The Kaldor Centre’s Emerging Scholars Network is a global interdisciplinary community of graduate and early career scholars undertaking research on refugees and forced migration.

With more than 270 members based in 30 countries, the Network allows scholars to share ideas across disciplines and institutions, and to disseminate research expertise that spans diverse fields including refugee mental health; political theory and governance; migration law; and disaster-related displacement.

Further information is available at: https://www.kaldorcentre.unsw.edu.au/networks-and-collaborations

This ‘Year in Review’ newsletter highlights some of our members’ academic achievements in 2021. These include: PhD completions; leadership roles; international conferences and fieldwork; and, a range of publications from blogs and podcasts to book chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles.
JOIN OUR NETWORK

All graduate and early-career scholars undertaking research on refugees and forced migration are invited to apply to join the Kaldor Centre's Emerging Scholars Network. Those scholars who are based in, or conducting research on, the Asia-Pacific or Africa, or whose work focuses on issues of Gender & Diversity or Climate Change, Disaster and Human Mobility, are also encouraged to join those research groups within the broader Network (outlined below).

For more information see our website:

Building research capacity in the Asia-Pacific

The Asia-Pacific Research Group is an inter-disciplinary community where members share updates on their research, as well as legislative and policy developments on refugee law and practice in their countries. The work of scholars in this group today can inform better solutions in future, in a region where legal frameworks for refugees are only just developing. Scholars who wish to join the group are invited to visit the website and submit an application to the Kaldor Centre's Madeline Gleeson at: kaldor-emergingscholars-asiapacific@groups.unsw.edu.au

A focus on Africa

The Emerging Scholars Network's Africa Research Group brings together graduate and early-career scholars studying forced migration in that region. The Africa Research Group is led by Dr Tamara Wood, an internationally recognised expert on African regional refugee protection and climate change-related displacement. Interested scholars are invited to email: kaldor-africagroup@groups.unsw.edu.au

Highlighting gender & diversity

The Gender & Diversity Research Group aims to connect early-career academics exploring issues of gender, sexuality, age and disability in the field of refugee and forced migration studies. Scholars conducting research on gender (broadly defined) or other intersectional factors, or who are keen to expand their research agenda to include these perspectives, are invited to join this forum. The group has been led by Associate Professor Dr Kate Ogg. Interested scholars are invited to email: kaldor-emergingscholars-gender@groups.unsw.edu.au

Understanding environmental displacement

The Climate Change, Disaster & Human Mobility Research Group aims to connect graduate and early-career academics and researchers exploring displacement, migration, relocation and immobility in the context of disaster, climate change and environmental degradation. Scholars conducting research on these themes, or who are keen to expand their research agenda to include these perspectives, are invited to join by contacting: Sanjula Weerasinghe and Erica Bower at kaldorcentre@unsw.edu.au with a specific reference to the group in the subject line.
A note from the convenor

This year has seen our interdisciplinary community grow to more than 270 members around the world. Our Year in Review newsletter showcases the impressive achievements of many network members, and the impact of their ideas in our field of study. I’d like to thank Ashlee Christian, a final year UNSW law & arts student, Indigenous cadet and research assistant with the Kaldor Centre, for helping us to prepare this newsletter.

Best of all, this year we were able to meet and connect with many of you through our virtual workshops, research groups and other events, no matter the timezone (and several members dialled in to events during the early hours to participate - thank you!).

These events included our sixth annual Emerging Scholars Network workshop, which saw 18 members present exciting original research. Topics included the limitations of existing data on gender, access to education in detention and displacement contexts, the legal exclusion and digital participation of Rohingya, and the impacts of environmental degradation and COVID-19 on displaced populations.

We also launched our fourth dedicated sub-group, the Climate Change, Disaster and Human Mobility Research Group. With more than 50 members already, this new research community is a vibrant hub for network members whose work engages with cutting-edge questions around displacement in the context of environmental change.

Meanwhile, our online Member Database now has more than 120 entries, and is a great way to see other scholars in the same city or with the same interests as you. Browse the database on the Kaldor Centre website or send me an email to add your profile.

Mentoring Program

This year the Kaldor Centre, with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute and supported by U21, convened the Displaced Scholars Mentoring Program, to enable emerging scholars with lived experience to strengthen their skills and networks.

To learn more about the program or participants’ work, visit the Kaldor Centre's website or listen to the podcast on iTunes from our terrific panel event of 8th October, Displacement & the Academy. Chaired by Dr Tamara Wood and introduced by Prof Geoff Gilbert, the event featured scholars Tina Dixson, Ahmad Akkad, Khulud and Thae Oo Khaing discussing how universities, publishers and funding bodies can better understand the needs of scholars with lived experience. The event was co-hosted by the Kaldor Centre, UNHCR’s Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network and UNSW’s Forced Migration Research Network.

