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Ad-hoc electricity wires are a sign of overlapping displacement in Baddawi camp, Lebanon.

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Co-Directors' Report

In September 2014, Elena Fiddian-Qasmieh joined the Geography Department as the first dedicated member of the department specialising in migration and forced displacement. In 2015, she joined Claire Dwyer and John Salt as the third Co-Director of the Migration Research Unit (MRU).

With her appointment, the MRU has continued to increase the number and range of migration-related courses taught in the department. These include a new MSc option on *Gender, Generation and Forced Migration*, and a re-launched third year undergraduate (BA) option, *Migration and Transnationalism*, which in 2015-2016 was taken by over 100 students from across UCL.

The MRU has also expanded its membership base, now including over 24 UCL academics who work on migration in the Department of Geography; the Institute of Education; the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis; Institute for Global Health; African Studies; the School of European Languages, Culture & Society; the School of Slavonic and East European Studies; and the European Institute. Since September 2015, MRU has been leading a new interdisciplinary research network – *Refuge in a Moving World* – as part of the Institute of Advanced Studies which draws together over three dozen experts on displacement and forced migration from across UCL.

Details of the on-going research, teaching and outreach activities of members of the MRU are included in this report including a range of seminars, workshops and conferences organised by the MRU's co-directors, and our MSc students alike.




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Dr Claire Dwyer
(Co-Director)

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Claire's recent research has focused on the intersections of religion and suburban space, with a particular focus on the significance of migration and transnational religious

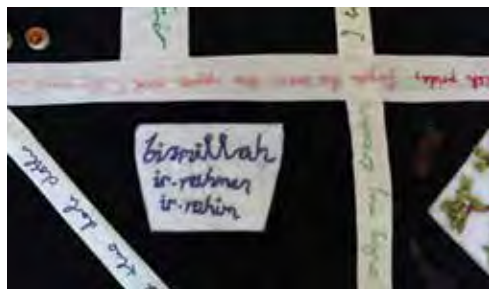
formations. A grant from Metropolis Canada (in collaboration with colleagues David Ley and Justin Tse at UBC) enabled an analysis of the diverse suburban fringe of 'Highway to Heaven' in Richmond, (Vancouver).



Since January 2015 Claire has been leading the research project **Making Suburban Faith**. This four year project is funded by the AHRC and explores the design, material culture and popular creativity of suburban faith communities, particularly those from diaspora and migrant faith backgrounds, through a detailed case study in West London. The project has included collaborative arts projects involving the design of a new faith space with professional architects and high school pupils and an interfaith embroidery project and arts installation. The project is co-led by David Gilbert from Royal Holloway and includes two Phd students one of whom, Laura Cuch, is based at UCL. <https://makiningsuburbanfaith.wordpress.com>





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MRU Research

Dr Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh
(Co-Director)

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Since joining the MRU, Elena's research has focused on examining experiences of and responses to conflict-induced displacement and statelessness, with a particular regional focus on the Middle East and North Africa. In 2015, Elena was awarded a 2015 Philip Leverhulme Prize in recognition of 'the achievement of outstanding researchers whose work has already attracted international recognition and whose future career is exceptionally promising'.

In 2014-2016, her research was funded by the Henry Luce Foundation and explored the intersections between gender and faith-based responses to forced migration, with a particular focus on the gendered nature and implications of local faith communities' responses to displacement from Syria. She convened an international workshop on this theme



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in May 2016, which resulted in an MRU Policy Brief on *Gender, Religion and Humanitarian Responses to Refugees* that was launched at the UN Refugee Summit in September 2016. Building on this work, in June 2016, Elena was appointed Academic Co-Chair of a new **Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities** focusing on **Refugees and Forced Migration** (@JLI_Refugee_Hub). In November 2016, her co-edited book, *Intersections of Religion and Migration: Issues at the Global Crossroads*, (with J. Saunders and S. Snyder) was published.

In 2016, Elena was awarded two major research grants to further develop her research into experiences of and responses to displacement from Syria.



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Since September 2016 she has been the PI of a new major 4-year AHRC-ESRC funded project, **'Local Community Experiences of and Responses to Displacement from Syria'**.

(Grant Ref: AH/P005438/1), awarded through the Global Challenges Research Fund.

