



Refugee & Migrant Education Network
Initiatives in Refugee and Migrant Education
Moving Forward • Diving Deeper • Together

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

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

- 10:00-2:00 Registration and Networking
- 12:00-1:30 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 (JRS)
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- 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, Switzerland
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

7:00 Reception

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

Location: Pontifical Gregorian University, Matteo Ricci Congress Centre

9:00-10:30 **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, California, USA

Jennifer Dwyer, Senior Technical Manager

Education Above All Foundation, Ar-Rayyan, Qatar

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 **Workshops and Working Groups (Session 1)**

1. Leveraging Technology in Refugee Camp Education

Leader: Drew Edwards, CEO, Pangea Educational Development, Uganda
Kavita Kar, Intern, Pangea Educational Development, 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, UK

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

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

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

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, USA

3. Empowering Syrian Youth through Higher Education

Leader: Sarah Shedeed, Scholarship Program Manager, JUSOOR, Lebanon

Taryn Tufford, Intern, International Students Overcoming War, Canada

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

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

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

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

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

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, UK



Amanda Kelleher, Director, Luminus Education, Jordan

Duncan Ross, Chief Data Controller, Times Higher Education, UK

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: Amy Valentine, Future of School, USA

Zaid Tababsem, World Refugee School, Jordan

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

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

Paper: Meeting NGO Research Needs with Certified Refugee Researchers

Presenters: Catherine Gladwell, Refugee Education, UK

Matt Thomas, Jigsaw Consult, UK

Tina Facca-Miess, PhD, John Carroll University, USA

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), Germany

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, Germany

5:45-6:30 Networking and Discussion

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, From DRC, Living in Zimbabwe
Shaima Kamal Husin Alshareef, From Sudan, Living in Italy
Alkattan Dan, From Iraq, Living in Morocco
Yves Umohoza, From Burundi, living in Zimbabwe

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 **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, USA

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

Thomas Florek, SJ, President, National Catholic Farmworker Network, USA

5. Sharing Faculty Research Projects

Facilitator: Marco Tavanti, PhD, University of San Francisco, USA

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, USA

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

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