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About the Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies

Introduction

The Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies aims to respond to contemporary challenges of conflict and climate induced displacement. We are driven by a transformative agenda that places social justice and human rights as core aspects of our work that will empower refugee voices and build local capacities. Through a commitment to multidisciplinary scholarship, the Centre is committed to bringing together academia, refugee communities, government, civil society, and the private sector to collaboratively work on meaningful and tangible projects on current and future forced displacement.

Welcome to the March 2024 newsletter from the Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies (CAPRS). These newsletters — produced on a half-yearly basis — are intended to update partners and supporters on our work, as well as showcase upcoming areas of focus. In addition, the newsletter provides updates on research priorities, and other initiatives with which CAPRS has been involved.

As CAPRS continues to streamline our work and focus over the coming months and years, we look forward to sharing more exciting content and updates with you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the CAPRS team at caprs@auckland.ac.nz should you have any queries.

**The Centre for
Asia Pacific
Refugee Studies -
Tāwharau
Whakaumu**

A message from the CAPRS Co-Directors

Strengthening partnerships at home and abroad

In the blink of an eye, we are already on the cusp of Q2, 2024 — an indication of the activity of the Centre, our affiliated scholars, and our network of engagements. On this note, we wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who has contributed to our work over recent months. From impactful research to enduring community outreach initiatives, your passion has been the driving force behind our success in Aotearoa New Zealand and the region.

In the realm of research, we've continued to make strides in understanding the complex dynamics of refugee experiences, especially as it relates to transnational resettlement experiences. Through interdisciplinary collaboration, we've shed new light on underexplored facets of displacement and resilience. Our findings have not only expanded academic discourse but also informed policy and advocacy efforts in New Zealand.



As we reflect on this important work, we're also looking ahead with a sense of purpose. One area where we see additional avenues for engagement is the intricate tapestry of refugee experiences in Southeast Asia. The region, with its rich cultural diversity and unique geopolitical landscape, presents opportunities for exploration and collaboration. Yet, it also poses profound challenges and complexities, from the plight of Rohingya refugees, ongoing displacement of other groups from Myanmar, protracted displacement from Afghanistan, and the lack of protection available across the region.

We believe that by expanding our research and engagement more substantively into Southeast Asia, we can deepen our understanding of global displacement and contribute meaningfully to the development of sustainable solutions. Whether it's examining the socio-economic integration of refugees in urban centres or investigating the environmental factors driving displacement in the region, there's no shortage of important questions that research can helpfully inform.

To support this work, we look forward to strengthening the engagement with CAPRS Affiliated Scholars, our Non-Residential Fellows, UoA colleagues, the New Zealand Refugee Advisory Panel, and our network of RLO and civil society partners in New Zealand and the region. We are committed to utilising our role within academia to support ongoing policy development, advocacy, and international cooperation.

So let's roll up our sleeves and continue to ask the tough questions, challenge the status quo, and strive for a better future. Once again, thank you for being part of the CAPRS journey.

With gratitude,



Rêz Gardî & Jay Marlowe

on behalf of CAPRS Team

CAPRS Non-Residential Fellowship

Overview

In September 2023, CAPRS welcomed three new scholars to the Centre as part of our Non-Residential Fellowship Programme. Their work covers topics including climate displacement, access to education, and Australia's regional refugee policies and suggestions for future engagement.

Over recent months, scholars have been hard at work - with the support of their mentors - developing policy papers to be used for real world impact. Our Fellows are:

Dr. Asher Hirsch



Asher Hirsch is a Senior Policy Officer with the Refugee Council of Australia. Over more than a decade his work has involved research, policy development and advocacy on national and international issues impacting refugee communities. Asher holds a PhD in law from Monash University, as well as a Juris Doctor, Master of Human Rights Law, Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice and a Bachelor of Arts. His PhD focused on Australia's externalisation policies in Southeast Asia.

Dr. Betty Barkha



Betty has over a decade of experience working with development organisations in Asia and the Pacific. Her research interests include gender, climate change, displacement, and social inclusion. She is committed to using her research to inform policy and practice that can help protect the rights of women and girls affected by climate change. Dr Betty has a PhD, a Master of Arts in Sociology and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Psychology. Her PhD titled "Cascading Tides, Invading Lives," centres on scrutinising the Gendered impacts of Climate Change-Induced Displacement and Planned Relocation in Fiji.