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Building upon the research underpinning her second book, *South-South Educational Migration, Humanitarianism and Development: Views from the Caribbean, North Africa and the Middle East* (2015), in 2017 she will also start leading a second major project funded by the European Research Council, *South-South Humanitarian Responses to Displacement: Views from Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey*, which will run between 2017 and 2022 (Grant Ref: ASSHURED 715582).

Emeritus Professor John Salt (Co-Director)



John has remained an active researcher in the MRU working particularly on publications from his earlier work on organisations and recruitment of skilled

migrants and writing the annual SOPEMI report for the UK.



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MRU Research

Refuge in a Moving World

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Since September 2015, the MRU Co-Director, Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh has been leading a new UCL-wide research network, **'Refuge in a Moving World'**, which is an initiative of the UCL Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS). UCL has a long history of conducting **critical research into refugee and displacement situations** around the world, and also of developing and implementing different forms of support and solidarity for refugees, migrants and people affected by conflict. The network brings together over 30 experts working on these fields from across UCL (www.geog.ucl.ac.uk/research/research-centres/migration-research-unit/refuge-in-a-moving-world-members), and is grounded on the understanding that cross-disciplinary

and inter-disciplinary research is essential to develop a full understanding of, and a means of responding to, the human, material and representational effects of intersecting processes of mass displacement around the world.

The network organises research-led interdisciplinary events, including **seminar series, conferences**, workshops and **public debates**, to help us better understand the history, causes, experiences, representations and implications of ongoing shifts in politics, people and perceptions. The following is a summary of the RiMW's activities in 2015-2016.

This network was launched in November 2015 with a *Refuge in a Moving World Roundtable* which drew together 4 leading academics from across UCL with wide-ranging expertise relating to conflict, crisis and (forced) migration in Africa, the Middle East and Europe: Prof. Christian Dustmann (CrEAM), Dr Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh (MRU), Dr Gezim Kazniqi (SSEES) and Dr Andrew Seal (IGH). Together, they explored questions relating to the wellbeing of individuals and communities affected by conflict and displacement; the implications of mass migration for the socio-economic



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dynamics of sending and receiving states and communities alike; and the politics and ethics underpinning local, national, regional and international responses to and representations of overlapping processes of (forced) migration in the contemporary world.

Reflecting the interdisciplinary nature of the research network, the *Roundtable* was followed in December, by a high profile *Refuge in a Moving World Public Conversation* between the renowned authors Eva Hoffman and Dr Jonny Steinbeck chaired by IAS Director, Prof. Tamar Garb; together, they reflected on issues including migration and narration, personal and political investments in the question of refuge, African and European stories of displacement and exile, the ethical and moral imperatives that the current refugee crisis has provoked

and the role of writing in recounting and relaying personal tales and testimonies.

Between January and April 2016, the *Refuge in a Moving World: Interdisciplinary Conversations Seminar Series* brought together a total of 21 UCL experts from across disciplines as wide-ranging as Global Health, Childhood Studies, Architecture, Anthropology, Politics, Early Modern History, Literature and Geography, to critically discuss the nature and implications of, and representations and responses to, conflict and displacement in and from different historical and geographical situations.

Seminars

Refuge in a Moving World Seminar Series: Interdisciplinary Conversations, see: www.geog.ucl.ac.uk/research/research-centres/migration-research-unit/pdfs/RiMW%20seminar%20series.pdf

These Seminars were accompanied by a series of Discussion Workshops, which focused on close readings of Hannah Arendt's *We Refugees*, and Julia Kristeva's *Foreign Body*, and a Special Event led by IAS Visiting Research Fellow, Prof. Evthiomios Papataxiarchis, who discussed the unfolding of the ongoing refugee crisis, and the politics of hospitality and solidarity with refugees in Skala Sykamnias in Greece.

Over 100 people attended the *Hospitality and Hostility in a Moving World Conference* in May 2016, which included 24 papers and presentations by academics, humanitarian practitioners and leading artists across four interdisciplinary panels on Journeys through Hospitality



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and Hostility; Negotiating Reception, Mediation and Rejection; Hospitality and Hostility in Global Spaces; and The Politics of Solidarity and Exclusion.

