



The Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration Studies Center (RDFMSC) and ALECSO Chair for Educational Studies of Displacement and Forced Migration are holding the fifth International conference

The refugees in Jordan: A future vision

15 - 16 March 2023

(Refereed scientific conference)

Introduction

The Center for the Study of Refugees, Displaced Persons, and Forced Migration at Yarmouk University has adopted the vision of developing research priorities in the fields of asylum, displacement, and forced migration based on the requirement to develop flexible, specific, and measurable scientific strategies and plans that keep pace with developments in the curves of crises that led to asylum as well as the developments imposed by each stage of development and the requirements of time per stage.

Through the partnerships it has built and developed over the years of its work, the Center has sought to unify the reference to determine research priorities in asylum cases to achieve the greatest amount of work on this research within the paths determined by specialists, moreover, to benefit those working in the fields of research and scientific work that is based on clear, specific and measurable objectives that benefit the decision-maker and institutions working in this field.

These priorities presented are the result of a lot of hard work that led to the fifth international conference «The Refugees in Jordan: Future vision» that the center is holding with ALECSO chair for Displacement and Forced Migration as a partner. The priorities brought together the institutions concerned and affected the experience and interest to study all the proposals on the table within their various themes and to keep the spaces of researchers free but within the framework of effective national service.

This conference is characterized by the fact that it will address these themes through different angles, which are scientific research (referred scientific papers collected in a book) and qualitative seminars and trainings (dealing with areas of work with refugees). Moreover, various art exhibitions will be held in addition to a competition for short and documentary film makers.

During the previous time frame, the center also established national research priorities pertaining to issues of migration, displacement, and asylum and in many other disciplines. These priorities will serve as the fundamental framework for organizing the conference and guiding its outputs to ensure that both national and international perspectives on these issues are met.

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Goals

1. Being aware of the refugees' situation in Jordan.
2. Providing the local and international decision maker with highly- qualitative scientific findings that support industry-wise judgments through this capacity and its personnel the matter in collaboration with partners
3. Connecting together the researchers who are interested in the fields of asylum, displacement and forced migrations different scientific fields
4. Providing a research data- base for anybody interested in issues of forced migration, displacement, and asylum.

First: The scientific research

The scientific themes of the conference

1. Health, medical and psychological sciences theme

- The level of satisfaction with health, medical and psychological services inside and outside the refugees' camp.
- Reasons for refugees' reluctance to benefit from primary reproductive health services.
- Follow-up services for reproductive health.
- The extent of satisfaction with mental health services and psychosocial support among refugees
- Levels of change in social stigma and its relationship to access to psychological services.
- Prevalence of secondary psychological trauma among translators and workers in humanitarian organizations.
- Psychological disorders associated with cases of children in refugee communities.
- Psychological health of refugees and host communities.

2. Economy theme

- The role of the refugee in the development of the Jordanian national economy.
- The role of the refugee in doubling the rates of poverty and unemployment in Jordan.
- Replacing Jordanian national labor with refugee labor.
- Balance national employment and refugees.
- The impact of refugees' cash transfers to and from Jordan on the Jordanian economy.

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- The impact of the Jordan Compact on the Jordanian economy.
- The impact of government policies and decisions related to refugees on the Jordanian economy and market.
- Analyze the technical and professional skills of refugees and ways to benefit from them.
- The role of digital transformation in building and employing economic opportunities for Jordanians and refugees.
- Laws and regulations concerned with the regulation of the labor market and the entry of expatriate workers into it.
- National Employment Strategies.
- The economic and social feasibility of grants to refugees.
- The economic and social impact of grants for refugees.
- The gap between the values of grants provided to refugees and the amount of spending.
- The refugees' competence and their role in investment and industry.

3. The political theme

- The political dimensions of asylum in Jordan (the case of Syrian refugees as a model).
- Future scenarios for Syrian refugees in Jordan.
- Jordanian government policies towards Syrian refugees.
- International policies towards Syrian refugees in Jordan.
- International experiences in dealing with Syrian refugees.

4. Communication and Information Technology theme

- Modern trends in teaching and smart learning in increasing the enrolment of refugees in education and higher education.
- Digital skills for refugees and market needs.
- Digital leadership and innovation in asylum communities.
- The role of technology in facilitating communication between refugees, supporters and organizations.
- Digital skills, market needs and the refugees' shift from agriculture to the manufacture of things.



5. Social sciences, humanities, and media theme

- The role of media and art in refugee and forced migration issues.
- The role of the media in social inclusion.
- The developmental role of refugees.
- The future of the crisis politically, socially and humanitarially.
- Education and higher education for refugees.
- Refugee students dropped out of public and higher education.
- The impact of asylum issues on the international relations of host countries.
- The role of social networks and their orientation to communities in asylum issues.
- Voluntary return of refugees.
- The social identity of a refugee born in the host community.
- Linguistic documentation and interpretation in refugee communities.
- Language needs of refugee youth.
- The movement of migration and resettlement and the causes of crises that lead to asylum and forced migration.
- Duplication of service delivery to refugees and the needs of refugees.
- Services and social structure.
- Empowering refugee women.
- Refugees between alienation and social integration.
- Islamic rooting of the terms asylum and migration.
- The role of the media in supporting the refugee children
- Refugee women and the achievement of sustainable development.

