Responses to

Syrian-Conflict Refugee Settlement

In Australia, Germany, Sweden, Finland, UK, Canada and New Zealand

A public seminar hosted by the team for ARC Linkage Grant “Settlement Outcomes of Syrian-conflict Refugee Families in Australia”:

Professor Jock Collins (UTS Business School)
Professor Carol Reid (Western Sydney University)
A/Prof Dimitria Groutsis (University of Sydney Business)

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Date: Wednesday 14 March 2018
Time: 9 am to 5pm
Venue: UTS Business School, Chau Chak Wing Building, Ultimo Road, Ultimo
Room: CB08.08.03 (catch lift to level 8)

PROGRAM

INTRODUCTIONS
8.30-9am: coffee/tea
9am-9.30am: Welcome to Country. Dean Jarrett, UTS Business School
Welcome to UTS Business School. Professor Tracy Taylor, Deputy Dean, UTS Business School
Welcome from the Australian Industry Partners. Violet Roumeliotis, CEO, Settlement Services International
Introduction to Seminar (Prof Jock Collins)

PRESENTATIONS
9.30-10am: Australia - Settlement Services for Humanitarian Entrants – with a focus on Syrian and Iraqi people Leo Kennedy Branch Manager, Settlement Support Branch, Department of Social Services.
10-10.30am: The ARC Linkage Grant – Settlement Outcomes of Syrian-conflict Refugee Families in Australia. Professor Jock Collins (UTS Business School); Professor Carol Reid (Western Sydney University); and A/Prof Dimitria Groutsis (The University of Sydney Business School).
10.30-11am: Morning Tea
11am-11.30am: New Zealand Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley FRSNZ, Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Massey University.
11.30-12noon: Canada Ümit Kiziltan, Director General and Head of Evaluation; Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship.
12noon- 12.30pm: United Kingdom Carrie Hough, Migration and Border Analysis, Home Office Analysis and Insight.
12.30-1.30: Lunch (provided)
1.30-2pm Germany Dr. Shahd Wari, Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity.
2pm-2.30pm: Sweden Prof. Pieter Bevelander, Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare.
2.30-3pm: Finland Prof. Tuomas Martikainen, Finnish Migration Institute.
3-3.30pm: Afternoon Tea
3.30-5pm: General Discussion
The ARC Linkage Grant team:

**Jock Collins** is Professor of Social Economics in the Management Discipline Group at the UTS Business School, Sydney, Australia and has been conducting research on Australian immigration since the early 1970s. His research interests centre on an interdisciplinary study of immigration and cultural diversity in the economy and society. His recent research has been on Australian immigration, immigrant, refugee and Indigenous entrepreneurship, immigrant youth, ethnic precincts and tourism, global teachers and immigrants in regional and rural Australia. He currently holds four Australian Research Council Grants, including an ARC Linkage Grant (2017-20) on “Settlement Outcomes of Syrian-conflict Refugee Families in Australia”.

**Carol Reid** is a sociologist of education in the Centre for Educational Research at Western Sydney University. Carol’s research explores processes of globalization and mobilities on youth, ethnicity and race and the intersections of these social identities with the changing nature of teacher’s work. Current research is concerned with Settlement Outcomes of Syrian Conflict Refugees and cosmopolitan theory for education. Her most recent books include *Global Teaching: Southern Perspectives on Teachers Working with Diversity* (2017) with Jae Major, *Compulsory Schooling in Australia: Perspectives from Students, Parents, and Educators* (2016) with Katherine Watson and *Global Teachers, Australian Perspectives: Goodbye Mr Chips, Hello Ms Banerjee* (2014) with Jock Collins and Michael Singh. Professor Reid is the International Sociological Association’s Vice President for Oceania (2014-2018).

