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REFUGEES: KNOWLEDGE

RETHINKING

• & ACTION

26–27th October 2018
Kraków

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW •

25th October, 2018 (Thursday)

Vernissage Photo Exhibition

Ogniwo, ul. Paulińska 28/LU (I floor)

19:00 opening (through until 28th October)

We will begin our event with a photo exhibition of the series 'The most important thing' rented to us by UNHCR Polska. Through the lens of Brian Sokol, these photographs show how families who are forced to leave their homes must make difficult decisions. The question of significance is, "What is the one thing you would take with if you were forced to flee your home from war and persecution." These photos will make the viewer focus on two critical elements for survival: what to take and how to survive? The exhibition comprises photographs of refugees from South Sudan, Burkina Faso, Iraq, DRC, and Turkey.

There will also be a display of a comic book created by Justyna Piwowarska, a local artist, who designed the conference poster, titled 'Who is Not Afraid of Wars'.

26th October, 2018 (Friday)

Panel Discussion

Room 6.01, Institute of Psychology, Jagiellonian University, Romana Ingardena 6, Krakow

17:30 – 20:30

Refugees and Asylum seekers – The journey, current situation, societal implications

Moderator: **Sindhuja Sankaran**

The primary aim of this session is to delve deeper into the life and journey of refugees and asylum seekers. This event will comprise activists, aid-workers, researchers and asylum seekers who will help bring to the forefront the harsh reality and the journey of refugees and asylum seekers and how the situation has impacted our society. The panellists will discuss their experiences, their vision and their scientific work on the topic to help understand the crisis from different perspectives.

27th October, 2018 (Saturday)

Networking Breakfast

Lithograph Space, Krakow, „Tytano”, Dolnych Młynów 10, Krakow

09:30 – 11:00

In cooperation with Eataway Krakow

An opportunity for people to network and exchange stories with each other and the event guests, and learn more about volunteering opportunities in Poland and Greece. There will be a small presentation on the concept of establishing a 'volunteering group in Poland' moderated by Halina Niec Legal Aid Centre and Joanna Spychala from Poznan. More importantly, there will be some delicious food prepared by our very own Eataway cooks and many others bringing a taste of their cultural cuisine to us.

We also invite you to bring any food you would like to share. So, come along and enjoy a beautiful experience of great food and wonderful company.



Workshops

Action(s) in Practice: Tools and tips from experts engaged in the field

Institute of Psychology, Jagiellonian University, Romana Ingardena 6, Krakow

12:00 – 14:45

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Panel Discussion

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17:30 – 20:30

Bringing Down the Wall: From Challenges of Integration to Facilitating Change

Moderator: **Karolina Czerska-Shaw**

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See pages 6–8 for details





PANEL DISCUSSIONS •

26th Oct 2018, Friday



Day 1

Panel Discussion – Refugees and Asylum Seekers –
The Journey, Current Situation, Societal Implications

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- 17:30 – 17:40** Introduction (10 min) – **Sindhuja Sankaran**
- 17:40 – 18:10** Why don't we trust refugees and how can we reduce distrust? (30 min)
– **Paul van Lange**
- 18:10 – 18:30** Why should we help refugees? (20 min) – **Janina Ochojska**
- 18:30 – 18:40** Q&A (10 min)
- 18:45 – 19:00** Asylum Seekers in Moria – A story (15 min)
A video of 4 refugees/asylum seekers from Moria who share their stories and message to the world.
- 19:05 – 19:25** Living in Moria – A snapshot
Two former journalists from Afghanistan, through their photography, show a snapshot of what it is like to live in Moria.
- A walk-through the Camp Moria (Greece) and detention centres (Poland) (10+10 min) – **Sindhuja Sankaran, Anna Wilczyńska, Karol Wilczyński**
- 19:30 – 19:45** Challenges of Moria (15 min) – **Maria Pamula, UNHCR Protection officer**
- 19:45 – 19:55** Q&A (10 min)
- 20:00 – 20:10** A refugee's story from Chechnya (10 min) – **Madina**, asylum seeker living in Poland (*In Polish with simultaneous translation into English*)
- 20:15 – 20:30** The Catholic church and aid for refugees in Poland (15 min) – **Father Mieczysław Puzewicz** (*In Polish with simultaneous translation into English*)
- 20:35 – 20:50** Situation of refugees in Brześć, Belarus (15 min) – **Marina Hulia** (*In Polish with simultaneous translation into English*)
- 20:50 – 21:00** Q&A (10 min)
- 21:00 – 21:50** Documentary screening and discussion – *Together Apart* (50 min) – **Maren Sophia**