Best wishes, Dr Claire Higgins
Ahmad Akkad
Doctoral Researcher, University of Warwick UK

Ahmad is Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and a funded doctoral researcher in education at the University of Warwick in the UK. He is a Graduate Teaching Assistant for the MA course ‘Global Education and International Development’ in the Education Department at the University of Warwick. He was sponsored to attend the 2021 International Summer School in Forced Migration at the University of Oxford. Earlier in September, he presented a conference paper at the 15th European Sociological Association conference in Barcelona, Spain (Online), entitled: ‘Displaced academics as mobile academic subjects: A question of normativity or anomaly?’ His recent publication ‘Exploring the role of HE teachers as change agents in the reconstruction of post-conflict Syria’ explores Syrian higher education teacher’s perceptions of their role as change agents in the reconstruction of post-conflict Syria.

Abdul Aziz
PhD Candidate, Digital Media Research Centre, School of Communication
Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

Abdul Aziz’s research investigates digital media and forced migration, focusing on social justice, race & ethnicity, cultural diversity and digital inclusion. His current doctoral research aims explore the Rohingya refugees’ digital media use for identity negotiation and integration in Cox’s Bazar refugee camps in Bangladesh and Brisbane, Australia. He is a member of the Asia-Pacific Research Group. Abdul’s recent publications include “(Re)mapping transnational families and immobility of the Rohingya diaspora in a digital age” where he draws on Massey’s idea of the ‘power geometry’ with a combination ‘immobility turn’ to consider how the socio-spatial mobility is restricted and regulated, and how these immobilities are crucial to understanding transnational family care practices of the Rohingya diaspora. He also published “A repertoire of everyday resistance and technological (in)security: constructing the Rohingya diaspora and transnational identity politics on social media” which explores how transnational identities are negotiated through digital and social media use, and how the narratives online contribute to Rohingya transnational identity in the context of surveillance and statelessness. He has also published an article titled ‘Rohingya Diaspora: Transnational Identity in the Digital Age’ on The Diplomat.
Brian Barbour
Affiliate, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law and Senior Refugee Protection Advisor, Act for Peace

Brian Barbour is currently a PhD candidate at the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law researching refugee protection in Asia, with a focus on building new state asylum systems from the ground up. Brian is a member of the Asia-Pacific Group. He currently serves as a case-law editor with the International Journal of Refugee Law collecting relevant judgements in the Asia-Pacific region and producing summaries for publication. He was also invited by UNCHR to sit on a Reference Group overseeing the conduct of a global and independent evaluation of UNHCR’s Asylum Capacity Development work, looking at UNCHR’s support for strengthening national asylum systems.

In 2021, Brian published several articles titled, “UNHCR Philippines: Policy Briefs on identified legislative priorities”; “Beyond Asian Exceptionalism: Refugee Protection in Non-Signatory States”; “A whole-of-society approach to the Rohingya refugee crisis: strengthening local protection capacity in South and South-East Asia”; and “UNHCR Philippines: Desk review on populations at risk of statelessness: Children of Philippine Descent in a Migratory Setting in GCC countries and persons of Japanese Descent”. Brian has also given several conference presentations including one titled “Beyond Asian Exceptionalism” which he gave at the International Refugee Regime and Non-signatory States: Launch of Forced Migration Review special feature on non-signatory states.

Betty Barkha
PhD Candidate Monash University, Centre for Gender Peace and Security

Betty Barkha is a final year PhD Candidate at Monash University (International Relations and Political Science). Her PhD research is focused on examining the gendered impacts of climate change induced mobilities in the Pacific through a political economy lens, specifically looking at planned relocation and displacement in Fiji. Betty is also a recipient of the Monash University Faculty of Arts International Postgraduate Research
Scholarship.
Prior to commencing her PhD, she worked with Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) in Thailand. She is currently and advisor to Global Resilience Fund and the co-chair of the Board at International Women’s Development Agency (IWDA). Further details about her work can be viewed here. Betty’s journey within in academia is an extension of her activism and advocacy efforts, which you can know more about through this Oxfam Policy & Practice podcast. She has also written on Gendered (In)Security in the Pacific and on the Impacts of Climate Change on Human Mobility and Feminist Political Economy.

Laura Braid
Refugee and Protection Officer at Immigration New Zealand

Laura Braid recently completed her LLM (International Law and Politics) with First Class Hours at the University of Canterbury. Her dissertation explores the availability of protection under international law for those displaced across borders in the context of disasters and examines possible solutions for improving protection. Her research also frames the Covid-19 pandemic as a disaster and thus incorporates the pandemics implications for mobility into its analysis. She is also a member of the Climate Change, Disaster and Human Mobility Research Group. Laura was awarded an A+ for this dissertation!

