

Refugee & Migrant Education Network

Initiatives in Refugee and Migrant Education

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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

Location: Pontifical Gregorian University, Aula Magna, Foyer, Congress Centre

10 - 2 Registration and Networking

12 - 1:30 Pre-Opening Workshop: Closing the Education Gap for Refugee Girls
Leader: Jill Drzewiecki, Gender Responsive Education Specialist, Jesuit Refugee Service

2:00 - 3:15 **Opening Plenary:** Refugee Education in Perilous Times: Global Perspectives
Opening Anthony J. Cernera, PhD, Co-Founder and Team Leader, Refugee &
Remarks: Migrant Education Network

Welcome: Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting
 Integral Human Development

 Fr. Mark Lewis, SJ, Rector, Pontifical Gregorian University

Keynote Fr. Tom Smolich SJ , International Director, Jesuit Refugee Service
Address: (JRS)

3:15 -4:15 **Opening Panel:** Refugee Education in Perilous Times: Global Perspectives - Continued
Moderator: Manal Stulgaitis, Education Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for
 Refugees, (Denmark)

Speakers: Fr. Tom Smolich, SJ, International Director, JRS

 Roberta Malee Bassett, Global Lead for Tertiary Education and Senior
 Education Specialist, The World Bank

 Sarah Dryden-Petersen, PhD, Associate Professor of Education, Harvard
 University, Cambridge, USA

 Rebecca Telford, Chief of Education, United Nations High
 Commissioner for Refugees (Denmark)

4:30 - 5:00 Break

5:00 - 6:30 **PLENARY 2: Ukrainian Refugee Education Crisis: Responsibilities & Responses**

Moderator: Rebecca Telford, Chief of Education, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Denmark)

Speaker: Mathieu Denis, Science Director and Acting CEO, International Science Council, Paris, France

Alicia Pacewica, Cofounder and Senior Advisor,
Center for Citizenship Education, Warsaw, Poland

6:30 - 7:00 Open collaboration and discussion time

7:00 Reception

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

Location: Pontifical Gregorian University, Matteo Ricci Congress Centre

9 - 10:30 **PLENARY 3: UNHCR'S 15by30 Roadmap: Goals & Tasks**

Moderator: Manal Stulgaitis, Education Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Denmark)

Speakers: Christian Huelshoerster, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Arife Pehlivan, Coordinator, Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), Ankara, Turkey

Amanda Kelleher, Director, Luminus Education, Amman Jordan

Shai Reshef, President, University of People, Pasadena, California

Jennifer Dwyer, Senior Technical Manager

Education Above All Foundation, Ar-Rayyan, Qatar

10:30 - 11 Break

11 - 12:30 **Workshops and Working Groups (Session 1)**

1. Leveraging technology in Refugee Camp Education

Leader: Drew Edwards, CEO, Pangea Educational Development, Kampala, Uganda

Kavita Kar, Intern, Pangea Educational Development, Kampala, Uganda

2. How University Networks can Create a Tsunami of Progress to Expand Refugee Access to Tertiary Education

Moderator: Nick Gill, Director of Research (Human Geography), University of Essex

Panelists: Annick Suzor-Weiner, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) and MEnS network

Anna Fausta Scardigno, Professor, University of Bari Aldo Moro and Sara Elarbi, Luiss University, Rome

Raniero Chelli, Senior Project Manager, (Mediterranean Universities Union) UNIMED

Rebecca Granato, Associate Vice President for Global Initiatives, Bard College; Director of the Open Society University Network (OSUN) Hubs for Connected Learning Initiatives; Vice President Bard Open Society University Network

3. Empowering Syrian Youth through Higher Education

Leader: Sarah Shedeed, Scholarship Program Manager, JUSOOR

Taryn Tufford, Intern, International Students Overcoming War

4. Measuring Impact at the Margins with the Integrative Justice Model

Leader: Tina Facca-Miess, Ph.D, John Carroll University, University Heights, Ohio

5. Closing the Education Gap for Refugee Girls: Continuing the Conversation

Leader: Rebecca Telford, Chief, Education Section, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Denmark)

Anne Murphy, RME Leadership Team, Consultant

12:30 - 2:30 Lunch Break

1:30 - 2:30 Networking and Discussion Time

2:30 - 3:45 **PLENARY 4:** Humanizing Higher Education

Moderator: Manal Stulgaitis, Tertiary Education Lead, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Speakers: Chiara Cardoletti-Carroll, Country Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Italy

