Historicizing the Refugee Experience, 17th–21st Centuries
Second Annual International Seminar in Historical Refugee Studies
German Historical Institute
1607 New Hampshire Ave NW
Washington, DC
Washington, DC, July 13–16, 2022

DAY 1: JULY 13, 2022

4:00pm Words of Welcome
Jan C. Jansen (Duisburg-Essen), Dane Kennedy (Washington, DC), Axel Jansen (Washington, DC)

4:15pm–6:00pm Session 1
Chair: Jan C. Jansen
Lotte van Hasselt (Amsterdam), “The ‘Deserving’ Refugee in the Dutch Republic (ca. 1560s–1730s)”
Bastian Bouwman (Washington, DC), “Rights and Reconciliation: Christian Humanitarianism, Human Rights, and Expelees in Postwar West Germany”
Comments: Ebony Nilsson and Jochen Lingelbach

6:00pm Reception at GHI

DAY 2: JULY 14, 2022

9:00am–10:45am The Middle East Studies Association’s Global Academy
Mimi Kirk

10:45am–11:15am Coffee Break
11:15am–1:00pm Session 2
Chair: Peter Gatrell (Manchester)
Viola Müller (Bonn), “Finding Work as a Refugee: Escaped Slaves in the Antebellum Urban South and the Anticipation of Undocumented Migration”
Comments: Lotte van Hasselt and Joel Veldkamp

1:00pm–2:30pm Lunch

2:30pm–4:15pm Session 3
Chair: Megan Maruschke (Duisburg-Essen/Leipzig)
Anna Sadchit Mashi (Freiburg), “Actors of Statelessness: State Officials and Advocacy Groups in the 1920s Weimar Republic”
Comments: Pedro David Correa and Thomas Zuber

6:00pm–8:00pm Public Keynote
Delphine Diaz (Reims): “Women and Children in Exile in and from France, from the early 1830s through 1939”

DAY 3: JULY 15, 2022

9:00am–10:15am Intermediate Discussion
Chair: Dane Kennedy and Susanne Lachenicht (Bayreuth)

10:15am–10:45am Coffee Break

10:45am–1:00pm Session 4
Chair: Delphine Diaz
Sandip Kana (London), “Voluntarism in Partition’s Aftermath: The Faridabad Story”
Thomas Zuber (New York), “‘Mali is my father; Upper-Volta if my mother’: Regimenting Sovereignty and Refugee Status in Upper-Volta (1965–1975)”

Comments: Bastian Bouwman and Yael Schacher

1:00pm–7:00pm Free Afternoon

7:00pm Conference Dinner

DAY 4: JULY 16, 2022

9:00am–10:45am Session 5
Chair: Ilana Feldman (Washington, DC)
Jochen Lingelbach (Bayreuth), “From Imperial to International Refugee Regime: MERRA, UNRRA and European Refugees in British Colonial Africa (1942–1951)”

Comments: Anna Sadchit Mashi and Ana Guardião

10:45am–11:15am Coffee Break

11:15am–1:00pm Session 6
Chair: Anne Schult (New York/Washington, DC)
Pedro David Correa (Mexico City), “Exiles or Just Communists? The Fladren’s Exiles and their Reception in Revolutionary Mexico”

Comments: Rosa de Jong and Sandip Kana

1:00pm–2:30pm Lunch

2:30pm–4:15pm Concluding Discussion
Jan C. Jansen and Dane Kennedy