Dr. Emily Miller



Emily has a background working with high school students in a range of roles, including as a teacher. She built on these experiences in her PhD, examining experiences in high school for young people from refugee backgrounds in South Australia. This research emphasised engagement with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, their families, and educators working in high school settings. Dr Miller was awarded the university-wide Ian Davey Research Thesis Prize for the most outstanding PhD thesis at the University of South Australia.

On 9 April, in partnership with the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at the University of New South Wales, Fellows will present their work in an event entitled "Moving the Policy Needle - from PhD to Practice. This event will bring together colleagues working across academia to engage in learning, feedback, shared ideas, and suggestions for action. Interested persons can register for the event [here](#).

More information on the 2023/2024 Scholars and the Non-Residential Fellowship can be found [here](#).

Spotlight Interview – Rabia Talal Almbaid

Panel Member, New Zealand Refugee Advisory Panel



What has been your past engagement with refugees and forcibly displaced persons? How did you fall into this line of work?

My journey in this line of work has been deeply rooted in the community's trust and confidence and well-informed by my lived experience of forced displacement from my home country and my own resettlement. Forced displacement and starting from scratch are testaments to the power of compassion, resilience, and "sabr," as we say in Arabic for steadfastness, perseverance, endurance, and patience.

From my grassroots beginnings in local communities, I've always been driven by a deep sense of empathy and a commitment to uplifting others. In the midst of juggling full-time studies, part-time work, and personal responsibilities with my parents and grandparents at the very early stages of our resettlement in Ōtepoti Dunedin, I found fulfillment in volunteering to support refugee families and individuals. Whether it was navigating complex discussions with government agencies and service providers or providing language support with paperwork, I embraced each opportunity with a spirit of calm reassurance, earning the trust of professionals in the space as well as refugees through empathy and understanding.

My path led me to the New Zealand Red Cross in Dunedin, where I had the privilege to work as a Cross-Cultural Support Worker supporting connections between refugees and their host city. Additionally, I worked as a language interpreter at Dunedin Hospital. I witnessed first-hand the resilience of individuals overcoming health challenges and trauma, reinforcing my understanding of their holistic well-being for better resettlement outcomes.

On the national level, my work with the Ministry of Social Development opened my eyes to the systemic barriers faced by refugees in accessing housing and transitioning to employment. Yet, it was through collaboration and advocacy within the National Refugee Advisory Panel that I found hope in driving meaningful policy change to address these challenges at the top level of decision-making.

Today, I work for the New Zealand Police as a Senior Partnerships Advisor – Ethnic, at Police National Headquarters. I am honoured to support and lead national Police initiatives that provide better outcomes for Ethnic Communities, which include former refugees. Through my role, I am able to foster social cohesion and feeling of safety for all, through refugee service providers, agency partners and communities across Aotearoa New Zealand. My journey is fuelled by a belief in the inherent strength and potential of every individual, regardless of their background or circumstances.

Internationally, my involvement in global discussions in high-level events has allowed me to amplify the voices of refugees and advocate for their opportunities, protection, and empowerment. Witnessing New Zealand's contributions in the international community has further fueled my dedication in this sector to support our nation's responsibility for humanity to create a better world for all. As I reflect, I am reminded that true empowerment begins with a single act of consideration and kindness, and that together we can create opportunities for refugees to thrive.

You are a current member of the New Zealand Refugee Advisory Panel. Why did you decide to apply and why is this role important?

My decision to join the New Zealand Refugee Advisory Panel springs from a deep personal determination. Having experienced the tumultuous landscape of resettlement myself, I felt a calling to contribute to the collective narrative of hope and progress for refugee policymaking. Witnessing firsthand the challenges my family and I encountered, I recognized the challenges and needs of former refugee communities. This realization fueled my determination to seek a platform where I could not only amplify the voices of refugees but also actively participate in the creation of national solutions that foster dignity and empowerment.

The role of the Refugee Advisory Panel is not just important; it's revolutionary. This platform is part of the global movement placing refugees at the forefront of policy making and advocacy. By harnessing the leadership and resilience inherent within refugee communities, we are not only shaping a more inclusive and compassionate society but also paving the way for a future where refugees are recognized as agents of change and innovation.