6. Future Studies, the Global Order and Future Challenges

- Looking ahead to the future of refugees.
- Voluntary return between theory and practice.
- Future developments in the rights granted to refugees.
- The use of technology techniques in foreseeing the future of asylum.
- Political developments in host communities and the country of origin of the refugee.
- Community integration of a refugee: a burden or an opportunity?
- Asylum and resistance to change.
- Self-sufficiency in asylum communities.
- The future of refugee identity.
- National strategies and mechanisms for dealing with asylum.



7. Environmental Studies

- The impact of refugee camps on surface and groundwater sources.
- Sanitation problems and how to access usable water.
- Manage environmental risks caused by camps.
- Investment of agricultural natural resources and pastures surrounding the camps.
- Management of waste organization in areas of asylum.
- Engineering standards for the establishment of camps.
- Investing technology in the protection of ecosystems.
- Laws, legislations and policies related to environmental systems in Jordan.
- The role of the host community in activating environmental friendship in the asylum community.
- The economic state of the camps and the desired environmental development.
- Involve refugees in environmental development.
- Recycling of solid waste generated in refugee communities.
- Invest land around the camps.
- Grey water investment in agriculture around the camps.
- Use of alternative energy in camps.
- Innovative solutions for sanitation in camps.
- The impact of conflicts on climate change.
- Environmental reforms in refugee communities.
- Environmental psychology in asylum communities.
- Urban planning of refugee settlements.

8. Refugees' Legal Protection under International and Domestic Law

- Local legislation in host communities to deal with asylum.
- Building local legislation related to refugees.
- Labour legislation relating to refugees.
- Investment legislation related to refugees.
- Protection of the refugees' rights.
- The rights of refugee women in Islam.



Requirements for disclosing scientific research:

- Send a research abstract in accordance with the summary template of the conference, and the researcher will be informed of the initial acceptance of his research in the conference within two weeks from the date of receiving the abstract.
- Research papers are accepted in both Arabic and English, with the submission of two abstracts in each language, provided that they meet the requirements listed below:
 1. The research should fall under one of the conference's themes, and it should not have been previously published in scientific journals or presented in Conferences.
 2. The research submitted for participation in the conference must adhere to the scientific and academic methodology.
 3. The number of research pages should not exceed 25 A4 pages, including appendices and a list of sources and references.
 4. Documenting references according to the standards set by the scientific committee (according to APA).
 5. The research is written in Word using Roman New Times as the font type and size 12 for the English text and Arabic Simplified as the font type and size 14 for the Arabic language main text.
 6. The contact information for the researcher and supervisor must be included in the abstract if the research is extracted from a university scientific thesis (phone number, postal address, e-mail).

Second: Film competition

A creative competition aimed at activating the role of creative youth. It deals with the topics and themes of the conference. Short films and documentaries provided should be concerned with the fields of refugee women and children, issues of the economy and development, and other issues.

Conditions for participation in the Film Competition:

1. The film explores a subject pertinent to the conference's themes or tells a personal narrative regarding immigration and forced asylum.
2. To compete in the competition (conference), the film must be a unique production that hasn't been released in any publications or on social media.
3. Media companies and their staff members are allowed to take part in special content, whether it has been published or not provided the approval of the institution and the director of the film and granting the right to publish or re-publish to the conference and Yarmouk University represented by the Refugee Studies Centre.
4. Fill in the competition participation form (conference).

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Third: qualitative seminars and trainings

The conference includes a group of specialized training targeting refugee students and host communities in addition to members of the research network, university professors and staff. Additionally, a series of seminars on this subject will be organized in collaboration with regional and international partners.

Registration and fees

Registration for the conference is done by completing the data and information on the participation form

- Participants from Yarmouk University (free for faculty members and students)
- Participants from inside Jordan (\$100).
- Participants from outside Jordan in presence (\$300)
- Participants from outside Jordan may sign up virtually for \$150.
- Attendance (\$50).
- The aforementioned fees do not include hotel accommodation.

Please, send a copy of the financial receipt used to make the transfer to the conference email address, refuge@yu.edu.jo

Important dates:

First - Research papers:

- The deadline for receiving abstracts is: 20 / 1 / 2023.
- The deadline for receiving final research and working papers is: 15 / 2 / 2023.
- The deadline for paying the conference participation fee is: 1 / 3 / 2023.
- The conference will be held from 15 to 16 March 2023.
- Certificates of conference attendance will be given out at the closing session.

Second - Film Competition:

- Participant form submission: 20 / 1 / 2023.
- The deadline for delivering the final product: 1 / 3 / 2023.
- -Films' Display: 16 / 3 / 2023.

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