

# SUPPORT, SANCTUARY, SOLIDARITY: MOVING TOWARDS MIGRANT JUSTICE & RESILIENCE

CRS - YCAR Virtual Student Conference 2022 Program

FRIDAY MARCH 4 - SUNDAY MARCH 6  
TIME ZONE: EST/ GMT-5, TORONTO, CANADA

## DAY 1

Friday, March 4, 10:30am-4:30pm EST

10:30-11:00am

### WELCOME

**Introduction & Land Acknowledgement:** Laura Colangelo (CRS Student Caucus Co-Chair)

**Opening Remarks By CRS Director, and Co-Chairs for CRS & YCAR:** Sean Rebag (CRS Director), Laura Colangelo (CRS), Aqeel Ihsan (YCAR)

11:00-12:00pm

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS: REFUGEE INTEGRATION BEYOND THE PUBLIC IMAGE

Mustafa Alio, M.S.M.; Co-Managing Director, R-SEAT

11:00-12:00pm

### LUNCH

12:30-1:30pm

### PANEL 1: REFUGEES AT THE MARGINS: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF HEALTHCARE FOR MIGRANTS

Moderated by: Archana Sivakumaran

- **As if I am telling a story: 'Iranian Refugees' (In)Access to Mental Healthcare in Canada**  
Sanam Vaghefi
- **Refugee Mental Health - A Review of Literature on Treatment, Practices and Recommendations**  
Lavan Kandiah
- **Who Deserves Health Care: An Exploration of the Contestation and Negotiation Strategies and Practices of Health Care Advocates**  
Sarah Marshall

1:30-1:40pm

### BREAK

Friday, March 4, 10:30am-4:30pm EST

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**PANEL 2: SAFE-HAVEN OR SYSTEMIC FAILURE: CONTEMPLATING THE ROLE OF EDUCATION FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS**

Moderated by: Carla Cabrera

1:40-2:40pm

- ***Towards an Understanding of International Students Within Canadian Settler-Colonial Capitalism***  
Bianca Gomez
  - ***Moving Beyond Barriers to Higher Education: Women Students in Dadaab Refugee Camp***  
Maham Aqil
  - ***Sanctuary Education in Theory and Practice: The UprootedU Program***  
Tyler Correia
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2:40-2:50pm

**BREAK**

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**PANEL 3: MIGRANT BODIES AND THE STATE: UNPACKING THE POLITICS OF EXCLUSION AND MIGRANT PRECARIETY**

Moderated by: Melanie Scott

2:50-3:50pm

- ***The Costs of Discussing Only the Benefits- A Critique of the Celebratory Narrative of the 2022 Qatar World Cup***  
Sanjana P. Rahman
- ***Space, Power and COVID-19: A Case of Temporary Migrant Workers in Canada***  
Roxana Rabet
- ***The SAWP: A Biopolitical Analysis of Migrant Worker Precariousness***  
Monisha Poojary

3:50-4:30pm

**CLOSING REMARKS**

10:30-11:00am

## WELCOME

**Introduction & Land Acknowledgement:** Archana Sivakumaran (CRS Student Caucus Co-Chair), Jolin Joseph (YCAR Graduate Associate)

11:00-12:00pm

## PANEL 4: INCLUSION, ACCESS, AND BELONGING: THE ROLE OF BORDERS IN MIGRANT JUSTICE

Moderated by: Laura Colangelo

### **Migrant-Serving Organizations: Supporting U.S. Migrants with Safe Digital Access**

Afshan Paarlberg

### **A Landfowl, A Fork, A Watch: A (conceptual) border drama**

Alireza Gorgani

### **From Humanitarianism to Securitization: The Shift in Political and Media Discourse on Tamil Refugees Arriving by Sea in Canada**

Rahul Balasundaram

12:00-12:30pm

## LUNCH

12:30-1:30pm

## ROUNDTABLE 1: SEEKING SANCTUARY: EXPLORING ISSUES OF DETENTION, DEPORTATION, AND TEMPORALITY

Moderated by: Laura Colangelo

**Presenters: Dr. Shahram Khosravi & Harini Sivalingam**

1:30-2:15pm

## SOCIAL ROOMS

Please join us after the roundtable for an engaging discussion with fellow attendees!

2:15-2:30pm

## BREAK

Saturday, March 5, 10:30am-5:00pm EST

## **PANEL 5: SITES OF PROTEST: BODIES, COURTS, AND POLITICS**

*Moderated by: Alireza Gorgani Dorcheh*

### ***The Art of Invisibility***

Melanie Scott

### ***Truth as State Servant in Asylum Court: The Difference Between Citizenship and Hospitality***

Isabel Arce Zelada

### ***Constructing another Europe from within. From urban citizenship to the municipalist transformation***

Stephan Liebscher

2:30-3:30pm

## **PANEL 6: (UN)SETTLED: DISRUPTING AND DECOLONIZING THE IMMIGRATION/INTEGRATION APPARATUS**

*Moderated by: Jackie Sultana Sikdar*

### ***Forced Displacement as Forced Complicity: The Necropolitics of Refugees and Asylum-seekers in the Context of the Settler Colonial***

Kushan Azadah

### ***Situating LGBTQ+ Forced Migration Research on Stolen Land: Some Epistemological Tensions***

Ranjith Kulatilake

### ***Migration of Guatemalan Indigenous Women to the US Caused by Economic and Political Instability***

Karla Lineth Lopez Rosa

3:30-4:30pm

4:30-5:00pm

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

10:00-10:30am

## WELCOME

**Opening Remarks By Co-Chairs of CRS and YCAR:** Archana Sivakumaran (CRS Co-Chair), Jolin Joseph (YCAR Graduate Associate)

10:30-11:30am

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS: UNBORDERING EDUCATION: MIGRANT STUDENTS' RESILIENCE IN THE FIGHT FOR POST-SECONDARY ACCESS

Tanya Aberman, Sanctuary Scholars Program Coordinator (S4 Collective) & Brantella Williams (Political Science, York)

11:30-11:45am

## BREAK

11:45-12:45pm

## PANEL 7: FAMILY, SETTLEMENT, AND SPACE: A GLIMPSE INTO INTERGENERATIONAL SETTLEMENT EXPERIENCES

Moderated by: Anusha Bhadra

**Reproducing the "Never-ending Newcomer": Mature Tamil-Canadian womens' experiences with Settlement and Integration policy**

Abarna Selvarajah

**Knowing Ourselves: (Re)Mapping Family and Space in the Toronto Tamil Diaspora**

Faith Rajasingham

**Mag-aral kang mabuti: An Ethnographic Study of the Educational Experiences of First- and Second-Generation Filipinx Immigrants \*mag-aral kang mabuti = Tagalog for study well (directive)**

Cristela Alvaran

12:45-1:15pm

## LUNCH

Sunday, March 6, 10:00am-4:30pm EST

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1:15-2:15pm

**ROUNDTABLE 2: CROSSING THE SETTLER COLONIAL STATE:  
INTERSECTIONS AND INSIGHTS**

*Moderated by: Aqeel Ihsan*

**Presenters: Dr. Nishant Upadhyay & Bryanna R. Brown**

2:15-3:00pm

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**CLOSING REMARKS**

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