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FORCED MIGRATION & RESILIENCE:
PAST & PRESENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
April 28-29, 2015

Tuesday, 28 April

09.00 – 9.30 Coffee and welcome

09.30 – 10.30 Introduction

10.30 - 12.30 Theme 1: Syria

Moderator Johan Mårtelius

Dawn Chatty, PhD, University of Oxford

The Syrian humanitarian disaster: Understanding perceptions, aspirations and behaviour in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey

Mette Lundsryd, MA, Lund University

A World of Checkpoints: Experiences of Palestinian refugees from Syria

Annika Rabo, Ph.D. Stockholm University

Forced Migration past and present in Raqqa province, Syria

Nicholas Al-Jeloo, PhD, University of Melbourne/University of Divinity

Like a Cat with Seven Souls: The Khabur Assyrians as a Case Study for Repeated Forced Migration

General discussion

12.30 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Theme 2: Policy

Moderator Matthew Goldman

Umut Korkut, Glasgow Caledonian University

Pragmatism, Bureaucratic Reform or Policy Change: The making of Turkish Asylum Regime in view of the Syrian Refugee Crisis

Mina A. Trudeau, Koç University

Legal Gaps: Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Forced Migrants

General discussion

Coffee

15.30 - 17.00 Theme 3 Culture & Society

Moderator Suzi Erşahin

Sara Lindvall, the "Kvinna till Kvinna" Foundation (Woman to woman)

Gender analysis in a displacement context

Thomas Busch

Zakera – Preserving the Syrian Memory

Jakob Uludag, Ericsson

Empowering Refugees with Mobile Technology, Re-connecting Families

General discussion

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18.00 Dinner

Wednesday, 29 April

09.00 – 11.00 Theme 4 Ottoman-Turkey

Moderator Ph.D. Candidate Andrea Karlsson

Hannibal Travis, Ph.D., Florida International University College

The Plight of Refugees in the Mediterranean Basin as Evidence of Genocidal Intent: A Comparison of the Assyrians in 1915, 1933, and 2014 to the Bosnians and Kosovars in 1993 and 1999

Feryal Tansuđ, Ph.D., University of Toronto

Voluntary or Forced Migration?: The Case of Greeks from Imvros Island

Short break

Wendy Hamelink, PhD, Leiden University

Gendered experience of war, displacement, and statelessness: A Kurdish family on the run.

Ella Fratantuono, PhD Candidate, Michigan State University

The Long, Retracting Arm of the State: Migrant Administration in the Late Ottoman Empire

General discussion

Coffee

11.30 - 12.30 Theme 5 Health

Moderator Ph.D. Öncel Naldemirci

Eduardo Chemin, Ph.D. Cađ University

Between Heaven and Hell: Trauma, Coping and Religion in the context of the Syrian Diaspora

Önver Cetrez, Ph.D., Uppsala University/SRII

Existential concerns expressed among refugees: Examples from Iraqi and Syrian populations

General discussion

12.30 Lunch

13.30 – 16.00

Concluding the day and planning ahead for publication

Ending with wine and some snacks

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