

REFUGEE & MIGRANT EDUCATION

PATHWAYS FOR HOPE,
UNDERSTANDING &
MEANINGFUL INTEGRATION

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Hosted by Pontifical Urbaniana University

WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER

11:00 Registration and Networking

14:00 Opening Plenary Session

Welcome Remarks:

Veronica De Sanctis, PhD, Scalabrini
International Migration Institute

Fr. John Abubakar, OSA, Villanova University

Tina Facca-Miess, PhD, John Carroll University

Setting the Context:

Br. Michael Schopf, SJ, International Director, JRS

Anthony Cernera, PhD, RME Network

Refugee Education in Perilous Times:

Global Perspectives:

Anne-Christine Bloch, Geneva Representative, JRS

15:45 Panel – Refugee Perspectives

Stories of Challenge and Hope: Testimonies of Resettled University Refugee Students and of Students in Emergency Situations

Anne-Christine Bloch, Geneva Representative, JRS
– Moderator

Mahdia Sharifi (Afghanistan, Roma Tre University)

Emmanuel Ushindi (DRC/Malawi Dzaleka Camp,
La Sapienza University of Rome)

Mathew Onen Terence Charles (South Sudan,
University of Trento)

Carolina Vanesa Rodriguez Feltan (Argentina,
Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas)

Short Break

17:15 AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION

Educating University Students About the Global Migration and Refugee Phenomena

Michele Pistone, JD, LLM, Villanova University –
Moderator

David Dinehart, PhD, College of Engineering,
Villanova University

Tina Facca-Miess, PhD, Boler College of Business,
John Carroll University

Walid Mosaraa, Every Campus A Refugee

Carina Black, PhD, Northern Nevada International
Center, University of Nevada, Reno

Open Discussion – Q & A

Reception

THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

09:00 MORNING SESSION - PLENARY

Anthony J. Cernera, PhD – Introduction and
Moderator

09:00 Plenary 1.a: Reflections on the Current Situation

Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ, Prefect, Dicastery for
the Promotion of Integral Human Development

Chiara Cardoletti, UNHCR Representative for Italy,
the Holy See and San Marino

**10:00 Plenary 1.b: UNHCR Global and Local Best
Practices on Education**

Global Compact on Refugees and Updates from the Global Refugee Forum

Manal Stulgaitis, UNHCR

Manifesto for an Inclusive University, and UNICORE project (University Corridors for Refugees)

Andrea Pecoraro, UNHCR-Italy

Michele Gradoli, LUISS University, Rome

Refugee Education UK

Catherine Gladwell, PhD - Third Country Pathways
– Safe and Legal Routes to Protection

Q & A with Plenary Speakers

11:15 Coffee Break

11:45 Plenary 2: Inclusion and Hope

Angelo Pittaluga, Head of Global Advocacy, JRS –
Moderator

Best Practices of Meaningful Inclusion of High School Refugees

Hiba Salem, PhD, Pedro Arrupe Fellow, JRS/Oxford
Refugee Studies Centre

**12:15 Breaking Down Barriers: Increasing Refugee Learner's
Access to and Completion of Secondary Education,
Presentation followed by panel discussion**

Carly Morlock, Regional Education Program Specialist,
Asia Pacific, JRS – Moderator

Fr. Cristóbal Madero Cabib, SJ, Vice President for Global
Engagement, Universidad Alberto Hurtado –
Presenter

Catherine Gladwell, PhD, Refugee Education UK –
Finding Voices of Refugee Youth Project – Presenter

Obed Obutu Ombuna, Regional Education Specialist,
Eastern Africa, JRS – Discussant

Q&A with Panelists

13:00 Lunch

14:30 AFTERNOON SESSION – WORKSHOPS

W1.1 – Models for Educating University Students About the Global Migration and Refugee Phenomena

Michele Pistone, JD, LLM – Moderator
Douglas L. Smith, ADD, JD, Brandeis University
Sarah Kilmer, PhD, & Justine DeCamillis, PhD,
University of Maryland

W1.2 – Refugee-Led Integration Initiatives

**Italian National Union of Refugees and Exiles (UNIRE)
– Integrating Refugee Students in Universities**

Emmanuel Ushindi (DRC, La Sapienza University
of Rome)
Sakina Mohammadi (Afghanistan, University
of Padova)
Peter Dikonzo (DRC, Bocconi University, Milan)

**W1.3 – Technology and Education at the
Margins JWL**

Melodie Honen-Delmar, Jesuit Worldwide Learning –
Moderator
Victor Baba & Emmanuel Aligo – Kakuma Refugee
Camp, Technology: Mediation, Peace-Building,
Leadership
Zaid Tahabsem, World Refugee School

W1.4 –Root Causes & Prospective Solutions

Toward a Systemic Solution to Global Refugee Crisis

Nicholas Santos, SJ, PhD, Creighton University,
Dominic Chai, SJ, PhD, Boston College,
Tina Facca-Miess, PhD, John Carroll University
Clifford Shultz, PhD, Loyola University Chicago

Root Causes of Forced Migration – Columbia to US

Daniel Cortes, JD, Villanova University

**Climate Refugees: The Unseen Victims of
Ecological Crisis**

Fr. Joby Kunnath Kora, CMI

**Impactful Watershed Management India:
An Integrative Justice Approach**

Suji Varghese, SJ, Director, Social Center, Ahmednagar,
India
Nicholas Santos, SJ, PhD, Creighton University