What do you think will be the most important areas of focus for academia, NGOs and other groups working for improving refugee protection in 2024 and beyond?

I am grateful for the boundless potential for academia, NGOs, and other stakeholders to drive meaningful progress in the refugee sector. From advocating for policies that uphold the rights and dignity of refugees to fostering social cohesion and integration, the possibilities for positive change are endless.

Given the ongoing crises in countries like Syria, South Sudan, Yemen, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Somalia, Palestine, DRC, and many others, it is crucial to continue advocating for international support and protection in host countries. This includes efforts to maintain stability and provide quality services to refugees, who often flee war, leaving everything they have built and established in their lives behind.

Moreover, there is a pressing need for a paradigm shift in how we approach refugee protection. Sustainable and durable solutions must be prioritized, aiming to meaningfully transform and improve the lives of refugees. This entails initiatives:

- Advocating for Policies: Continued advocacy for policies that protect the rights of refugees, including access to asylum, non-discrimination, and family reunification programs, is essential.
- Social Cohesion and Integration: Promoting initiatives that foster understanding and cooperation between refugees and host communities is critical for reducing tensions and promoting peace and unity.
- Women and Young Females Empowerment: Prioritizing the needs and rights of women and girls among refugee populations, including protection from gender-based violence, access to healthcare, and opportunities for leadership and empowerment, is imperative.
- Culturally Safe Services: Ensuring culturally safe government and community services are available to refugees is crucial for addressing their unique needs and promoting their well-being.
- Mental Health Support: Increased emphasis on providing mental health and psychosocial support services to refugees is essential, recognizing the trauma and stress they endure before, during, and after displacement.
- Innovation and Technology: Leveraging technology and innovative approaches, such as digital tools for communication, information sharing, and access to essential services, can significantly improve refugee protection and support.

In conclusion, by expanding pathways, strengthening protection frameworks, enhancing international cooperation, and harnessing refugees' contributions, we can collectively work towards a world where refugees can find safety, security, and dignity. It's through these concerted efforts that we can make meaningful strides in improving the lives of displaced populations and creating a more inclusive and compassionate global community.

What is on your 2024 wishlist?

On my 2024 wishlist and beyond, I envision a world where the dreams of refugees and forcibly displaced persons regarding their basic rights are not just aspirations, but tangible realities. First and foremost, I dream of families torn apart by conflict and displacement being reunited. Having experienced firsthand the profound impact of separation on family and individual well-being, I understand the importance of restoring familial bonds and providing a sense of belonging.

Additionally, I hope to see more refugee boys and girls gaining access to education and opportunities for tertiary education. Education is not only a pathway to empowerment but also a beacon of hope for a brighter future. My

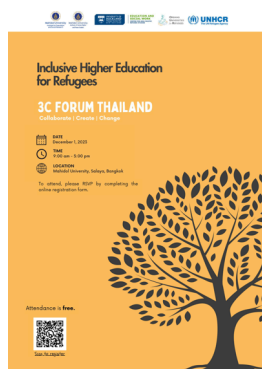
mother always says, “education is a treasure that no one can ever steal.” With scholarship opportunities, we can unlock the potential of countless young minds and pave the way for transformative change.

Another essential item on my wishlist is ensuring that stateless individuals have access to identification documents and passports, enabling them to exercise their basic civil rights. Identity is fundamental to one's sense of self and belonging, and no individual should be denied the right to legal recognition and protection.

Lastly, I dream of more people finding a home in communities filled with warmth, kindness, and peace. In a world marked by division and uncertainty, the power of supportive communities cannot be overstated. By fostering environments of inclusivity and empathy, we can create spaces where everyone feels valued, respected, and embraced. By working together to realize these aspirations, we can build a world where every refugee, regardless of their background or circumstances, has the opportunity to thrive and find home in the warmth of humanity's collective embrace.

Civil Society & Community Engagement, and Capacity Building

7th 3C Forum in Bangkok, Thailand



On 1 December 2023, CAPRS in partnership with Mahidol University Thailand, UNHCR and OUR Initiative hosted the [7th 3C Forum](#) in Bangkok, Thailand. The 3C Forum seeks to facilitate effective collaboration amongst participants leading to new initiatives to increase access to higher education opportunities for refugees.