27th Oct 2018, Saturday

Day 2

Panel Discussion – Bringing Down the Wall: From Challenges of Integration to Facilitating Change

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- 17:30 – 17:40** Integration and Assimilation: Myth, Misinformation, and Misunderstandings? (15 min) – **Khalil Arab**
- 17:40 – 18:10** Addressing the challenges to refugee integration in Poland (20 min) – **Halina Grzymała Moszczyńska**
- 18:10 – 18:30** Q&A (10 min)
- 18:30 – 18:40** Hate speech epidemics on the Internet – consequences for migrants and minorities? (20 min) – **Michał Bilewicz**
- 18:45 – 19:00** How can we humanise refugees? (15 min) – **Sindhuja Sankaran**
- 19:05 – 19:25** Real lives, real skills, real futures. Refocusing refugee education opportunities (15 min) – **Sonia Nandzik, Douglas Herman**
- 19:30 – 19:45** Q&A (10 min)
- 19:45 – 19:55** Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges. A story of Growth & Resilience (15 min) – **Adel Albaghdadi, Razan Damlakhi**
- 20:00 – 20:10** 'Ambulance Poland – Syria', introducing the documentary about a Polish-Syrian family in the time of Syrian crisis (10 min screening + 10 min talk) – **Tammy Mehanni, Aleksander Zalewski**
- 20:15 – 20:50** Q&A and closing remarks (20 min)

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WORKSHOPS •

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12:00 – 13:15	Refugees in Poland – what are the needs and how we meet the challenges	Communicating about refugees through art & design
	Katarzyna Przybysławska, Magda Pajura	Justyna Piwowarska
13:15 – 13:30		
13:30 – 14:45	Integration in practice – a two-way street	How to use movies to tell stories about refugees/asylum seekers?
	Natalia Gebert (Dom Otwarty)	Maren Wickwire

room 0.04	room 1.04	room 2.04
Theatre: between recognition and empowerment	Język i uchodźcy. Jak media zmieniają nasze postrzeganie uchodźców <i>Language and refugees: Factchecking and myths</i> Only in Polish	Dlaczego Czeczeńcy uciekają do Polski. Sytuacja w Czeczenii i na Ukrainie <i>Why Chechens flee to Poland. The situation in Chechnya and in Ukraine</i> Only in Polish
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Break		
Inclusion of all is a value for all	Volunteering at a refugee camp in Greece	
Adel Albaghdadi, Razan Damlakhi	Joanna Spychala	

Details of Workshops: 12:00 – 13:15

Action(s) in Practice: Tools and tips from experts engaged in the field

Institute of Psychology, Jagiellonian University, Romana Ingardena 6, Krakow

1) Refugees in Poland – what are the needs and how can we meet the challenges

Katarzyna Przybysławska, Magda Pajura
(Room 0.01–0.02)

This workshop will be facilitated by lawyers specialising in legal aid for refugees and asylum seekers in Poland. We will discuss the details of international protection and asylum procedures as well as specifics of the current situation of people applying for refugee status in the country. Find out how the asylum procedure looks like from the practitioner's perspective and if it really suits its purpose.

2) Communicating about refugees through art & design

Justyna Piwowska
(Room 0.03)

The workshop focuses on using art and design to have a meaningful impact on the lives of refugees, either directly or by affecting cultural attitudes towards them. Starting with background and continuing through a group-based creative process, participants will make proposals for original works of art and design that can be turned into reality after the workshop.