Barış Can Sever
Ph.D. Candidate
Department of Sociology at Middle East Technical University – Ankara/Turkey

Barış Can Sever is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Sociology at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. Barış’ dissertation is entitled “Migratory Movements as A Multifaceted Process Under the Impacts of Climate Crisis: The Case of Central Anatolian Agricultural Basin in Konya/Turkey. Accordingly, his research interests include the areas: social theory, sociology of migration, environmental sociology, and climate crisis.


Barış also presented papers at several conferences, including the American Sociological Association annual meeting and the European Sociological Association midterm conference on the ‘Sociology of Migration’. This research undertook a
decolonial effort to assess climate-related migration and mobility through the context of coloniality, including its implications through the examination of current migratory roots and results specifically related to the impact of recent climate crisis. In a paper at the 20th Nordic Migration Research conference & 17th ETMU conference, Barış contended that involuntary human migration and mobility under the impact of the climate crisis mainly include the people who are marginalized, subjugated, and subordinated by the consequences of the colonial era and the effects of coloniality, and now moving both inside and outside of nation-state boundaries by trying to reach new locations. Barış is a member of the Climate Change, Disaster and Human Mobility group, and in 2021 has been an active member of a collective civil initiative constituted by Sustainable Life Association (SUYADER) & Four Seasons Ecological Living Association for the Climate Justice Education: Toward COP26 and Beyond program implemented by YUVA and WOSDEC associations. Barış also authored İklim Değişiyor, Peki ya Sınırlar? (Climate Changes, What about Borders?), a column which reviews several books for a Turkish Newspaper’s (BirGün) Book Supplement.

Miriam Cullen
Assistant Professor of Climate and Migration Law
University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law

Miriam Cullen’s research focuses on how legal frameworks can help to facilitate climate change adaptation, including mobility and disaster risk reduction. She heads the Nordic Network on Climate Related Displacement and Mobility alongside Matthew Scott. In October 2021, Miriam was awarded research funding of 2.8 million kroner (about AUD 580,000) from the Danish Council for Independent Research for a new project examining climate adaptation and resilience in former colonial territories. It will draw on concepts developed in postcolonial and decolonial studies, and third world approaches to international law, with research conducted in Greenland and the Cook Islands. The project launches in January 2022. Miriam is a member of the Climate Change, Disaster and Human Mobility Group. For more information on Miriam and her research, please go here.

Gabriella D’Avino
Doctoral Research
Institute for Research into Superdiversity, School of Social Police, Sociology and Criminology
University of Birmingham

Gabriella D’Avino is undertaking a PhD in Social Policy at the University of Birmingham. Her PhD looks at the social networks of refugees resettled in the UK through the Community Sponsorship Scheme and the Vulnerable
Persons Resettlement Scheme. Gabriella’s publication ‘Framing Community Sponsorship in the context of the UK’s hostile environment’ examines the framing used by policymakers in parliamentary debates related to Community Sponsorship. The findings show how the used frames allow the government to manage refugee resettlement more as a tool of migration management rather than exclusively as a tool of international protection, implementing the UK’s hostile environment.

Dr Tracey Donehue  
Research Fellow, Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies, University of Auckland

Tracey Donahue is a PhD graduate from the UNSW School of Education. She is passionate about the transformative potential of education for people in marginalising situations, both as a means of enhancing their current psycho-social well-being, as well as broadening the range of their future opportunities. Her doctoral research was a participatory action research project with teachers in Indonesia focused on facilitating language teacher identities for unqualified teachers experiencing urban transitory displacement. She worked as an educator for Save the Children in the Australian Government detention centres on Nauru and published an article utilising critical discourse analysis to the ascribed identities imposed on her former students there. Tracey currently resides in Laos and works as a language education consultant for the Lao government. Prior to Covid, she regularly visited Indonesia in her capacity as the GED Support Project manager for the Bogor region. She established the GEDSP in 2018 as the first program to support people experiencing displacement in Indonesia to access formal education credentials. The GEDSP is supported by UNHCR Indonesia, and is currently being replicated in other sites of urban transitory displacement where people are systemically excluded from formal education. Tracey published an article about informal education and the GEDSP in Indonesia for the Human Rights Defender.

