



Flight to Freedom: The Canadian Refugee Experience Since 1957
Fuir vers la liberté : l'expérience des réfugiés au Canada depuis 1957

October 21-23, 2017

Saturday, October 21

Saint Paul University/ Université Saint-Paul, Amphitheatre (223 Main St, Ottawa, K1S 1C4)

14:00 Conference registration

15:00 Welcome and introduction of the conference – Members of organizing committee.

15:15 Official opening in the presence of (and greetings by) dignitaries and representatives of government, refugee agencies, academic institutions.

Session 1. Creative expressions of migration, displacement and multiple identities.

16:00 Paper presentations followed by Q&A period

Chair: Lilly Koltun, artist, former Director of the Portrait Gallery of Canada

Amina Jalabi and Asem Malouh, Montreal: *First Flashes: Photographs of a New Life in Canada*

David DeGrow, Toronto: *The Vietnam War and experimental theatre in Toronto*

Gábor Gelencsér, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest: *There and back: Displacements in Hungarian Feature Film After 1989*

Salim A. Nabi, Toronto: *Refugee Children and Educational Gaps: The Case of Afghan Youth in GTA & Lesbos*

17:30 Reception and reading by author Tasneem Jamal

Sunday, October 22

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8:15 Registration, Coffee and pastries

Session 2. Canada's refugee movements and policies since 1957

8:30 Overview presentation by Harold Troper, University of Toronto: *Refugees to Canada: an historical overview*

9:00 Paper presentations followed by Q&A period

Chair: Monica MacDonald, Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21

Laura Madokoro, McGill University: *Resisting Change: White Settler Societies and the Question of Refugees in Asia, 1949-1960*

Mike Molloy, Canadian Immigration Historical Society: *Refugee Policy from 1957- A Barometer of Evolving Values*

Jan Raska, Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21: *Stability, Treatability, Recovery: Canada and Medical Admissions during World Refugee Year, 1959-1960*

Mária Palasik, Department of Scientific Cooperation and Public Education, Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security: *Those Who Did Not Integrate: Political considerations as a reason to stay in Canada or return to Hungary*

10:45 Break

11:00 Roundtable discussion. Living the experience. Former refugees present their experiences, followed by discussion and Q&A period.

Moderator: Marie Boglari, University of Ottawa/Saint Paul University

Peter Duschinsky, Ottawa: *The refugee experience and personal identity*

Ranjith Kulatilake, Toronto: *Serving LGBTQ+ Newcomers – A Narrative of a Gay Frontline Worker*

Judy Trinh, CBC Ottawa: *Beyond Settlement toward Success*

Rabea AlRiffai, University of Ottawa: *A Spring of Hope and Motivation: a Syrian refugee*

12:30 -13:45 Catered lunch

Session 3: Settlement and integration, multiculturalism and inter-ethnic relations

13:45 Overview presentation by Leslie Laczko, University of Ottawa

14:15 Paper presentations followed by Q&A period

Chair: Sophie Cloutier, Centre de recherche en éthique publique et gouvernance, Université Saint-Paul

Christopher Adam, Carleton University: *Two Solitudes: The 1956-57 Hungarian refugee crisis in the English and French Canadian press*

Fernando Mata, University of Ottawa: *Tracking the Interregional Mobility of Recently Arrived Refugees in Canada: Data Snapshots from the IMDB*

Nivedita Das Kundu, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University: *Refugee Afghan Women's Journey from Kabul to Canada through India*

Khaliq Martin, York University: *Hooyos: Somali Settlement Difficulties and the Resilience of Somali-Canadian Mothers*

16:00 Coffee and refreshments

16:30 Roundtable discussion. Receiving refugees: The role of settlement and advocacy agencies

Moderator and introductory remarks: Janet Dench, Executive Director, Canadian Council for Refugees/ Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés

Discussants: Corinne Prince St Amand, (Director General, Settlement and Integration Policy Branch, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada); Gina Csanyi-Robah (Executive Director, Canadian Romani Alliance, Vancouver); Sylvain Thibault, (coordonnateur du volet parrainage des réfugiés, Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées et immigrantes, Montréal); Carl Nicholson (Executive Director, Catholic Centre for Immigrants, Ottawa)

18:00 Reading by award winning author M. G. Vassanji

Monday, October 23

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9:00 Coffee and pastries

9:30 Conference Keynote presentation by The Hon Bob Rae, PC, CC, OOnt, QC (Senior Partner, Olthuis Kleer Townshend, and Professor, Victoria University, University of Toronto) followed by Q&A period

Session 4: The global rise of anti-immigration, anti-refugee political and populist movements

10:30 Paper presentations followed by Q&A period

Introduction and Closing Remarks by Chair: Paul Heinbecker (former Canadian ambassador to Germany and the UN, Distinguished Fellow, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University)

Katalin Fábrián, Lafayette College: *The Immigration Debate between Hungary and the EU: A Clash of Civilizations?*

Réka Sárközy, Pázmány Péter Catholic University Budapest/ Hungarian Theatre and Film Academy: *Behind Hungary's poster wars*

Harini Sivalingam, York University: *Waves of Fear: Forced Migration by Sea*

Jaime Lenet, McGill University: *Deter, deny, and deport: Canada and the "other" Hungarians*

13: 00 Bagged lunch (contributed by St Joseph's Parish) and Transfer to Canadian Museum of History, 100, rue Laurier Street, Gatineau, QC K1A 0M8

14:00 Meeting at the Canadian Museum of History for a Guided Tour of the Canadian History Hall, the vibrant new exhibition inaugurated on July 1st 2017

Location for afternoon program: Theatre of the Canadian Museum of History

15:30 **Closing panel discussion: Protecting Refugees in Challenging Times: Canada's role at home and abroad.** Open to the public

Words of Welcome: Mark O'Neill, President and CEO, Canadian Museum of History

Moderator: Andrew Burtch, Post 1945 History, Canadian War Museum and Adjunct Research Professor, Carleton University

Introduction: Peter Showler (University of Ottawa / former Chairperson, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada).

Other discussants: Naomi Alboim (Distinguished Fellow, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University), Emilie Coyle, (Director, Refugee Sponsorship Support Program, Refugee Hub, University of Ottawa); Janet Dench (Executive Director, Canadian Council for Refugees), Mitchell Goldberg (President, Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers), James Trepanier (Curator of Post-Confederation Canada, Canadian Museum of History).

17:00 Reception - with presentation by Mathieu Fleury, Councillor for Rideau-Vanier Ward, Ottawa, of the prize for the winner of the "Refugee Experience and Inclusion" art competition for children (organized by St. Joe's Women's Centre, Ottawa)

18:30 Public screening of the documentary *Une nuit sans lune/ A Moonless Night. Boat People: 40 ans après/ 40 Years Later* (2016). The screening will be followed by a Q&A with Executive Producer Thi Be Nguyen and Director/Producer Marie-Hélène Panisset.