Alan MacKay, Deputy Vice Principal International and Director of Edinburgh Global, University of Edinburgh

Amanda Kelleher, Director, Luminus Education

Duncan Ross, Chief Data Controller, Times Higher Education

4:15 - 5:45 **Workshops and working groups (Session 2)**

1. JRS and Pathfinders: Building a Model for Successful Refugee Livelihoods and Professional Development

Leader: David Holdcroft, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

2. Innovative Academic Engagement Models for Forced Migrations

Leader: Marco Tavanti, PhD, University of San Francisco

Presenters: Education NOW–Sustainable Educational Solutions for Ukrainian Refugees in Poland

Zaid Tababsem, World Refugee Schools

Amy Valentine, Future of School

3. Responses and Responsibilities: Learnings from the Programs and Models that are Improving Access to Higher Ed

Leader: GianMario Bensana, PhD, Associate Provost for Global Programs, DePaul University

Paper: Meeting NGO Research Needs with Certified Refugee Researchers

Presenters: Catherine Gladwell, Refugee Education (UK)

Matt Thomas, Jigsaw Consult

Tina Facca-Miess, PhD, John Carroll University

4. Migrant Workers & Families

Paper: Another Type of Forced Migration: Systemically Relevant Migrant Workers

Presenter: Inocent-Maria Vladimir Szaniszlo, OP, PhD, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) Rome, Italy

Paper: Integration of Migrant Children Into the School Systems in Malta and Serbia

Presenters: Ljiljana Cumura, University of Belgrade, MIGREC Project
Tamara Mihajlovic, University of Belgrade (Serbia)

5. Student mobilization: Increasing higher education opportunities for refugees

Moderator: Rudi Osman, Exiled Students Union

Panelists: Bernice Kula Kula, Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI program) Scholar; UNICORE (UNiform Interface to COmputing REsources)
Hector Ulloa, Steering Committee, Global Student Forum, Norway
Joel Amani Mafigi, Unleashed, Nakivale, Isingiro, Uganda
Nilab Zemaray Akhmad, Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI program) Scholar

5: 45 - 6:30 Networking and Discussion Time

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Location: Pontifical Gregorian University, Matteo Ricci Congress Centre

9:00 - 10:30 **PLENARY 5: Conversation with Refugee Student Leaders:**
Overcoming Challenges, Together

Moderator: Arash Bordbar, Associate Education Officer, United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees (Denmark)

Student Leaders: Bahati Mnyaki
Shaima Kamal Husin Alshareef
Alkattan Dan
Yves Umuhoza, DAFI Scholar, Burundi

10: 30 - 11 Break

11 - 12:30 **Workshops and Working Groups (Session 3)**

1. NGO & Academic Partnerships: What Works And What Doesn't

Leader: Arnout Mertens, International Director of Programs and Innovation, JRS

2. Higher Education for Refugees: Preparing Migrants and Refugees for Legal Empowerment Careers

Leaders: Michele Pistone, Professor of Law, Villanova University; Faculty Director and Founder, Villanova Interdisciplinary Immigration Studies Training for Advocates (VIISTA)

Jane Brady, Program Manager, Villanova University, Strategic Initiative Group on Migration and Refugee Protection

Robyn Lieberman, Associate Director, External Outreach Villanova University, Strategic Initiative Group on Migration and Refugee Protection

3. Reimagining University Admissions for Refugees

Leader: Joanna Zimmerman, Associate Director of Education for Humanity, Arizona State University

4. Reimagining *Agere Contra*: Ignatian Formation and “Acting Against” Global Tendencies in Education Of and About Migrants

Leaders: Michael M. Canaris, PhD, Loyola University, Chicago

Mariana Morales Miller, MA, Assistant Dean of Continuing Education, Loyola University, Chicago

Thomas Florek, SJ, President, National Catholic Farmworker Network

5. Sharing Faculty Research Projects

Facilitator: Marco Tavanti, PhD, University of San Francisco

6. Education as Ethical Hospitality in the Abrahamic Faiths

Leader: David L. Coppola, PhD, Director of Communications and Mission Advancement, Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, New York

12:30 - 2:45 Lunch Break with Opportunity for Open Discussion Session

3:00 - 4:00 **CLOSING PLENARY**

Speaker: Filippo Grandi, United Nations Commissioner for Refugees

4:00 - 5:00 **General Assembly:** Looking Forward and Moving Ahead: RME's Future Directions

5:00 Closing Reception

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 (Post-Conference Opportunity)

Location: The Vatican

9:00 Private Audience with Pope Francis