Dr Cristiano D’orsi
Senior Research Fellow and Lecturer, South African Research Chair in International Law
University of Johannesburg

Cristiano’s research interests mainly focus on the legal protection of asylum-seekers, refugees, migrants and IDPs in Africa, on African Human Rights Law, and, more broadly, on the development of Public International Law in Africa. Cristiano is also a member of Africa and Climate Change, Disaster and Human Mobility groups. Cristiano’s paper ‘Migrant Smuggling in Africa: Challenges Yet to Be overcome’ focuses on the plight of smuggling migrants in Africa. Migrant smuggling has been documented along at least give major and several smaller routes in Africa. In his study, he investigates whether current legislation and policies are effective in curbing this practice. To evaluate the success rate of these measures, he compares figures over recent years to establish whether there has been a decrease in the number of migrants smuggled throughout the various regions of the continent. In
his work, he argues that migration can be better managed but it cannot be stopped. In this framework, in Africa, the current migration policies and cooperation efforts intended to eradicate the practice of smuggling of migrants have given mixed results. He has also written on ‘Combating Terrorism and Managing Asylum Seekers and Refugees’ under African Union Law.

Charles ‘Shane’ Ellison
Senior Lecturing Fellow, Duke University School of Law, Immigrant Rights Clinic
Shane Ellison joined Duke in 2020. He formerly directed Creighton’s Immigrant and Refugee Clinic through a partnership with the Immigrant Law Center, where he served as legal director for nine years. His scholarship has appeared in the Columbia Human Rights Law Review, Georgetown Immigration Law Journal and Creighton Law Review. He is a member of the Emerging Scholars Network Africa and Gender Research Groups. Shane published an article titled “Unwilling or Unable?' The Failure to Conform the Nonstate Actor Standard in Asylum Claims to the Refugee Act” in 2021. This articles provides the first systemic analysis of the impact of a heightened non state actor test in cases before both the Board of Immigrant Appeals and the U.S. courts of appeals. The article seeks to anchor the traditional unwilling-or-unable test standard in the Convention language defining refugees as those who are “unable or unwilling to avail [themselves]… of [state] protection” as a strategy for resisting a heightened condone-or-complete-helplessness standard.

Eleonora Frasca
PhD Candidate in EU migration law, Charles De Visscher Center for International and European Law (CeDIE), Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain), Belgium.

Eleonora Frasca works on the interdisciplinary GLOBMIG project which focuses on the impact of EU legal and policy measures on migration flows. In her PhD research, she investigates the legal dimension of EU-Africa cooperation on migration with a focus on the use of soft law instruments. She is a member of the Africa group. In 2021, Eleonora published an article – whose early draft she presented at the 2020 Emerging Scholars
Network’s Workshop – titled: More or less (soft) law? The case of third country migration cooperation and the long-term effects of EU preference for soft law instruments. The article, appeared in the Queen Mary Law Journal, gives an appraisal of EU third-country informal cooperation on migration and aims to assess whether and to what extent this trend reflects either a ‘more’ or ‘less’ law approach to migration cooperation. She has also co-written an article in the European Journal of Human Rights (JEDH) about the European Union’s response to the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on the common systems of asylum and migration governance. The article questions the delicate balance between sovereignties, public health needs and migrants fundamental rights. In 2021, Eleonora also commented on current legal affairs, such as the May 2021’s increase in border crossings in Ceuta and Melilla, migrants fundamental rights violations at the border between Poland and Belarus, and the European Commission’s New Pact on Migration and Asylum.

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**Dr Veronica Fynn Bruey**
**Assistant Professor, Athabasca University**

Dr. Veronica Fynn Bruey is a multi-award winner and an academic-advocate. Holding six degrees from four continents, she has researched, taught, consulted, and presented at conferences in over 25 countries. She founded the Journal of Internal Displacement and the Displaced Peoples Network (CRN-11). She has authored four books, several book chapters, and journal articles. She is an assistant professor in Legal Studies at Athabasca University. She is a member of the Africa Research Group. In 2020 she published and co-authored a book titled “Deadly Voyages: Migrant Journeys Across the Globe”. In 2020 she also published articles titled “Deadly voyage of African migrants crossing the Mediterranean: AU-EU law and policy response” and “A Closer look at child trafficking in Africa: the case of Victoria Climb”. Veronica was also recently elected president of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration.
Jan-Phillip Graf
PhD-Candidate, Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict, Ruhr-University Bochum (Germany)

Jan-Phillip is a PhD candidate and SYLFF Young Leaders Fellow at the German Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict. His research covers refugee- and human rights law with a special focus on the protection of refugee children. During 2021, he co-hosted a panel discussion titled “The Future of Climate Refugees in International Law” with his fellow Network member Spyridoula Katsoni. A recording and discussion of the webinar, which featured the Kaldor Centre’s Jane McAdam, a member of the UN’s Human Rights Council, and a German administrative judge, can be found on Völkerrechtsblog.

