chairs Network/Réseau des chaires de recherche du CRDI](#).

## LERRN and IDRC at the High Commissioner's Dialogue in Geneva

LERRN and IDRC representatives traveled to Geneva for the UNHCR High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges where they took part in an Innovation Lab on the urgent need to localize academic research on forced displacement and to shift the power of decision-making on research to the Global South. The lab was co-organized with the UNHCR Sergio Vieira De Mello Chairs on forced displacement, the Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network (GAIN), the German research agency FFVT, Refugees Seeking Access to the Table (R-SEAT), and others. Representatives from LERRN and IDRC included Roula El-Rifai, Senior Program Specialist at IDRC; Sidney Leclercq, IDRC Democratic and Inclusive Governance Partnerships Officer; Hiram Angel, IDRC Research Chair in International Forced Migration, Inclusion and Human Rights at the University of Guadalajara; and Heather Alexander, IDRC Research Network Coordinator at LERRN. Roula El-Rifai presented a draft pledge committing to greater localization in academia and cooperation with research institutions and researchers based in the Global South. The draft pledge will be refined and developed over the next months, culminating in a ground-breaking commitment to localizing academic research at the Global Refugee Forum in December 2023.

# REFUGEE PARTICIPATION

**A**dvancing research, policy and practice in the area of meaningful refugee participation has continued to be a significant priority for LERRN. It has also been a significant area of activity and progress in recent months.

In mid-2022, the results of the first phase of collaboration between LERRN and [R-SEAT: Refugees Seeking Equal Access at the Table](#) were published as an article by Refugee Survey Quarterly, asking if refugee participation has [become a norm](#) in the global refugee regime. In response to a growing number of states including refugees in their delegations to meetings of the international refugee system and demand from refugee advocates with lived experience of displacement, LERRN collaborated with R-SEAT to develop and launch an on-line training program. From more than 150 applicants from around the world, nearly 40 participants from five continents were selected to participate in a seven-unit training program of pre-recorded videos and synchronous, virtual discussion groups focusing on the politics of the global refugee regime and how to engage with the politics of meetings in contexts such as Geneva.

LERRN has also been actively engaged in mobilizing the results of our research to support R-SEAT's efforts to advance discussions on the policy and practice of meaningful refugee participation in diverse contexts. In October 2022, for example, LERRN participated in events co-hosted by R-SEAT and the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations on the importance of discussing refugee participation in the New York context and the need to shift from discussions of [accountability to meaningful participation](#).



LERRN participated in a public roundtable on refugee participation, co-hosted by R-SEAT and the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in New York, attended by 40 in-person participants and more than 120 participants on-line from four continents.



# REFUGEE PARTICIPATION

LERRN also continues to collaborate actively with the Refugee Advisory Network of Canada ([RAN Canada](#)) as it works to shape Canada's engagement in global refugee issues. LERRN provided research and strategic support to RAN Canada Advisors who participated as members of the Canadian delegation to the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR) and UNHCR's Executive Committee meeting in Geneva. In addition, LERRN helped coordinate RAN Canada's first in-person meeting, which took place in Ottawa in November 2022. It was an exciting event that enabled RAN Canada to develop its strategic priorities and to discuss these priorities in a series of day-long meetings with counterparts in the Government of Canada. LERRN will continue to provide research and coordination support to RAN Canada as it develops its work on the priority issues of reducing statelessness, addressing bias in the resettlement process, enhancing refugee participation and support for refugee-led organizations, and addressing the root causes of displacement.



RAN Canada Advisors and LERRN partners following a day of strategic planning, Ottawa, November 2022



RAN Canada Advisors en route to meeting with the Government of Canada, Ottawa, November 2022

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DELPHINE NAKACHE!



Congratulations to LERRN partner Delphine Nakache on the [Excellence in Research Award](#)! This award is given by the Faculty of Law Common Law Section at the University of Ottawa to a member of the faculty who has earned distinction as a result of the importance and exceptional characteristics of their research over the past seven years. According to the Faculty, “Delphine Nakache’s research is well-aligned with the values that distinguish our Faculty, in particular the pursuit of social justice. Her work highlights the impact of the law on various groups of people in vulnerable situations such as migrant workers, undocumented migrants, people in detention, and refugee claimants.”

## JAMES MILNER: NEW DIRECTOR OF MIGRATION AND DIASPORA STUDIES, CARLETON UNIVERSITY

Migration and Diaspora Studies at Carleton University welcomes new Program Director - James Milner. Migration and Diaspora Studies (MDS) is an interdisciplinary program that focuses on the social, economic, cultural and political implications of the movement and transnational settlement of people. MDS offers graduate and undergraduate programs: at the graduate level, the Master of Arts in Migration and Diaspora Studies and the Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora Studies. At the undergraduate level, MDS offers the Global Migration and Transnationalism Specialization in the Bachelor of Global and International Studies. These programs draw on the expertise of over 45 faculty associates from different units across campus. MDS serves as a catalyst for research that crosses disciplinary boundaries and brings academics into conversations with practitioners. <https://carleton.ca/mds/>

## MEET THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT



**Jarukson Jeevakumar**  
Multimedia Project Officer and  
Video Editor



**Ayse Irem Karabağ**  
Project Writer

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAY 27 TO JUNE 2, 2023  
TORONTO**



**congress 2023** **congrès 2023**  
OF THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DES SCIENCES HUMAINES  
Reckonings & Re-Imagining Confronter le passé, réimaginer l'avenir

The [2023 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences](#) will be the 92nd annual edition, bringing together around 70 academic associations from across the humanities and social sciences. The week of conferences at York's Keele and Glendon campuses will be attended by over 10,000 scholars, graduate students and practitioners.