3) Theatre: between recognition and empowerment

Emanuele Politi, Marion Chipeaux
(Room 0.04)

This workshop will introduce theatre as an intervention tool to enhance recognition and empowerment among migrants and asylum seekers. We will start by discussing its theoretical foundations, and we will then move to exercises aimed at initiating the audience to this practice.

4) Język i uchodźcy. Jak media zmieniają nasze postrzeganie uchodźców *(Only in Polish)*

Marysia Złonkiewicz (uchodźcy.info)
(Room 1.04)

Co takiego stało się w Polsce, że w ciągu półtora roku 10 milionów Polaków radykalnie zmieniło zdanie na temat przyjmowania uchodźców? Podczas warsztatów poznamy strategie narracyjne stosowane w opisywaniu uchodźców, dowiemy się, jak nasz język wpływa na postrzeganie, poznamy elementy fact-checkingu.

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In a year and a half, 10 million Poles have radically changed their minds about accepting refugees. Why did this happen? During the workshop, we will learn the narrative strategies used in describing refugees, we will determine how our language affects perception, and we will know the fundamentals of fact-checking.

5) Dlaczego Czeczeńcy uciekają do Polski. Sytuacja w Czeczenii i na Ukrainie *Why Chechens flee to Poland. The situation in Chechnya and in Ukraine (Only in Polish)*

Marina Hulia
(Room 2.04)

Co tak naprawdę dzieje się w Czeczenii, że do Polski rocznie ściąga tysiące przybyszów? Co czeka ich w momencie, gdy docierają do białorusko-polskiej granicy w Brześciu? Jaka sytuacja panuje obecnie na Ukrainie? Czy możemy spodziewać się większej liczby uchodźców? Opowie nam o tym Marina Hulia, aktywistka, założycielka grupy „Dzieci z dworca Brześć”.

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What is happening in Chechnya wherein thousands of newcomers are being brought to Poland every year? What awaits them when they reach the Belarusian-Polish border in Brest? What is the current situation in Ukraine? Can we expect more refugees? Marina Hulia, an activist and founder of the group “Children from the Brest station / Dzieci z Dworca Brześć” will tell us about it.

Details of workshops: 13:30 – 14:45

Action(s) in Practice: Tools and tips from experts engaged in the field

Institute of Psychology, Jagiellonian University, Romana Ingardena 6, Krakow

1) Integration in practice – a two-way street

Natalia Gerbert (Dom Otworthy)

(Room 0.01–0.02)

Have you ever wondered what integration is really about and how it may concern you personally? Then this workshop is for you! We will talk about different approaches to integration and use real-life examples to discuss what we – as ordinary citizens – can do to facilitate it.

2) How to use movies to tell stories about refugees/asylum seekers?

Maren Wickwire

(Room 0.03)

Based on the documentary film *Together Apart*, the workshop will discuss film a medium to empower individuals and inspire audiences to see beyond the visible pixels of the digital file that transmits 'limited' information. Like a palimpsest, film can reveal layers of complexities and meaning and serve as a catalyst for critical discourse and connect the viewer to a deeper understanding of the participants' lifeworld.

3) Inclusion of all is a value for all

Adel Albaghdadi, Razan Damlakhi

(Room 0.04)

The workshop will focus on the importance of advocating the value of diversity & inclusion through open dialogue and the power of conversation. We will address the notion "Talk with us, NOT about us," to ensure that we (the refugees) are the authors of our narratives. We will discuss ways to raise awareness about the refugee situation in Europe, ways to foster tolerance and deconstruct the misconceptions surrounding refugees by encouraging effective communication between 'The Newcomers' and the local communities.



4) Volunteering at a refugee camp in Greece

Joanna Spsychala

(Room 1.04)

The workshop will focus on various volunteering opportunities possible in Greece. The myths, the procedure, the skills required, time commitment, and how to be prepared to volunteer in such conditions.

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