Ms Natasha Harding
PhD Candidate, University of Newcastle

Natasha’s research uses qualitative methods (interpretative phenomenological analysis, IPA) to explore mental health and wellbeing with young people who have a background of forced displacement. Specifically, she is interested in the mental health impacts of societal attitudes towards refugees as depicted in media, social media and political commentary. Natasha is a member of the Climate Change, Disaster and Human Mobility, and Asia-Pacific Research Groups. Her first first-author paper was published in July 2021 in Social Science Protocols, titled “Mental Health and Wellbeing Impacts of Societal Attitudes Towards Forcibly Displaced Young People: A Scoping Review Protocol”. Natasha recently presented at the Centre for Brain and Mental Health Research Conference and has had two further abstracts accepted for Conferences in early 2022.

Tristan Harley
PhD candidate, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law
UNSW

Tristan Harley is dual-trained as a lawyer and historian, and is a doctoral candidate at the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at UNSW. He has published in the fields of refugee law and policy, including as co-author of Refugees, Regionalism and Responsibility. He is a member of the Asia-Pacific Research Group.

During 2021, Tristan continued his PhD research, which analyses the international law and policy framework governing the participation of refugees in decision-making processes. In addition, he published a research article in the March edition
of *Refugee Survey Quarterly* entitled “Refugee Participation Revisited: The Contributions of Refugees to Early International Refugee Law and Policy”. He also commenced a research consultancy with Act for Peace and the Asia Pacific Network of Refugees which seeks to analyse the work and contributions of refugee-led initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region, as well as the barriers that they face.

**Amoz ‘Jin Yi’ Hor**  
**PhD Candidate in Political Science, George Washington University**

Amoz ‘Jin Yi’ Hor is a member of the Asia-Pacific Research Group and a current PhD student in political science. His paper 'The everyday emotional lives of aid workers: how humanitarian anxiety gets in the way of meaningful local participation’ explores the everyday emotional lives of aid workers, especially the feeling of being complicit or powerless to alleviate the suffering of others, and how those emotions can inhibit efforts towards local participation meaningfully. Amoz questions why aid workers - despite humane intentions - continue to rely on reductive narratives. The paper inquires how the everyday emotional lives of aid workers make reductive narratives persist. This piece is based on 65 semi-structured interviews in Singapore, Jakarta and Aceh, and 40 aid worker books and blogs. Through these materials, Amoz is able to demonstrate how aid workers regularly experience emotional anxieties that question their complicity in the suffering of others and their powerlessness to do anything about it. He also illustrates the emotional resonance of three reductive narratives - civilising; romanticised; and impersonal narratives - in three common practices of local participation in aid work: professionalised standards; visiting the field; and hiring locals. Given the emotional origins of reductive narratives, rational critique is insufficient for reforming or decolonising aid work. Rather, change must also involve engaging the underlying emotions of aid workers.

**Elin Jacobsson**  
**PhD, Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI)**

Elin Jakobsson is a researcher at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs. She holds a PhD in International Relations from Stockholm University. Her research interests concern international policy making on climate-induced migration, societal security, and norm diffusion. She is also a teacher in international relations at Stockholm University. She is a member of the Climate Change, Disaster and Human Mobility Research Group. Her 2021 book chapter ‘Political Attention in a Creeping Crisis: the Case of Climate Change and Migration” in *Understanding the Creeping Crisis* argues that climate-induced migration may provide insights to the underlying mechanisms of creeping crises and help develop the creeping crisis-concept. More to the point, this chapter explores the rise and fall of political attention in this case. Her 2021 article
‘How Climate-Induced Migration Entered the UN Policy Agenda in 2007-2010: A Multiple Streams Assessment’ draws from primary interview material together with an analytical framework based on the multiple streams framework to show why the issue of climate-induced migration took such a major leap up the global political agenda between 2007-2010.

**Regina Jefferies**

Assistant Professor, Western Washington University
Affiliate, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law

Regina Jefferies is an Assistant Professor in the Law, Diversity and Justice program at Western Washington University, a Scientia PhD Scholar in the Faculty of Law & Justice at UNSW and an Affiliate of the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee. Her research examines international refugee and human rights law in the United States and Australia.


This year Regina has been an invited participant at several workshops, presenting her research on ‘Transnational Legal Process in United States Asylum Law’ at the American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting, 11-13 November 2021, at the Law & Society Association Annual Conference, 27 May 2021, and at the Graduate Student and Junior Scholar Workshop, University of Massachusetts, 8-9 October 2021. Regina also presented her research on ‘Contested Legalities: Translocal Encounters with Transnational Law’ at the Melbourne University Law School, 8-9 July 2021, and at the Forced Displacement Workshop for Junior Scholars, The Refugee Hub and the Human Rights Research and Education Centre at the University of Ottawa (2021).