**MAY 29 - 31, 2023  
YORK UNIVERSITY, TORONTO**

As part of Congress, York will host the 15th Annual [Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies](#) (CARFMS), May 29-31, 2023. The conference theme is Racism, Rights and the Responsibility to Protect: Re-imagining the Struggle for Equality and Justice for Refugees and the Displaced.



**JUNE 5 TO 9, 2023  
TORONTO**

York's Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS) will be offering its internationally recognized [summer course](#) (June 5-9th) for academic and field-based practitioners working in the area of forced migration.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## LERRN ANNUAL MEETING

The LERRN Annual Meeting will be hosted this year by the Centre for Lebanese Studies in Beirut from 2 to 6 June 2023. The event will be hybrid to allow the participation of partners who are unable to attend in person, and will take place concurrently with the CLS Summer Course on refugee and forced migration studies, organized along with the British Academy Bilateral Chair in Education and Conflict.

**2 TO 6 JUNE 2023  
BEIRUT & ONLINE**



**AUGUST 2024**

## IASFM IN NAIROBI, KENYA

LERRN is partnering with Moi University in Kenya to host the [International Association for the Study of Forced Migration](#) (IASFM) conference in Nairobi in 2024. Stay tuned for more information and the call for papers later in 2023!





# NEW PUBLICATIONS

## FORCED MIGRATION REVIEW SPECIAL ISSUE: *KNOWLEDGE, VOICE AND POWER*

LERRN and Forced Migration Review (FMR) at Oxford University collaborated on a [special issue entitled Knowledge, Voice and Power](#). Along with the special issue, LERRN and FMR partnered on a mentorship program, as part of a collaboration on localizing academic research and shifting the power of publishing to Global South researchers. The mentorship program matched professors who have publishing experience with new authors seeking advice on preparing their articles for submission to FMR. In a survey distributed at a webinar hosted by LERRN and FMR, new authors listed a lack of confidence, lack of information on the publishing process, and language barriers as three major barriers to publication. The special issue featured articles from many authors from the Global South or with a personal



displacement background, including several authors who participated in the mentorship program. The special issue also includes [a reflection on the mentorship program](#). LERRN is seeking to continue the momentum with a workshop for emerging global South authors on the sidelines of the International Studies Association Annual Meeting in Montreal in 2023.

## NEW LERRN BLOG SERIES: KNOWLEDGE, VOICE, AND POWER

This blog series continues the conversation from the recently launched Forced Migration Review 70th issue on Knowledge, Voice and Power, which was supported by LERRN. In this blog series we feature authors from around the world reflecting on questions about involving people with lived experiences of displacement in multiple contexts, as well as scholars based in the Global South, from research to policy discussions. So far, LERRN has published three pieces in the series:

- [Leveraging Collective Intelligence to hear voices of displaced populations in Iraq](#) – by Dr Prithvi Hirani and Robert Trigwell
- [Conducting Research “With” Not Only “About” Refugees](#) – by Saleh Aljadeeah
- [Humanitarian Worker Experiences of Structural Inequalities, Organizational Hierarchies, and Disconnections from Humanitarian Principles](#) – by Nada Yehia



# MORE PUBLICATIONS FROM LERRN AND PARTNERS SINCE JULY 2022:



- [Supporting Mental Health Not Just at an Individual Level but at a Structural Level: Interviews with LERRN Partners, Pascal Zigashane and Michaela Hynie](#) on the LERRN blog by LERRN Project Writer [Irem Karabag](#)
- [Meaningful Refugee Participation: An Emerging Norm in the Global Refugee Regime](#) in *Refugee Survey Quarterly* by James Milner, LERRN Project Director, Mustafa Alio, R-SEAT Managing Director, and Rez Gardi, R-SEAT Co-managing Director
- [Event Report | From Accountability to Meaningful Participation: Refugees & the Governance of International Refugee Responses](#) by LERRN and R-SEAT

- [Colonial continuities and colonial unknowing in international migration management: the International Organization for Migration reconsidered](#) in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* by Megan Bradley
- [Understanding RLO Impact Report](#) by Diana Essex-Lettieri, commissioned by the Resourcing Refugee Leadership Initiative



# MORE PUBLICATIONS FROM LERRN AND PARTNERS SINCE JULY 2022:

- [The Impact of COVID-19 on Education and Youth Well-Being in the Dadaab Refugee Camps](#) in the LERRN Working Paper Series by Okello Oyat, Ochan Leomoi, Arte Dagane, Abdikadir Abikar, Dadaab Response Association
- [Report from the Dadaab Response Association: Challenges for Refugee Businesses from the Pandemic to Devastating Fires](#) on the LERRN blog
- [Moments of Negotiated Independence: Localized Knowledge Ecosystems on Forced Migration in East Africa and the Middle East](#) in the LERRN Working Papers Series



Image from the "Report from the Dadaab Response Association: Challenges for Refugee Businesses from the Pandemic to Devastating Fires"



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