The Conference – which was kindly funded by the UCL Grand Challenges and by the Institute of Advances Studies - started and ended with two dynamic Plenary Sessions, the first by **Michaël Neumann of Medecins Sans Frontiers/Centre de réflexion sur l'action et les savoirs humanitaires**, who offered a critical reflection on Medecins Sans Frontier's experience of responding to the 'migration crisis' in Europe in 2015-2016. The Conference's final plenary session entitled *Art in a Moving World*, interwove leading artist **Zineb Sidera's** critical reflections on the aesthetics and politics of representing different forms of migration, mobility and conflict, with screenings of her feted artworks.

Podcasts of selected seminars and conference papers can be listened to here: <https://soundcloud.com/ucl-global-prosperity>. Follow us on [@RefugeMvingWrld](https://twitter.com/RefugeMvingWrld).

Since 2016, **Refuge in a Moving World** has also been coordinating UCL-wide activities in support of refugees, migrants and people affected by conflict.

Following a successful Staff-Student Open Meeting in February 2016 (attended by over 65 people from across UCL), a second Open Meeting took place in October 2016, providing an update on the work of the Scholarships Working Group and the Access to Higher Education Working Group, and an opportunity to discuss a proposal submitted to UCL for the establishment of a UCL Migration Support Unit.

MRU Membership

MRU Membership includes: three Co-Directors, UCL researchers focusing on migration, research students, PhD students and associate members.

www.geog.ucl.ac.uk/research/research-centres/migration-research-unit

Postgraduate Affiliation

The MRU draws together PhD students, working on migration primarily based in the Geography department. Current students are funded by the AHRC, ESRC and the Taiwanese government.

Selected PhD students:

Tom Brocket

Between West Bank and East Coast: Making Palestinian heritage in and from the United States.

Shayan Moftizadeh

Exploring identities among the second generation Kurdish diaspora in the UK.

Pooya Ghoddousi

Domesticating the self: Nomad citizenship in Transnational Iranian lives.

Katy Taylor-Helps

Motherland and Militancy, Giving and Taking Life: Female Perpetration of Proscribed Violence, and Gendered National Identity Construction in Lebanon and Palestine.

Sinthujan Varatharajah

Suspended in this disjunction: the German asylum complex.

Claire Fletcher

The roles of Faith-Based Organisations in Supporting Asylum-Seekers in the UK.

Diego Garcia Rodriguez

Queer Indonesian Muslims: Progressive Islam and the Negotiation of LGBT and Muslim Identities.

Tatianna Rodrigues

Migration and regional identity in CARICOM: a case study of Guyana and Barbados.

Sainabou Taal

Development and International Migration: understanding the drive for political intervention in the Gambian diaspora.

Suriyah Bi

The Feminisation of Marriage: Ghar Dhamads, Generational Shifts, and Global vs. Local in Birmingham's British-Pakistani Community.

Sarah Kunz

Power, migration and identity: tracing the expatriate in three sites .

Sarah's work asks how expatriation as a condition and identity of migration is produced and lived but also challenged in the context of unequal global power relations; in particular, how it relates to issues of race, class, and citizenship. It further inquires into the term's social history and its varied functions in diverse contexts.

Ultimately, this research considers not only the category's own discursive and material constitution as an unstable, ambiguous and traveling term; it thereby also explores the larger power relations its constitution is embedded in.

That said, categories acquire meaning at certain times in particular contexts. Sarah draws on a range of qualitative methods, including ethnography, semi-structured interviews and archival research to trace the category expatriate in and through three sites of its articulation: an archive focusing on expatriate life stories, academic management literature, and urban spaces of expatriate belonging in Nairobi, Kenya.

Alex Ma

*The making of a new Asian tiger?
Myanmar labour migration to Singapore,
and remittance-led development.*



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Alex is currently in the second year of his PhD. His work looks at Myanmar labour migration to Singapore, examining the migration and remittance practices of skilled and unskilled workers and how this impacts recipient households. Using survey and interview data, Alex situates

migrant behaviours through everyday experiences in order to challenge economic and rational precepts of remittance behaviours. In doing so, Alex hopes to be able to explain and account for remittance-development outcomes as premised on a range of motivational, emotional, and experiential factors that are also gendered and temporally dynamic. Preliminarily, findings evidence strands of migrant demographics (age, marital status, education, state of origin), financial dependencies (household structure, incomes, debts) and labour mobilities (modes of migration, stratified visa regimes) that overlap and contribute to the production of different typologies of migrant experience. His second part of his research will trace these remittance flows back to Myanmar to fully explain how these capital exchanges precipitates 'development' in practice at the household level.