In 2021 Regina’s work was recognised through her receipt of the John S. Lancy Distinguished Alumni Award by the Arizona State University Law Journal.
Sarah Kamal
First Director, Fraser Canyon Emergency Services Society
MA Candidate, University of British Columbia

Sarah Kamal is a media development specialist who worked in Afghanistan from 2001-2007. Her areas of interest include media reconstruction, gender, and youth and forced migration. She is now researching climate migration policy in Canada as a Master’s student in Science and Technology Studies at the University of British Columbia. She is a member of the Climate Change, Disaster, and Human Mobility Group. In 2021 she published an article titled “Out of harm’s way: A scan of emerging global practices in climate change displacement for Canadian policymakers and practitioners". The article argues that climate-related movement is not problematic in itself; however, under crisis conditions it can be devastating. The report outlines emerging global climate displacement strategies to support Canadian policymakers and practitioners in planning for and enabling safe, dignified human movement and resilient, cohesive communities in the face of climate change.

Spyridoula ‘Sissy’ Katsoni
Phd Candidate at the Ruhr-University of Bochum, and Research Associate at the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict

Sissy Katsoni is a Member of the Climate Change, Disaster and Human Mobility group. Her PhD thesis focuses on shared responsibility arising from violations of non-refoulement. She has recently published on the “Impacts of the interpretative interaction between international human rights law and the Refugee Convention”, whereby she explored the interpretative patterns to which this interrelation has led, while she frequently publishes on refugee law-related topics on Völkerrechtsblog. Recently, she presented on the “Evolution of non-refoulement’s positive obligations” at the ESIL’s pre-conference workshop and earlier this year she co-hosted, along with Jan-Phillip Graf, the webinar “Anticipating and Regulating Climate Migration: Climate Refugees and International Law”.

Dr Dostin Lakika
PhD/ African Centre for Migration and Society/ Post Doc

Dr Dostin Lakika obtained his master’s and PhD degrees in Migration and Displacement from the ACMS. His areas of research include migration and displacement, militarization, violence and memory, food, health, and illness. He is also a reviewer for some peer-reviewed journals studying refugees and asylum seekers in southern Africa. Dostin is a member of the Africa research group.
This year Dostin presented his research paper titled ‘Stop addressing us like in the army’: Conceptualisation of space and need for identity recognition among former Congolese soldiers in Johannesburg’ at the Approaching Contemporary Challenges of Global Migration International Conference at Dublin Technological University on 17 June 2021. Dostin also presented his research on ‘Field work experiences: use of tablets and challenges faced’ at the workshop: Healthcare in transit: Migrant journey pathways and the link with health outcomes in the Limpopo region (hosted virtually) by Doctors Without Borders (MSF) Southern Africa and the African Centre for Migration & Society (ACMS), 17 March 2021. Dostin has recently published the article ‘Africa Migrants’ Remittances: An Avenue of Giving and Receiving Severely Disputed during the Covid-19 Lockdown’, in Kujenga Amani, African Peacebuilding Network | Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa. This research is based on the cases of Congolese migrants living abroad, and their family members in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Informal conversations over the telephone with some of these migrants helped Dostin to understand their experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic, including how the outbreak has impacted their ability to fulfil their remittance obligations. He continued his work on the pandemic by presenting the paper ‘The impact of Covid-19 on foreigners’ menial jobs’, at the IFAS Seminar: Informality in times of Covid-19. The impact of the 2020 pandemic on vulnerable workers in South Africa, hosted by the French Institute of South Africa, 19 November 2020. Dostin also co-authored (with S. Drimie) in 2019 ‘The food we eat here weakens us’: Food practices and health beliefs among Congolese forced migrants in South Africa – a case study of Yeoville in Johannesburg, African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development, 19(2): 14372-14392. This study explores the cultural context and relationship between food, health, and illness amongst Congolese forced migrants in Johannesburg, South Africa. It specifically seeks to understand Congolese migrants' perceptions of South African foods and the importance of Congolese foods in treating and preventing illnesses.