**Dimitria Groutsis** is the Program Director of the Dalyell Scholars Stream and Associate Professor in the Discipline of Work and Organisational Studies at the University of Sydney Business School. Dimitria is a leading scholar in the field of migration, labour mobility and cultural diversity in the business context. Her work has appeared in leading national and international peer review journals, book chapters and she has co-edited and co-authored several books. Her consulting role sees her working with the Diversity Council Australia, the Australian Human Rights Commission, the Australian Institute of Company Directors, large corporate sector partners and key stakeholders in the government and non-government sectors. Dr Groutsis has received a number of competitive external research grants, with total funding in excess of 1.5 million dollars. Along with Professors Collins and Reid, she is the recipient of an ARC Linkage grant, examining Syrian-Conflict refugees: settlement, employment and education outcomes. She currently serves as the Associate Editor of the European Journal of Management, and is an Advisory board member of the Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies. She has served on the advisory board of the Diversity Council of Australia (DCA), consulting on their cultural diversity in leadership project and is on the DCA’s Research Committee. She has also been working closely with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) on preserving a large migration archive.
Dimitria is the Convenor of the Migrants@Work Research Group at the University of Sydney Business School. Established in 2011, the Research Group provides an important platform for researchers and policy makers to present, discuss and debate research on migration and diversity management in the business context, bringing together a broad audience including: academics, the business community, and representatives from government. Dimitria has a broad teaching portfolio encompassing undergraduate, postgraduate and MBA courses. She also supervises Honours, Masters and PhD students.

Derya Özkul has been involved in research on migration, diaspora politics, refugees, transnationalism and precarity. She co-edited Social Transformation and International Migration, which was published by Palgrave (2015) and also edited a volume on Precarious Lives and Syrian Refugees in Turkey for New Perspectives on Turkey (2016). She received her PhD degree in Sociology from the University of Sydney, MSc degree in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics and BA degree in Political Science from Boğaziçi University. Prior to her doctoral research, she worked at the Migration Research Center at Koc University in Istanbul in various projects related to urban governance and transnational networks. At the University of Sydney she has taught courses including sociological theory, sociology of terrorism, human rights and social protest. Currently, she is co-authoring two books—one on the role of migration in Turkey’s social transformation and another one on the links between neoliberal transformation and migration across Australia, Turkey, Korea and Mexico.

Katherine Watson studied the history of the English language, and its literature, beginning with the earliest extant texts, with the idea that grounding in the language and sound research techniques could be applied to any topic of research. She gained her PhD at Sydney University. Since then she has enjoyed working with lead investigators on a number of ARC-funded research projects in various fields. In 2015 she undertook field research and co-authored Compulsory Schooling in Australia: Perspectives from Students, Parents, and Educators with Prof. Carol Reid at Western Sydney University. Archival research followed, and is ongoing, with a view to publishing the unpublished works of the eminent economist John Maynard Keynes, edited by Prof. Rod O’Donnell, at the University of Technology Sydney. More recently she returned to field work for a project exploring the experiences of refugee entrepreneurs around Australia, led by Prof. Jock Collins, of the University of Technology Sydney, and A/Prof Branka Krivokapic-Skoko, of Charles Sturt University. Currently she is coordinating a major ARC Linkage Project, led by Professors Collins and Reid, as well as A/Prof Dimitria Grousis, of the University of Sydney, looking into the settlement outcomes of Syrian-conflict refugee families in Australia.
Guest speakers:

**Pieter Bevelander** is professor of International Migration and Ethnic Relations at the Department of Global political studies and Director of MIM, Malmö Institute of Migration, Diversity and Welfare, Malmö University, Sweden. His main research field is international migration and different aspects of immigrant integration in host societies as well the reactions of natives towards immigrants and minorities. He has published widely in international journals and is currently in the editorial board of both the *Journal of International Migration and Ethnic Studies (JEMS)* and *Comparative Migration Studies (CMS)* and Associate editor of *International Migration Review (IMR)*. He is a member of the Swedish government commission on Migration DELMI (http://www.delmi.se/en), a member of the Executive Board of the IMISCOE network and a board member of the Metropolis network. He has produced reports on migration and integration for several international organizations like the FRA, ILO, IOM and MPI.