Laura Cuch

*Food, faith and home:
A visual exploration of
religious and domestic
material culture.*

Laura Cuch has undertaken a practice-led PhD since January 2015, with the provisional title 'Food, Faith, Home: A visual exploration of religious and domestic material culture', where she uses photography and film to comparatively explore the relationship



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between home and religion, by paying attention to domestic material culture that is related to food, cooking and eating. As part of Making Suburban Faith, her research is focused on seven different faith communities. These include a Synagogue, a Sri Lankan Hindu Temple, a mosque, a Sikh Gurdwara, an Anglican church, a multicultural Roman Catholic church and an ethnically diverse Pentecostal church. The practical component of her research consists of a collaborative arts project, Spiritual Flavours, where members of these faith communities contribute recipes that they relate to their spirituality and religious practices. Through interviews and cooking sessions, the project pays attention to affective relationships with food, as a vehicle to explore ideas about inheritance, tradition and belief. These sessions are the basis of a 'multi-faith' cookery photo book

and a short film. The project also includes photographic series exploring food related event at the worship spaces of these communities.

www.spiritualflavours.com

www.lauracuch.com

www.makingsuburbanfaith.org



Khatareh Eghdamian

Rethinking Religion in Humanitarianism beyond Identity Politics: Discursive representations of Syrian refugees and their effects on religious minorities in Germany.

www.geog.ucl.ac.uk/research/research-centres/migration-research-unit/pdfs/UCL%20Migration%20Research%20Unit%20Policy%20Brief%20-%20K%20Eghdamian.pdf

My research examines the relationship between religion and international displacement. It focuses on how religious minority refugees from Syria experience displacement and how state and non-state actors view and respond to religious dynamics and minority identities. In doing so, the research explores broader perceptions about and assumptions of the role of religion in humanitarianism and thus, the place of religious plurality in such contexts.

Chia-Yuan Huang

Global Mobility of Talents: Taiwanese Highly Skilled Migrant Workers to Shanghai and Singapore.



Chia-Yuan's PhD research is about the 'talent exodus' issue in Taiwan and its policy implication to national development. As the direction of skilled migration flow is no longer limited to South-North and South-South migration which involves short distances appears on the scene, her research focuses on the recent Taiwanese highly skilled emigration to nearby emerging Asian economies. Four issues are discussed in her work: key factors shaping current personal moving behaviours, talent-recruiting strategies in different host cities, the role of agents and their involvement in talent migration, and solutions for policy-makers to prevent brain drain.

This research employs qualitative approaches to examine Taiwanese who have moved directly from Taiwan, or have returned to Asia from another country. Data is collected mainly on in-depth interviews conducted in Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Singapore, thus to obtain narratives that contain detailed information that renders nuanced understanding of not only respondents' emotions, intentions and lived experiences, but also the key underlying causal mechanisms and social structures.



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MSc Global Migration

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The MSc Global Migration, established in 2010, continues to attract a strong cohort of diverse and enthusiastic students each year. The course is run from the Migration Research Unit with strong support from the staff of the Geography department in the core teaching and dissertation supervision but benefits from the expertise of many other colleagues within the MRU for both core course teaching and for optional modules.

MSc Global Migration students come from many different countries and many bring professional experience of working with refugee or migrant organisations as well as often having migrant backgrounds themselves. Students contribute to the academic life of the MRU through their organisation of the annual MRU student conference as well as their active



participation in both seminars and student-led migrant and refugee support networks. Their work is also highlighted in our working paper series.

The MSc core courses are *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Global Migrations* and *Issues in Global Migrations*, and a range of options are available to students, including two convened by the MRU's co-directors: *Gender, Generation and Forced Migration* and *Migration and Urban Multicultures*.



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MRU Student Conferences

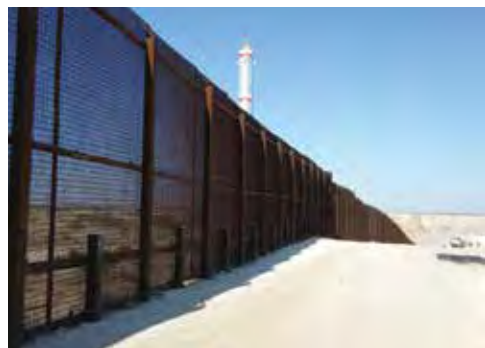
Held at UCL in 2015 and 2016.