In Thailand, the main goals of the Forum were to:

- (a) involve as many stakeholders as possible to ensure that everyone has the potential to develop solutions to the challenges of accessing higher education in the region; and
- (b) develop a vision for the advocacy and civic role of the Thai higher education sector in contributing to the 15 by 30 target (to achieving 15% enrolment of young refugees in higher education by 2030) and strategic responses to ongoing refugee emergencies.

This participatory forum engaged and connected universities, refugee communities, and key stakeholders across Thailand in addressing the urgent need to formulate new higher education policies. The event consisted of interactive sessions based on participatory small group discussions aimed at identifying outcomes, goals, and next steps to enable universities to better contribute to refugee communities.

The forum resulted in the development of a White Paper and Forum Summary Document, both of which will soon be available on the OUR and CAPRS websites.

World Statelessness Conference and engagement in Malaysia



The 2024 World Conference on Statelessness took place from 26-29 February 2024 at Taylor's University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This event was co-organised by the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI), Nationality for All (NFA), and Development of Human Resources for Rural Areas (DHRRA) Malaysia. Gathering over 400 participants from around the world, including individuals with both lived and learned experiences of statelessness, the conference served as a platform for the exchange of knowledge, perspectives, ideas, and skills.

CAPRS was fortunate enough to attend the event and actively engage in knowledge exchange and discussions on the issue of statelessness. Structured around the themes of SOLIDARITY, KNOWLEDGE, and CHANGE, the

program was crafted to support impactful engagements from advocates, activists, academics, artists, community leaders, and representatives from donor organisations, UN bodies, and governments.

On the margins of the event, CAPRS was humbled to be invited to the New Zealand High Commission for a reception with Her Excellency, Ms. Pam Dunn. Hosted at the High Commissioner's Residence, the evening brought together members of the diplomatic community to discuss key refugee challenges in Malaysia and regionally, and to reflect upon potential ways to strengthen our collective efforts.

CAPRS would like to extend its thanks to the New Zealand High Commission for their warm hospitality in hosting the reception, and we look forward to strengthening our relationship over the months and years ahead.

New Zealand Refugee Advisory Panel



Over the past several months, the NZRAP has been engaged in national and global dialogues. These include the National Refugee Resettlement Forum (July 2023), the Global Refugee Forum (December 2023), and the Working Group on Resettlement (February 2024).

In addition, the NZRAP met with the new Associate Minister for Immigration, Hon. Casy Costello, as part of their annual hui in Te Whanganui-a-Tara, Wellington. In addition to their hui agenda, the NZRAP reviewed their key areas of work and proposed policy priorities. These include Meaningful Refugee Participation and Effective Settlement regarding the health and well-being of refugee communities.

Their engagement with the new government will also include working closely with the MBIE and other Ministries as part of the Refugee Health National Leadership Coordination Services Governance Group and the External Reference Group on the Refugee Resettlement Strategy Refresh.

Finally, this March the NZRAP also welcomed three new panel members who bring new energy, diverse perspectives and a wealth of expertise. More details about the current NZRAP panel members can be found via the CAPRS website [here](#).

Working Group on Resettlement 2024



Members of the NZRAP attended the Working Group on Resettlement in Sydney and Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland in different capacities, including Rabia Talal Albaid and Julia Sheikh in their capacity as the (global) Refugee Advisory Group and Oo Meh, Ayan Said, and Madiha Ali in their capacity as NZRAP. The photo (left) shows NZRAP members Ayan Said and Madiha Ali Changezi presenting on MRP at the WGR Auckland, in partnership with Sarah Ward (Immigration New Zealand).

In Sydney, members participated in multiple panels as speakers on topics including meaningful refugee participation and leadership, mental health challenges, and addressing domestic and family violence in settlement. At the Auckland event, in partnership with MBIE, the NZRAP presented a session highlighting the panel mechanism alongside other recent initiatives to improve refugee participation at the national and local levels in Aotearoa.

Following on from the WGR, preparations for Consultations on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways (CRCP), which is scheduled for June 2024 will commence shortly, with the NZRAP once again joining as a Refugee Advisory on the New Zealand Government delegation.