**Questioning the Role of Nation in the International
Community**

Inocent-Mária Vladimir Szaniszló, PhD, Pontifical
University of Saint Thomas Aquinas

Coffee Break

16:30 AFTERNOON SESSIONS – WORKSHOPS

W2.1 - Sharing Faculty Research Projects

Tina Facca-Miess, PhD – Introduction

**Expanding Educational Access for Displaced
Communities: The Arizona State University
SunSPOT Model**

Marc Sperber, MS, Arizona State
University

**To Russia with(out) Love: Ukrainian War Refugees
Migrating to the Land of the Aggressor**

Julia Khrebtan-Höerhager, PhD, Colorado State
University

**Collaboration and Effective Partnerships Between
Universities and NGOs in Educating Survivors of
Modern Slavery**

Vanna Derosas, MSc, and Anta Brachou, PhD,
St Mary's University, Twickenham

W2.2 – Teachers in Crisis Contexts

Melodie Honen-Delmar – Moderator

**Addressing the Global Teacher Shortage and
Formation of Refugee Teachers**

Parfait Fouda Leger, Regional Education
Coordinator, West Africa and Great Lakes, JRS
Batoul Moussa, Regional Education Officer, Middle
East & North Africa, JRS

**Inspiring Refugee Leaders through JWL Learning
Facilitator Course**

Melodie Honen-Delmar, Director of Professional
Programs and Research Manager
Ferishta Sardary, Global English Language

**Global Report on Teachers: Addressing Teacher
Shortages and Transforming the Profession**

Alberto García Gómez, JD, Dean, Faculty of Bioethics,
Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum

**W2.3 From Displacement to Opportunity: Advancing
Economic Inclusion for Refugees and Migrants**

**Building Futures Together: Inclusive Market Systems
for Economic Empowerment and Sustainability in
Refugee and Host Communities**

Fr. David Holdcroft, SJ, Economic Inclusion
Specialist, International Office, JRS
Juanita Bedoya Palacio, Regional Education
Coordinator, LAC, JRS
Elias Sahyoun, Regional Livelihoods Officer, Lebanon
and Syria

**Scalabrinian Model of Employment, Entrepreneurship
and Social Innovation (EESI)**

Marcio Toniazzo, Director Scalabrini International
Migration Network & Marianna Occhiuto, Head of
Fundraising and Partnerships Scalabrinian Agency
for Development Cooperation

Q&A Session

Moderated by Fr. David Holdcroft, SJ, JRS

W2.4. Building Successful Partnerships Between Foundations, Universities and NGO's Lessons from the Field

Arnout Mertens, Director of International Programmes and Innovation, JRS – Moderator

The Impact of a Grants Program on Enhancing Agency and Human Dignity of Refugees

Nicholas Santos, SJ, PhD, Creighton University/JWL

Daniel Hendrickson, SJ, PhD Creighton University

Collaborative Partnerships to Certify Refugee Researchers

Tina Facca-Miess, PhD, John Carroll University

Catherine Gladwell, PhD, Refugee Education UK

Jesuit Universities Networking and Collaboration on Refugees and Migrants: Insights & Recommendations

Tina Facca Miess, PhD, John Carroll University

W2.5 – Education as Accompaniment and Hospitality

STRONG: An Integral Academic Training Experience for Citizens with Migrant Backgrounds

Cristiano Colombi, PhD, STRONG PROGRAM,

Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas

Stand with Ukraine Listening Loom (SWULL): Pop Up Art Installation to Foster Peace, Justice and the Common Good

Melanie Menkevich, IHM Center for Literacy, Philadelphia

Can Authentic Advocacy Address Elite Capture? An Experiment from the US

Douglas L. Smith, ADD, JD, Brandeis University

18:00 General Discussion

Reception

FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

09:00 MORNING SESSION – PLENARY

Veronica De Sanctis, PhD – Moderator

Plenary Session: Collaborative Advocacy

Making Positive Differences in Public Conversations and Perceptions Regarding Migrants and Refugees - Communicative Strategies for Action

Vittorio Longhi, Journalist with The Guardian,

The New York Times International Edition and

La Repubblica

Sabika Shah Povia, Associazione Carta di Roma

Rahel Saya, Afghanistan Journalist

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Refugee Education UK - Applied Research

Catherine Gladwell, PhD

Improving Access & Thriving: What Receiving Countries in Global North Can Learn from the Majority World

University Responsibilities to Displaced Students:

From asylum seekers at our doorstep to those on the other side of the world

Promising Practices In Refugee Education From Across High Income Contexts:

Secondary education and college preparation

Open Discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:00 AFTERNOON SESSIONS – PLENARY AND WORKSHOPS

Remarks from the Rector

Professor Vincenzo Buonomo

Strategic Directions for the RME Network

Presentation of the RME Network Survey and Strategic Plan for 2025-2027 - Short Q&A, sharing in break-out groups, plenary debate

Anthony J. Cernera, PhD and Tina Facca-Miess, PhD – Moderators

15:30 Developing Ways to Foster Deeper Collaboration Among the Participants After the Conference

Developing Strategies to Move Forward Together in the Promotion of:

Research, Impact Measurement

Advocacy – Social Promotion

Education About Refugees

Education For Refugees

17:30 Final Session: Wrap Up and Next Steps, Call to Action, Open Discussion

Reception