Two cohorts of MSc Global Migration Students convened two highly successful conferences in 2015 and 2016, kindly supported by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UCL's Grand Challenges fund, and the IAS Octagon Fund (formerly JFIGS).

The 2015 Conference was entitled *Mobile Identities? Perspectives on Gender and Migration* and aimed to examine the ways in which migration is gendered, in terms of experiences, representations and policies alike. It started from the premise that women form an increasingly significant part of migration processes, with global trends indicating a shift in traditional gendered patterns of migration.



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Mobile Identities? Perspectives on Gender and Migration

UCL Migration Research Unit Student Conference
5th June 2015 at UCL

Migration is as old as humanity itself. The landscape of international migration has become increasingly diverse as a result of broader changes, both in the global economy and in geopolitics. Women form an increasingly significant part of migration processes: global trends indicate a shift in traditional gendered patterns of migration. The 'female face of migration' becomes particularly evident in the Global South, where women account for more than half of all migrants.

These shifting migration patterns are challenging gender roles, including ideas of masculinity. Men might be 'left behind', while migrating women take the role of breadwinners in 'transnational families'. According to the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the feminisation of migration is not only characterised by 'the growing participation of women in migration', but also the increasing independence of female mobility. Family ties continue to play an important role, and multiple and complex gender identities evolve: from female migrant domestic workers fighting for their rights to the discrimination of homosexual and trans-gender migrants. The conference will bring together Master's and PhD students from multiple disciplinary backgrounds. It will provide a forum in which to discuss the identity politics of contemporary migration, with specific reference to how notions of gender, sexuality and agency shape understandings of this evolving field.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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STUDENT CONFERENCE - 3rd June 2016

**Moving Beyond Borders -
Comparative Perspectives on Refuge**

**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER:**
Maurice Wren
(Executive Director,
Refugee Council)

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The 'female face of migration' becomes particularly evident in the Global South, where women account for more than half of all migrants. In turn, these shifting migration patterns are challenging gender roles, including ideas of masculinity. Men might be 'left behind', while migrating women take the role of breadwinners in 'transnational families'. According to the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the feminisation of migration is not only characterised by 'the growing participation of women in migration', but also the increasing independence of female mobility. Family ties continue to play an important role, and multiple and complex gender identities evolve: from female migrant domestic workers fighting for their rights to the discrimination of homosexual and trans-gender migrants. In light of these dynamics, this conference brought together MSc and PhD students from multiple disciplinary backgrounds and provided a forum in which to discuss the identity politics of contemporary migration, with specific reference to how notions of gender, sexuality and agency shape understandings of this evolving field. Panels focused on livelihood

strategies, LGBTQ politics and activism, methodologies for researching gender, representation or migrant voices and the negotiation of gender identities. A keynote closing address was given by Zrinka Bralo, Director of the Migrant and Refugee Communities Forum.

The 2016 Conference was entitled *Moving Beyond Borders – Comparative Perspectives on Refuge*. 2015-2016 saw the EU struggle to respond to the so-called European Refugee Crisis. This conference aimed to better understand the reception of refugees within the EU, placing such an analysis in geographical and historical context by examining the ways in which refugees have been received both in the past and in non-European contexts. Key guiding questions included: how could the EU or states and civil society produce more effective measures for receiving, recognizing and integrating refugees? What informs and underpins media representations of refugees and how does it shape refugee reception? The conference was opened by keynote speaker Maurice Wren, Chief Executive at the Refugee Council, and offered a critical space for students from across UCL and other universities in the UK and the EU to present papers that will help us better understand the history, causes, experiences, representations and implications of these shifts in politics, people and perceptions.



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MSc Student Activities

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Campaigning for Refugees and Migrants

Students from across UCL, including those taking the MSc Global Migration, have played a key role in creating student-led initiatives in support of migrants and refugees. MSc students have a long history of volunteering in existing NGOs during their studies, and for being actively involved with the **Student Action For Refugees (STAR)** society at UCL.

UCL-STAR coordinates volunteering and campaigning at UCL, and promoting positive images of refugees and asylum-seekers in the UK.

In 2016, members of the MSc group helped set up a new student-led UCL Refugee Support Group which has four main sub-groups:

- a) campaigning;
- b) fundraising & donations/collections;
- c) volunteering;
- d) awareness raising.

