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## Refugee Studies Centre Public Seminar Series Trinity Term 2020

5:00-6:30pm BST, Wednesdays, via Zoom



### #ByRefugees: Strengthening refugee-led humanitarian response during the Covid-19 pandemic

*Series conveners: Alexander Betts and Andonis Marden (Refugee Studies Centre), Shaza Al Rihawi, Anila Noor, Najeeba Wazefadost, and Mustafa Alio (Global Refugee-Led Network)*

This seminar series focuses on refugee-led assistance and protection in the context of Covid-19. It features panels of individuals whose work is shaping how we understand and support refugee-led responses during crisis. Their accomplishments – whether as practitioners, policy influencers, funders, or community responders – challenge conventional top-down approaches to humanitarian assistance. These approaches are increasingly important in the current context, in which traditional humanitarian capacity has been stretched and forced to adapt. Refugee-led organisations are on the frontline of the response, in both refugee camps and cities.

The series will explore how refugees are responding to the current crisis, reflect on how they can be supported by external actors, and consider the prospects for creating lasting forms of participatory humanitarian governance. The majority of panelists are refugees.

Seminars will take place over Zoom and will allow time for Q&A sessions with the panelists. The series will be recorded and made available online.

For registration details see: <https://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/news/rsc-public-seminar-series-trinity-term-2020>

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6 May

#### **Global agenda setting, from the bottom up: the Global Refugee-Led Network (GRN)**

**Mustafa Alio** – Refugee Advisor, Co-founder, Jumpstart Refugee Talent (Canada)

**Shaza Al Rihawi** – Founding Member and Interim Chair, GRN (Germany)

**Anila Noor** – Steering Committee Member, GRN (Netherlands)

**Najeeba Wazefadost** – Founding Member, GRN and Asia Pacific Network of Refugees (Australia)

13 May

#### **Without recognition, without assistance: Refugee-led responses in urban contexts**

**Bahati Ghislain** – Executive Director, Kintsugi (Nairobi)

**Robert Hakiza** – Executive Director, Young African Refugees for Integral Development (Kampala)

**Janemary Ruhundwa** – Executive Director, Dignity Kwanza (Dar es Salaam)



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20 May

## **New partnerships: How international organisations can support refugee-led organisations**

**Dana Al Anzy** – Partnership Associate, Civil Society and NGO Division, UNHCR (Geneva)

**Edmund Page** – CEO, Xavier Project (Kenya & Uganda)

**Additional speaker TBC**

27 May

## **Rapid response to funding gaps: Philanthropic support for refugee-led initiatives**

**Anna Crowley** – International Migration Initiative, Open Society Foundation (London)

**Annemieke de Jong** – Refugee Livelihoods Programme, IKEA Foundation (Leiden)

**Mingo Heiduk** – DEMAC Initiative (Diaspora Emergency Action and Coordination), Danish Refugee Council (Copenhagen)

3 June

## **The Annual Elizabeth Colson Lecture (tbc)**

10 June

## **Limited room to manoeuvre: Refugee-led responses in camp settings**

**Nhial Deng** – Chair, Refugee Youth Peace Ambassadors (Kakuma camp, Kenya)

**Innocent Magambi** – Executive Director, There is Hope (Dzaleka camp, Malawi)

**Samuel Ouma Mijwang'a** – Registered Nurse, Emergency Response Team, Kenya Red Cross Society (Dadaab camp, Kenya)

17 June

## **Affecting change from within: Refugees in international humanitarian organisations**

**Joelle Hangi** – Intern, Innovation Service, UNHCR Regional Bureau in the East, Horn, and Great Lakes Regions of Africa (Nairobi)

**Bahati Ernestine Hategekimana** – Youth Activities Coordinator, Community Based Protection Unit, UNHCR Kenya Country Office (Nairobi)

**Foni Joyce** – Co-Chair, UNHCR Global Youth Advisory Council (Nairobi)

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