Dr Laine Munir
Lecturer of Global Challenges, African Leadership University Senior Research Fellow, University of Rwanda
2021 Harry Frank Guggenheim Distinguished Scholar

Dr. Laine Munir is senior faculty in Global Challenges at African Leadership University, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Rwanda, and Gender Equality Officer for an international research project on climate change and COVID-19. This summer, she completed six months of qualitative field work as PI on, “Women, Conflict, and Modern Mining in Rwanda.” She is a member of the Africa and
Gender and Diversity groups. Laine’s publications and presentations this year focused on the intersection of gender politics, environmental displacement and conflict, and COVID-19. In 2021 she published two articles titled “Traditional and Human Security in the Age of COVID-19” and “Women, conflict and Modern Mining in Rwanda during COVID”. She also presented multiple presentations in 2021. Via zoom she presented “Initial findings of CCC19’s study of climate change and COVID-19 in Rwanda and Malawi” at the Glasgow Caledonian University’s Centre for Climate Justice; “Justice for Peace through Traditional Knowledge Systems and Wildlife Conservation’ to the University of Sheffield’s Institute for International Development and University of Rwanda; and “Navigating African Political Economy Through Role Play Simulation” for Indiana University’s Tobias Centre for Innovation in International Development. Her work on women and mining was featured in several publications and garnered the attention of Rwanda’s Gender Monitoring Office for further academic-government partnerships. Laine’s website provides more information on her work.

Aya Murakami (Ms.)
Prospective LLM student at UNSW / Research Volunteer at NICCO (Japan based NGO)

Aya Murakami completed B.A. in International Relations in 2016 and expected to commence LLM at UNSW in February 2022. Her interest goes to the local initiatives by non-governmental actors as well as refugees, and how the law and policies can reflect and uphold them. Her research mainly focuses on the role of developed countries in Asia region. She joined the Emerging Scholars Network Asia Pacific Research Group in September 2021. Aya published an article titled “The politics of exclusion: embedded racism and Japan’s pilot Refugee Resettlement Programme” in 2020. This paper discusses the socio-political significance of Japan's pilot Refugee Resettlement Programme (RRP). It asks three questions: why Japan adopted this programme, why it has failed to meet its targets, and whether this programme signals a significant shift in Japan's restrictive policies towards refugees and immigration more broadly.

Dr Emilie McDonnell
UK Advocacy and Communications Coordinator, Human Rights Watch

Emilie recently completed her DPhil in Law at the University of Oxford on the right to leave and externalised migration control. Emilie is an Adjunct Researcher at the University of Tasmania’s School of Law, a member of the Asia-Pacific Research Group, Research Affiliate at the Refugee Law Initiative, and member of
its externalisation working group. She has recently started with Human Rights Watch in London.

Emilie has published ‘Realising the Right to Leave during Externalised Migration Control’, ‘Afghanistan: right to leave a country to seek asylum is well established in international law’, and ‘The “New Plan for Immigration” and the UK’s Breach of its Legal Duty of Non-Penalisation’ (with Professor Cathryn Costello). She also presented on ‘The Right to Leave (to Seek Asylum) and the Global Compact on Refugees’ at the RLI’s 5th Annual Conference in June 2021 and the ABILA International Law Weekend in October 2021.

Dr Kate Ogg
Associate Professor, School of Law
Australian National University

Kate is an Associate Professor at the Australian National University and convenes the Gender and Diversity Group for Kaldor Emerging Scholars Network. In 2021, she has been working on her forthcoming monograph with Cambridge University Press (Protection from Refuge: From Refugee Rights to Migration Management). In the past 12 months Kate also co-authored an article in the Australian Yearbook on International Law (‘COVID-19 Border Closures: A Violation of Non-Refoulement Obligations in International Refugee and Human Rights Law?’), a chapter in The Oxford Handbook on International Refugee Law (‘The Evolution of Safe Third Country Law and Practice’) and a chapter in the Handbook of Feminist Peace Research (‘International Human Rights Law in Feminist Scholarship on Peace and Conflict: Disappearing and Re-emerging). Kate has done a number of media interviews based on her analysis of the international law implications of covid-19 border closures for refugees and Australian nationals.

Sara Riva
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Sara Riva is a feminist and a border abolitionist and part of the Kaldor Centre’s Gender and Diversity, and Climate Change, Disaster, and Human Mobility groups. Her research interests include migration, refugees, feminism, humanitarianism, punishment, confinement and borders. Sara has recently been part of the organisation committee for the 2021 Border Abolition Conference. This conference had over 700 attendees and facilitated conversations between activism and academia. Sara’s publications include:

D.G. Niruka Sanjeewani
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D.G. Niruka Sanjeewani is currently working as a Senior Lecturer in International Relations at General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka. She is a doctoral Candidate in International Development, Faculty of Political Science Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. Ms. Sanjeewani has obtained her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations (Hons) and Master of Arts in International Relations, from University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Her research interests are Theories of International Relations, Migration, Regional organisations, Feminism and Security Studies.