It runs key events such as film screenings, donation collection, panel discussions and talks, and is working closely with UCL-STAR. www.star-network.org.uk.



In 2016, a new interdisciplinary **PhD Wing of Refuge in a Moving World** was launched to draw together PhD students from across UCL who are interested in displacement and forced migration. The group organizes interdisciplinary reading groups, seminars, talks, and public events.



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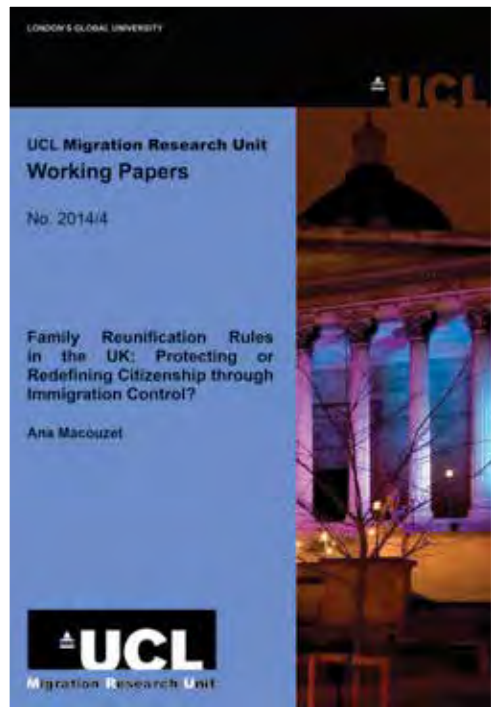


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MRU Working Papers

The MRU working paper series highlights the outstanding research of our MSc students.

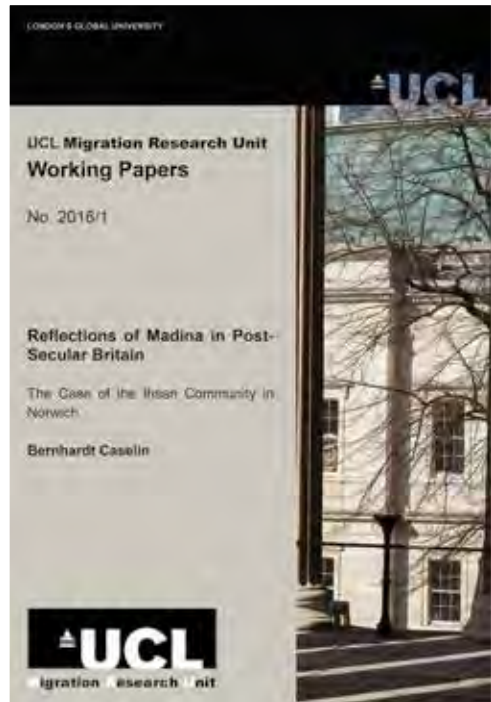
In 2014 six working papers were published which included the impact of migration on reproductive rates in Senegal; the experiences of return migrants from Portuguese-Angolan and Indo-Mozambican Communities; and the discrimination faced by refugees claiming asylum on the basis of their sexuality. In 2015 three working papers included a study of the carceral geographies of detention centres and the role of bi-lingualism in Austria. In 2016 three working papers were published, with research ranging from domestic labour migration in Singapore to the challenges facing Tier 2 migrants in the UK.



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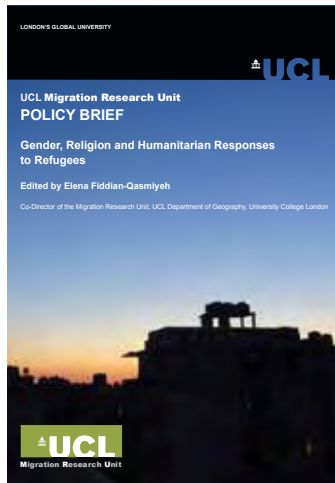
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MRU Policy Brief Series

In 2015, we relaunched our Policy Brief Series, and have so far published two new briefs, the most recent of which will be available in Arabic, French and Spanish in early-2017.



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Egdhamian, K. (2015). Religious Minority Experiences of Displacement: Initial Lessons Learnt From Syrian Christian and Syrian Druze Refugees in Jordan, MRU Policy Brief, December 2015.

Fiddian-Qasmieh, E. (Ed) (2016). Gender, Religion and Humanitarian Responses to Refugees, MRU Policy Brief, September 2016.