**Carrie Hough** is a Senior Research Officer working in Migration and Border Analysis, within the UK Home Office Analysis and Insight Unit. Her work covers the monitoring and evaluation of the UK Vulnerable Persons and Vulnerable Children’s Resettlement Schemes. She was previously a researcher in human rights and international analysis in the UK Ministry of Justice, and has worked as a private research consultant carrying out policy research and evaluations for a range of local and central government departments and third sector bodies. Prior to that, she worked in the field of refugee protection in Kenya and Ethiopia for the NGO RefugePoint and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, responsible for child protection and refugee resettlement. She holds a BA from Cambridge University and an MSc from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

**Leo Kennedy** is the Branch Manager of Settlement Support Branch, within the Settlement Services Group at the Department of Social Services. Leo has led the Branch since 2015 in its management of Humanitarian Settlement Services (HSS) and Complex Case Support (CCS) programs - predecessor programs to the Humanitarian Settlement Program (HSP). Under these programs, Leo led the branch in administering settlement support for humanitarian entrants arriving in Australia under the ‘base’ Humanitarian Programme as well as the additional 12,000 Syrian and Iraqi people announced by the Australian Government in September 2015. Leo presently leads the Branch in its management of the Australian Cultural Orientation Program (AUSCO) and the HSP (which commenced in October 2017). In this work, he and his Branch colleagues work closely with DSS Delivery staff, service providers, other Australian Government and State/territory agencies and key settlement stakeholders around Australia.
Ümit Kiziltan has worked more than a decade in northern British Columbia for T’azt’en Nation as an educator and treaty negotiator in indigenous community based development. He then worked in international development as the Deputy Executive Director of CUSO in civil society capacity building and inclusive governance. After a year and a half with the Assembly of First Nations as senior economist, Ümit joined Canadian Public Service focusing on refugee health. Since 2008, he has been in the position Director General, leading policy and operations in multiculturalism, citizenship, settlement and integration. Since April 2011, he leads data management, performance measurement, research, evaluation, and knowledge mobilization functions for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

Dr. Tuomas Martikainen is the Director of the Migration Institute of Finland. His academic background in the study migrant religious organisations and migrant integration in Finland, including migrant generations, women’s labour market participation and transnationalism. His publications include Religion, Migration, Settlement (Brill, 2013) and articles and book chapters in the above-mentioned topics. Migration Institute of Finland was founded in 1974 and it is the only organization focusing on various types of migration in Finland, with a specific interest on Finns abroad.

Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley is the Pro Vice-Chancellor of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Massey University. He is the author or editor of 27 books, the most recent being “Rebooting the Regions” (2016). He is a Programme Leader of a research programme on the impacts of immigration and diversity (MBIE, 2014-2020) and is particularly interested in the issues of immigrant settlement and social cohesion. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand in 2011 and was awarded the Science and Technology Medal by the Royal Society in 2009. He looked at second generation immigrant identities while he was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the University of California Berkeley in 2010, and since 2013, he has been a Visiting Researcher at the Max Planck Institute of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Gottingen. The Auckland War Memorial Museum made him a Fellow in 2015.

Shahd Wari is a post-doctoral researcher at the department of social and cultural diversity. Her focus in the ‘Asylum seekers’ needs and aspirations’ project is the spatial needs of asylum seekers in the refugee accommodations in Lower-Saxony, and the role of architecture and infrastructure of accommodation facilities in the daily lives and future trajectories of asylum seekers. Dr. Wari studied Urban Planning and Urban Management at TU Berlin, and Architecture at Birzeit University in Palestine. Her PhD research focused on the perception and use of public space by Palestinian immigrants and refugees in Berlin. From 2013 till 2015, she was a part-time lecturer at HTW in Berlin teaching ‘Regional Policies in Less Developed Countries’ in the framework of International and Development Economics Master’s program (MIDE).