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# Global Initiatives in Refugee & Migrant Education

15-17 NOVEMBER 2018

MANHATTAN COLLEGE, NEW YORK CITY



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018

12:00-14:00

**Registration**

13:00-13:30

**Press Conference**

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14:00

**OPENING SESSION**

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**Welcome by Conference Organizers**

**Dr. Brennan O'Donnell**, *President, Manhattan College*

**Dr. Anthony J. Cernera**, *Initiator, Refugee & Migrant Education Network/President, Being the Blessing Foundation*

14:45

**KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

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**Perspectives of the Global Refugee Realities**

**Dr. Stephen Rasche**, *Catholic University of Erbil*

**The Migration Crisis: A Different Approach. Dignity Through Identity**

**Ashish Gadnis**, *BanQu*

*(Chair)* **Dr. Paulina Guzik**, *Refugee & Migrant Education Network/Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow*

17:00

**Refugee Voices: Personal Accounts from Refugees**

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**Naouras Mousa Almata**, *Manhattan College*

**Innocent Tshilombo**, *InZone, University of Geneva*

17:45

**Refugee & Migrant Education Network: Vision and Project**

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**Dr. Anthony J. Cernera**, *Being the Blessing Foundation*

**Dr. Paulina Guzik**, *Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow*

**Fr. Rene Micallef, SJ**, *Pontifical Gregorian University*

18:15

**Reception**

9:00-10:15

**PLENARY SESSION ON TEACHING**

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9:00

**Roundtable on Best Practices of Refugee Education**

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*(Chair) Dr. Michele Pistone, Villanova University*

**Armando Borja**, *Jesuit Worldwide Learning*

**Dr. Michael Ondaatje**, *Australian Catholic University*

**Kirk Chamberlain**, *World Refugee School*

**Dr. Kerry Bystrom**, *Bard College Berlin*

10:00

**Refugee Education Best Practices: Short Videos**

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10:15

**Teaching Model: Immigrant Access to Justice:  
Teaching Non-Lawyers to Become Immigrant Advocates**

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**Dr. Michele Pistone**, *Villanova University*

10:45-11:30

**PLENARY SESSION ON THE GLOBAL COMPACTS**

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**The Global Compacts and the Challenge for Universities**

**Kevin Appleby**, *The Center for Migration Studies of New York*

11:30

**Coffee Break**

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12:00-13:15

**1ST WORKSHOP SESSION: TEACHING**

**Keeping Refugee Girls in School**

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**Fr. Michael Smith, SJ**, *Jesuit Refugee Service*

**Dr. Tina M. Facca Miess**, *Jesuit Worldwide Learning*

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**Teaching About Refugees**

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**Dr. Andrew Rasmussen**, *Fordham University*  
**Dr. Brinton Lykes**, *Center for Human Rights and International Justice, Boston College*  
**Dr. Luisanna Sardu**, *Manhattan College*

**13:30-14:15**

**Lunch**

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**14:15-15:00**

**The Recognition of Degrees: The European Passport Model**

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**Dr. Rolf Lofstad**, *Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education*

**15:00-16:30**

**PLENARY SESSION ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

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**KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

**The Moral and Ethical Responsibilities of Universities in Response to the Global Realities of Migrants and Refugees**

**Archbishop Bernardito Auza**,  
*Permanent Representative of the Holy See to United Nations*

Panel Responses:

*(Chair)* **Fr. René Micallef, SJ**, *Pontifical Gregorian University*

**Dr. Mehnaz Afridi**, *Manhattan College*

**Rabbi Marc Kline**, *Monmouth Reform Temple*

**16:30-16:45**

**Refugee & Migrant Education Network: Video Presentation**

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**16:45-17:15**

**Coffee Break**

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17:15-18:15

**2ND WORKSHOP SESSION: SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**Universities at the Service of Refugees and Migrants: Financial Issues and Resource Allocation**

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**“Fair Trade” and the Push and Pull Factors of Forced Mobility**  
Jacqueline Martin, *Manhattan College*

**Socially Responsible Investing at the Service of Refugees and Migrants**

Donya Quhshi, *Manhattan College*

David Schilling, *Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility*

**Student Engagement on Refugee and Migrant Issues: Best Practices**

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Victoria O’Keefe, *St. John’s University*

Kathleen Hearst, *Guilford College: Every Campus a Refugee*

**Student Research on Migration and the European Crisis:**

Ricardo Alan Dello Buono and students, *Manhattan College*

Silvia Fernanda Mena Muñoz, *Universidad Delasalle Bajío*

18:30

**Free Evening**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

- 9:00-10:30**      **PLENARY PANEL ON BEST PRACTICES FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES AND NGOS**  
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- KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**  
**Universities and Humanitarian NGOs Working Together: Best Practices and Emerging Needs**
- Joan Rosenhauer**, *Jesuit Refugee Service USA*
- Panel Responses:  
**Dr. Stephen Rasche**, *Catholic University of Erbil*
- 10:30-10:45**      **Coffee Break**  
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- 10:45-11:45**      **3RD WORKSHOP SESSION: RESEARCH AND ACTION**  
**Communicating Refugee Issues: The Challenge of Xenophobia**  
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- Dr. Georgette Bennett**, *Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees*  
**Dr. Paulina Guzik**, *Refugee & Migrant Education Network/ Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow*
- What are the Research Needs of Relief Agencies?**  
**How to Liaise Between the Field and the University?**  
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- Dr. Aldo Skoda, CS**, *Scalabrini International Migration Institute*
- 12:00-12:45**      **CONCLUDING PLENARY**  
**Expanding Social Responsibility of Universities: Aligning Mission and University Investment Policy**  
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- Dr. Anthony Cortese**, *Intentional Endowment Network*  
**Dr. Anthony J. Cerna**, *Refugee & Migrant Education Network/ Being the Blessing Foundation*
- 13:00**              **Closing**



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