Artists in Residence

Liz Hingley, Amita Murray and Tom Bailey



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In 2012 the MRU hosted its first Leverhulme-funded artist in residence, **Liz Hingley**. Liz, a celebrated photographer whose work includes *Under gods: stories from Soho Road* and *End of Lines* (Shanghai 2014) has continued to collaborate with Claire Dwyer for her *Making Suburban Faith Project*.



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In 2015 Tariq Jazeel hosted writer **Amita Murray** a second Leverhulme-funded artist in residence. Amita developed a series of short stories *Marmite and Mango Chutney* during her residency at UCL as well as working on her first novel which draws on the experience of Indian migrants studying at UCL in the 1950s. Amita also led a creative writing group for academics across the department of geography which met weekly in Room 108. The writers produced two pieces. The first a performance piece in Tavistock Square in Bloomsbury which formed part of the UCL Festival of Culture in June 2015. The second was a volume of new creative writing 'Encounters Room 108' published in 2016 and launched in September 2016 at the Royal Geographical Society at the Annual Conference of the RGS-IBG.



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In January 2017 a third Artist in Residence, theatre director **Tom Bailey** began a 10 month residency in the MRU during which he will develop new theatre pieces responding to the refugee crisis and drawing from his previous work at the Calais refugee camp in the summer of 2016 and his innovative sound installation *Zugunruhe*.

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WORKSHOP – Monday 6th February 2017, 2pm-4pm
Common Ground, Institute of Advanced Studies, UCL

Refugee Theatre Workshop

- This fun and informative workshop is open to all students, researchers and staff.
- It's led by Tom Bailey, the Leverhulme Artist in Residence at UCL's Migration Research Unit.
- Throughout 2015-2016 Tom was making theatre and running workshops with refugees at the Good Chance Theatre in the Calais 'Jungle' camp.
- In this workshop, Tom will give a talk exploring his experiences of making theatre in a refugee context, and the joys and challenges of making work in the 'Jungle' camp.
- In the second half, Tom will lead participants in sharing some of the fun practical exercises he used to create live performance in the 'Jungle' camp.
- Whether you're an artist, student, researcher or just curious, it's a great opportunity to explore some of the dynamics of making refugee-led art.

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Selected MRU-led Events

June 2015 - MRU Student Conference: Mobile Identities? Perspectives on Gender and Migration.

Selected Migration-Related Human Geography Research Seminars:

13th October 2015 - Hélène Neveu-Kringelbach (UCL), The paradox of parallel lives: immigration policy and transnational polygamy between Senegal and France.

3rd November 2015 - Elaine Ho (National University of Singapore), The geo-social and global geographies of power: Urban aspirations of African students in China.

16th November 2015 - Refuge in a Moving World Roundtable: Prof. Christian Dustmann (Co-Director of UCL-CREAM), Dr Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh (Reader in Human Geography and Co-Director of MRU), Dr Gezim Kazniqi (UCL Alexander Nash Fellow in Albanian Studies, SSEES) and Dr Andrew Seal (Senior Lecturer in International Nutrition and Leader of the Nutrition in Crisis Research Group).

2nd December 2015 - Refuge in a Moving World Public Conversation: Eva Hoffman and Jonny Steinberg in Conversation with Tamar Garb.

8th December 2015 - Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh (UCL), South-South educational migration and humanitarianism: Views from the Caribbean, North Africa and the Middle East.

15th December 2015 - Mette Berg (UCL), "La Lenin Is My Passport": Schooling, mobility and belonging in socialist Cuba and its diaspora.

19th January 2016 - Ibidun Adelekan (University of Ibadan & UCL African Studies), Marcella Deluca (UCL Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive

Development Centre), and Clemence Cavoli (UCL Centre for Transport Studies and Department for Transport), Access, Transport and Disability in Africa: a conversation.

8th March 2016 - Gurminder K. Bhambra (Warwick University), The EU Refugee Crisis and Questioning European Cartographies of Belonging: Empire, Race, and Citizenship.

26 April 2016 - Paolo Novak (SOAS), Borders and Geographies of Development.

24th May 2016 - Nishat Awan (University of Sheffield & UCL, IAS), Migrant Narratives at the Edge of Europe.