Global Refugee Forum December, Geneva 2023



The Global Refugee Forum (GRF) 2023, held in Geneva from 13-15 December 2023, focused on the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), including the realisation of its main objectives to ease pressures on refugee-hosting states, to empower refugees and to find solutions. Members of the New Zealand Refugee Advisory Panel attended the GRF in different capacities, including one as the Refugee Advisor for the New Zealand Government: Paula Santacruz; Rabia Talal Almbaid and Julia Sheikh in their capacity as NZRAP, and Madiha Ali, Antoinette Umugwaneza, Mustafa Derbashi (resigned member) in their capacity as Refugee Experts sponsored by the UNHCR.

The NZRAP have collated their learnings and strategic reflections on their experiences engaging both the planning and attendance at the GRF. This includes presenting key recommendations to the government across a broad scope of settlement opportunities. Key areas of note include leveraging private sector engagement, funding for Refugee-Led Organisations and MRP initiatives, and, importantly, ensuring that the Government's own pledges on MRP, education and employment made at the GRF are interconnected in their implementation.



Photo: Julia Sheikh (resigned member) delivering the Refugee Statement at the GRF 2024.

NRRF August, Wellington 2023



The 2023 National Refugee Resettlement Forum theme was Meaningful Partnerships and Participation, which was explored through a series of workshops, panel discussions, and presentations. The event took place at Te Papa in Te Whanganui a Tara Wellington on July 6 and 7. The NZRAP contributed to the co-development of the agenda. After months of collaborative planning, their contribution culminated in the NZRAP hosting a three-hour session on day one of the NRRF programme.

Photo: NZRAP 2022 members and CARPS Secretariat at the NRRF 2023

This included a panel discussion and roundtable discussion on the meaning of refugee participation and partnership. The panel was made up of a diverse group of speakers all with lived refugee experience. Importantly, this included representation of people seeking asylum, LGBTIQ+, youth and refugee-led organisations and initiatives. The roundtable discussion was co-facilitated by the NZRAP in collaboration with representatives from refugee communities, RLOs, government and service providers. The three key themes identified in the roundtable discussions included strengthening meaningful refugee participation and partnerships, a community-based approach to refugee resettlement and equitable treatment for all refugees.

Affiliated Scholars Updates

Arezoo Malihi

Arezoo is engaged in two existing pieces of work with CAPRS i.e. research under the HRC Health Delivery Activation Fund and a project under the internal Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund. The HRC Health Delivery Activation Fund (granted by the Health Research Council) will facilitate collaboration between researchers at the University of Auckland and the health sector to provide mental health services to refugees. This fund will enable an investigation of existing data from Refugees As Survivors New Zealand, exploring possibilities for future data utilisation to understand mental health needs, services provided, and areas for improvement. Additionally, population-based analyses using Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI) will be conducted to examine mental health service utilization among refugee children and youth, comparing educational outcomes between those who have accessed services and those who haven't. The results will inform further intervention studies aimed at enhancing mental health service provision for this underserved population in Aotearoa New Zealand. Dr Arezoo Malihi is the Primary Investigator of this activation fund.

Prof Jay Marlowe is leading an internal Transdisciplinary Ideation Fund (TIF) project, aiming to unite multidisciplinary researchers from various disciplines, including Education, Medical and Health Sciences, Public Policy, Business, and Science, researchers with a refugee and Māori background to develop a pilot survey exploring successful settlement of newly resettled refugees and its association with mental health and wellbeing. Together, this team aims to create a comprehensive measure of mental health and wellbeing for refugees, considering its influence on the settlement outcomes. This initiative will lay the groundwork for larger grant applications aimed at understanding the perspectives of a representative population of adult refugees in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Jane McAdam

Founding Director of the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law - Professor Jane McAdam AO - has been appointed to spearhead a new research program within the Kaldor Centre, the [Evacuations Research Hub](#), thanks to a highly prestigious Australian Research Council (ARC) Laureate Fellowship. Through the Australian Research Council (ARC), Professor McAdam was awarded \$3.14 million as a Laureate Fellowship to support internationally recognised researchers who can play a significant leadership and mentoring role in growing Australia's research and innovation capacity.