Ms Sanjeewani is a member of the Asia-Pacific and Gender and Diversity Groups. Her piece ‘Ethnicity as a Matter of Citizenship: Analysing Legal and Social Exclusion of Rohingya in India’ which she presented for the “Emerging Scholars Network Annual Workshop, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law” examined international provisions which can be applied to address protection needs of Rohingya. The paper also recommends that legal frameworks and administrative policies of India be revised by asserting the human dignity of Rohingya community.
sheltered within the country. She also presented “Challenges Faced by Kashmiris in India: Analysing Sexual and Gender Based Violence” at the University of Amsterdam workshop “Engaging with Intersectional Approaches to the Study of Migration Politics”, which argued that the limited opportunities that are available for Kashmiri women to gain justice against sexual and gender-based violence mainly depend on the factor of ethnicity. At the 14th International Research Conference at General Sir John Kotelwala Defence University, she also presented “Effective Application of International Refugee Law: The Impact on Palestinians” which discusses how the Palestinian refugee issue has become intensified due to the lapses in implementing international legal procedures.

Dr Richa Shivakoti
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Richa Shivakoti’s research is on labor migration within Asia, with a focus on labor sending nations and their policies. Her current research, funded through a research grant from CERC, is related to understanding the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on returnee migrant workers in Nepal and the Philippines. She recently got a research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) to expand on this pilot project through an Insight Development Grant. Her research will study the worsening precarity of temporary migrant workers from Nepal due to the pandemic. She has recently published and co-authored articles titled The Migration Ban Policy Cycle: A Comparative Analysis of Restrictions on the Emigration of Women Domestic Workers; Partnership when necessary, but necessarily partnerships: Localizing knowledge production in refugee and forced migration studies; International Migration, Remittances and COVID-19: Economic Implications and Policy Options for South Asia.

Dr Laura Smith-Khan
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Dr Smith-Khan is an interdisciplinary law and linguistics scholar, whose current research is interested in the work, regulation, and education of Australian migration advisors, with a particular focus on their language practices and communicative resources. She is co-founder of the Law and Linguistics Interdisciplinary Researchers’ Network (LLIRN). In 2021, she published ‘Deficiencies and loopholes: Clashing discourses, problems and solutions in Australian migration advice regulation’; “Common language” and proficiency tests: A critical examination of registration requirements for Australian Registered Migration Agents'; and ‘I Try Not to Be Dominant, but I’m a Lawyer!’: Advisor Resources, Context and Refugee Credibility’. With UTS colleague Dr
Alexandra Grey, she co-authored ‘Linguistic diversity as a challenge and an opportunity for improved legal policy’, and co-edited a (forthcoming) special issue on the same theme for Griffith Law Review.

**Dr Anthea Vogl**
**Senior Lecturer, UTS Law**

Dr Anthea Vogl is a lecturer in refugee and migration law at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). Her research addresses radicalised practices of border control, with a particular focus on the use of administrative powers and decision-making to refugees and non-citizens. Dr Vogl has published multiple pieces in 2021 including, 'Protection, Crime and Punishment: Regulation at the Nexus of Crimmigration and Refugee Law'; 'Life in the Shadow Carceral State: Surveillance and Control of Refugees in Australia'; ‘COVID-19 and the relentless harms of Australia’s punitive immigration detention regime'; and 'Outsourcing Deterrence: the Humanitarian Border, Asylum Seekers and Non-Government Organisations in Australia'.

**Natasha Yacoub**
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Natasha Yacoub is in the Asia-Pacific research group. She is undertaking a doctorate, ‘Gendering the international law criteria for the return of refugees and internally displaced persons: case study on the Sudan’. She is on leave from UNHCR, where she has been posted since 2001 in conflict and peacetime settings in Egypt, Sudan, Ireland, New York, Myanmar, Australia and Pacific Island States. She was a decision-maker on the Refugee Review Tribunal from 2012 to 2014, and worked as a refugee legal aid lawyer in Cairo in 2000. She teaches international refugee law at RLI, University of London.

Natasha presented her PhD research in 2021 at the RLI Conference in June and Kaldor Centre Emerging Scholars Network Conference in October. In 2021, she co-authored an article, "Rights Adrift: Sexual Violence Against Rohingya Women on the Andaman Sea" with Wai Wai Nu, Nikola Errington and Alex Robinson, in the Asia-Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law. She wrote a policy brief with Madeline Gleeson entitled "Cruel, costly and ineffective: the failure of offshore processing in Australia", and briefed UK members of parliament on a Bill proposing offshore processing in the UK. The book in which she contributed a chapter, Field Manual for Palliative Care in Humanitarian Crises (Oxford University Press, 2019), won the British Medical Association book of the year award.