Spring 2016 - Refuge in a Moving World Seminar Series:

15th January 2016 - Forced Migration in, through and from the Middle East: Dr Alice Elliot (Leverhulme Trust Early Career Researcher, UCL Anthropology), Dr Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh (Reader in Human Geography and Co-Director of UCL's Migration Research Unit), Dr Andrew Seal (Senior Lecturer in International Nutrition and Leader of the Nutrition in Crisis Research Group).

22nd January 2016 - Refuge and the (Re)Bordering of Eurasia: Dr Philippa Hetherington (Lecturer in Modern Eurasian History), Dr Eric Gordy (Senior Lecturer in Southeast European Politics), Dr Gezim Kazniqi (Alexander Nash Fellow in Albanian Studies).

12th February 2016 - Spaces of Conflict and Safety: Dr Camillo Boano (Senior Lecturer, Development Planning Unit), Joana Dabaj/Catalytic Action (UCL DPU-Bartlett Alumni Group), Ms Samar Maqusi (PhD Researcher, Bartlett School of Architecture).

4th March, 2016 - Religion and Forced Migration in Historical and Contemporary Perspective: Prof. Michael Berkowitz (Professor of Modern Jewish History), Ms Khatereh Eghdamian (PhD Researcher, Department of Geography), Dr Tyler Fisher (Lecturer in Peninsular Spanish Literary Studies), Dr Francois Guesnet (Reader in Modern Jewish History).

11th March 2016 - Exile, Toleration and Protection in Early Modern History: Dr Katherine Ibbett (Reader in Early Modern Studies), Prof. Ben Kaplan (Professor of Dutch History), Dr Avi Lifschitz (Senior Lecturer in European Intellectual History).

18th March 2016 - Children, Youth and Forced Migration: Dr Georgina Brewis (UCL-IOE Senior Lecturer in History of Education), Dr Sarah Crafter (UCL IOE Senior Research Officer), Dr Kirilly Pells (UCL-IOE Lecturer in Childhood, IOE), Dr Rachel Rosen (UCL-IOE Lecturer in Childhood).

12th May 2016 - RiMW Conference: Hospitality and Hostility in a Moving World, University College London.

13th May 2016 - International Workshop: Gender, Faith and Humanitarian Responses to Forced Migration, University College London.

June 2016 - MRU Student Conference: Moving Beyond Borders - Comparative Perspectives on Refuge.

10th June 2016 - Special Refuge in a Moving World Seminar: Being There - At the front line of the 'European refugee crisis', by Prof. Evthymios Papataxiarchis (University of the Aegean).

28th November 2016 - Special Refuge in a Moving World Seminar: How to Cope with the Highest Rate of Refugees per Capita in the World? Lessons from Lebanon, by Dr Nasser Yassin (American University of Beirut).

Selected MRU Co-Directors' Conference and Seminar Presentations

Claire Dwyer presented 'Religion, Mobility and Urban Change in Britain and France Today' at Maison Française d'Oxford (24 November 2016).

Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh contributed to a UCL-IOE Workshop on *Unaccompanied Minors in the Contemporary Refugee Crisis* (20 November 2016).

Claire Dwyer chaired a Panel at the London Migration Film Festival (11-13 November 2016).

Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh presented on 'Experiences of Statelessness and Displacement' at Workshop on 'Citizenship and Social Change in the Arab World', St Antony's College, Oxford (2 November 2016).

Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, E. (2016). Hospitality and Hostility: The role of established refugees in crisis, UCL Lunch Hour Lecture (1 November 2016).

Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, E. (2016). Gender Norms and Gender Normativity, Keynote Lecture at the International Symposium *Global Migration/Asylum Governance: Advancing the International Agenda*, University of Geneva, Switzerland (October 2016).

Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, E. (2016). The Gender: Faith:

Asylum Nexus, Keynote Lecture at the International Conference *Mulheres Refugiadas em trânsito entre discriminações múltiplas*, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal (October 2016).

Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, E. (2015). 'Refugee Feminism': A critical reflection on Sorority and Othering in refugee situations, invited paper at the workshop, *Gendering the Refugee Crisis*, Centre for Transnational Development and Collaboration, The Open University (December 2015).

Dwyer, C., Invited discussant, Migration, Transnationalism and Catholicism Conference, University of Middlesex (February 2015).

Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, E. and Sigona, N. (2015). Unpacking Statelessness: Negotiating scales, meanings and institutional practices, paper presented at the *Impact of Diasporas* conference, Royal Geographical Society, London (September 2015).

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