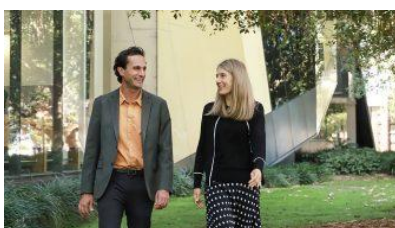


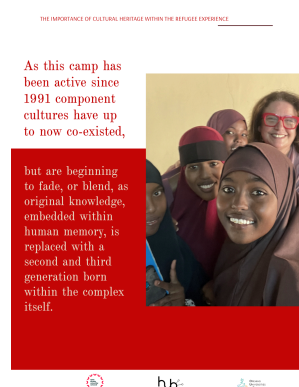
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With the establishment of the Evacuations Research Hub at the Kaldor Centre, McAdam will hand the Director reigns of the Kaldor Centre to Daniel Ghezelbash and turn her focus to generating legal and policy innovations to protect the rights of evacuees, building on the Centre's pioneering work on displacement in the context of climate change and disasters.

Gül İnanç

Whilst beyond CAPRS geographic remit, CAPRS Co-founder and former Co-Director Gül İnanç has continued to progress a range of initiatives as it relates to inclusive higher education for refugees, much of which is highlighted below.

OUR- BARD COLLEGE Cultural Heritage Project



The Bard College Hubs for Connected Learning & OUR (Opening Universities for Refugees) successfully launched a community-led project on the Importance of Cultural Heritage within the Refugee Experience in Dadaab Camp, Kenya via a 3-day workshop on 13-15 February 2024. Dadaab Camp is a long-standing community of approximately 200,000 refugees from a diversity of geographical, social, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds. As this camp has been active since 1991, component cultures have up to now co-existed but are beginning to fade, or blend, as original knowledge, embedded within human memory, is replaced with a second and third camp-born generation.

The pilot project aims to engage with this phenomenon by recording and then preserving the intangible cultural heritage of today's Dadaab community. The project will be led by the students of Bard College's Refugee Higher Education Program (RhEAP) in Dadaab Camp, Kenya.

OUR- DIME Global Certification



Diálogo Intercultural Mexicano (DIME) and Opening Universities for Refugees organised the first Global Certificate Program in Forced Migration and Inclusive Higher Education from 6-9 March in Mexico. The Universidad de Monterrey (UEM) and Universidad La Salle Saltillo hosted this hybrid event. The two-day certification illustrated the difficulties related to refugees accessing higher education in a global and Mexican context. Among the attendees were university students, representatives of DIME's Local Student Committees, university staff, and representatives of the Mexican Commission for Refugee Assistance (COMAR), the UNHCR, the IOM, and local civil society organisations.

The program consisted of four modules, which included lectures, discussions, group work, and speech-writing sessions aimed at advocating for refugees' access to higher education. The participants also heard about the experiences of refugee students in Mexico through case studies. This gave them a deeper understanding of the reality of the Mexican asylum situation. In the future, DIME and OUR hope to continue providing similar certifications in Mexican universities to advocate for refugee issues. The Connected Learning in Crisis Consortium (CLCC) offered the seed funding for this certificate program.

OUR-SETF-CLCC-KEPLER Student Led Project

OUR & Student Engagement Taskforce (SETF), with support from CLCC & Kepler, are thrilled to launch the "Leading with Lived Experiences: Refugee Voices Shaping Higher Education's Future." Many universities fall short in addressing the unique needs of refugee students. This project seeks to bridge this gap by establishing a collaborative platform for sharing insights and methodologies related to refugee education, actively involving refugee students. We invite students with a refugee background or direct refugee experience to join and actively participate in this project. We encourage involvement from refugee students currently enrolled in universities, colleges, and academic institutions, as well as refugee advocates in the field of refugee higher education.

