

A Conversation on the

Global Migration Crisis and Human Rights

**Friday, October 14, 2016
University of Washington
Walker Ames at Kane Hall 225
Seattle, Washington**

DRAFT AGENDA

- 8:30-8:45 **Registration**
- 8:45-9:00 **Welcome**
Professor Reşat Kasaba, Director & Stanley D. Golub Chair of International Studies, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington
Lara Iglitzin, Executive Director, Henry M. Jackson Foundation
- 9:00-10:15 **Panel One – Voices of Migrants and Local NGOs**
Panelists will discuss evolving trends in the role of local nongovernment and government agencies in helping migrants transition to their new communities and the migrant perspective on this experience. What is working? What needs to change?
▶ Moderator: **Lara Iglitzin**, Executive Director, Henry M. Jackson Foundation
▶ **Nicky Smith**, Executive Director, The International Rescue Committee of Seattle
▶ **Jennifer Malloy**, Program Manager, Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services
▶ **Amina Ahmed**, Executive Director and Founder, Partner in Employment
▶ **Faried Alani**, The International Rescue Committee of Seattle
- 10:15-10:30 **Break – Coffee and Tea**
- 10:30-12:00: **Panel Two – Root Causes of Forced Migration**
Panelists will discuss the relevance (or not) of continuing to distinguish economic versus political causes of migration, particularly as they affect the governance of migration. The panel will take a comparative case study approach and delve into the historical legacies of economic survival and political conflict that compel drastic decisions to undertake perilous journeys. What are the implications for policy? What innovations are currently proposed?
▶ Moderator: **Sara Curran**, Professor, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington
▶ **Reşat Kasaba**, Director & Stanley D. Golub Chair of International Studies, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington
▶ **Ricardo Gomez**, Associate Professor, Information School, University of Washington
▶ **Michael Bowers**, Vice President of Humanitarian Leadership and Response, Mercy Corps
- 12:00-1:00 **Luncheon Break**

- 1:00-2:30 **Panel Three – Current Migration to Europe, Canada and the United States**
 Panelists will discuss the present dynamics of refugee movement to Europe, Canada, and the United States. To what extent are existing national, regional, and international frameworks for refugee protection adequate? What informs the different responses of the US, CN, and EU member states and --what should be their responses? What did the September UN Refugee Summit achieve? What issues were not adequately addressed by the Summit? Next steps?
 ► Moderator: **Kathie Friedman**, Professor, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington
 ► **Oliver Schmidtke**, Professor and European Studies Scholar, University of Victoria
 ► **Susan F. Martin**, Donald G. Herzberg Professor of International Migration Emerita and Former Director of the Institute for the Study of International Migration, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown
 ► **Judith Sunderland**, Associate Director, Europe and Central Asia Division, Human Rights Watch
- 2:30-2:45 **Break – Coffee and Tea**
- 2:45-4:15 **Panel Four – Civil Society and the Governance of Migration: Government and Civil Society Responses**
 Panelists will discuss the growing role of civil society in managing forced migration crises. How do governments and CSOs interact in addressing forced migration? Who is leading and what is role of governments and international organizations? Are civil society actors caught up in providing service? To what degree do they also engage in advocacy? How do CSOs assess the impact of volunteer work in their organizations? What would CSOs need in order to optimize their work? How to fix the current international migration system – proposed solutions.
 ► Moderator: **Sabine Lang**, Associate Professor of European and International Studies, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies
 ► **Stephanie Nawyn**, Associate Professor, Michigan State University
 ► **Jeffery Crisp**, Former Head of Policy Development and Evaluation, UNHCR, University of Oxford
 ► **Megan Carney**, Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington
- 4:15-4:30 **Kristine Sogn**, Graphic Illustrator
 Presentation of the Illustrations: Key Themes and New Ideas
Sara Curran, Kathie Friedman, Sabine Lang
 Key Themes, New Ideas and Next Steps
- 4:30-6:00: **Reception**
 Yukon Room
 UW Faculty Club