Dr Ritesh Shah

Over the past six months, Dr Shah has been actively supporting the work of CAPRS through a number of avenues, as well as delivering upon a number of international research projects. A brief summary of his activities include:

Recent publications:

- Flemming, Jennifer, Ritesh Shah, Nina Weisenhorn, Julie Chinnery, and Gwendolyn Heaner. 2023. "Education Systems Response to COVID-19: Reflections on the Contributions of Research to USAID's Education and Resilience Agenda." *Journal on Education in Emergencies* 9 (1): 196-214. <https://doi.org/10.33682/9ge4-wyr8>.
- Shah, Ritesh. 2023. "Locating refugee teachers work within bordering regimes: Considerations and implications" in In Henderson, C. (Ed.), *Refugee teachers: The heart of the global refugee response*. Policy Insights #02 (pp. 22-23). NORRAG.
- Shah, Ritesh, Jennifer Flemming, Julie Chinnery and Gwendolyn Heaner. 2024. "Building back better? The role of education sector responses in strengthening or eroding societal resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic." *Frontiers in Education* 9 (1089422). <https://dx.doi.org/10.3389/feduc.2024.1089422>
- Shah, Ritesh, Mieke Lopes Cardozo and Jessica Hjarrand. 2024. "Learning as ecosystems: Shifting paradigms for more holistic programming in education in displacement." *International Journal of Educational Development* 104 (102943). <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ijedudev.2023.102943>

Media engagements:

- BBC Radio Newshour (25 November): Discussing the impacts of the war in Gaza on children <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w172z3711413wjz> (starts at 17:40)
- The Conversation: "We remain afraid of the future: how Palestinian children's optimism was fading even before this crisis"

Public talks:

- Raising the Bar (University of Auckland): Learning in a Time of Crisis: Life-saving or life threatening (August 2023)
- Bristol Conversations in Education (University of Bristol, UK): The tangled web between refugee rights, capitalism, race and education (September 2023)

Currently leading a reading group within the University of Auckland with interested staff and students (including several CAPRS Affiliated Scholars) to explore the historical dimensions of the current war in Gaza, and to situate the conflict within a framework of settler-colonialism, racial capitalism and epistemic violence—but also to identify opportunities for transnational solidarities and prospects for transformation.

Recent / Upcoming Publications and Events

DEANE, K., AHMAD, M., BULLEN, P., CHUAH, Y., FENAUGHTY, J., JOSEPH, D., KALSI, K., MARLOWE, J., PAKY, V., TANG-TAYLOR, J. (2023). *Connect & Kōrero: Innovating to amplify refugee and ethnic migrant youth voice in Aotearoa New Zealand policy*. Ministry for Youth Development. Wellington.

MARLOWE, J., EPP, K., Jaduram, R. & UDAHEMUKA, M. (In Press) *Disaster Communication and Capacity Building with Refugees and Migrants*. In Lou, H., Adamson, C. (eds) *Handbook of Social Work and Disaster Practice*.

MARLOWE, J., MALIHI, A. Z., MILNE, B., MCLAY, J., & CHIANG, A. (2023). Settlement trajectories of nearly 25,000 forced migrants in New Zealand: longitudinal insights from administrative data. *Kōtuitui: New Zealand Journal of Social Sciences Online*, 1-24. 10.1080/1177083X.2023.2214606

NEEF, K., JONES, E. & MARLOWE, J. (2023) The Conflict, Climate Change, and Disaster Displacement Nexus Revisited: The Case of the Protracted Rohingya Refugee Crisis in Bangladesh. *Journal of Peace and Development Studies*.

Research Updates

Professor Jay Marlowe

On 13 March 2024, Professor Marlowe delivered his inaugural professorial lecture at Old Government House, University of Auckland. Entitled '*Dislocation in an Age of Connection*', Jay unpacked the intricate dynamics of forced migration and resettlement, challenging stereotypes, and embracing the politics of belonging. He outlined the dynamics of forced migration and resettlement, challenging stereotypes that consign refugees to the 'other.'



Amid unprecedented numbers of global forced migrants, rapid digital advancements, and formidable border governance regimes, the politics of belonging take centre stage. This landscape significantly shapes how individuals forge connections with nearby and distant places, offering a spectrum of opportunities and constraints. As a scholar, Jay was able to emphasise the profound importance of exploring these issues and cultivating understanding across a diverse range of stakeholders, ultimately aiming for positive transformation. In particular, he delved into the nuanced nature of displacement, addressing representation issues and their far-reaching repercussions. Drawing on over two decades

of experience in forced migration as a practitioner and researcher, he concluded by articulating the implications of belonging in an increasingly but unevenly connected world.

The lecture was attended by community leaders, NGO representatives, public officials, politicians, his family and academics.

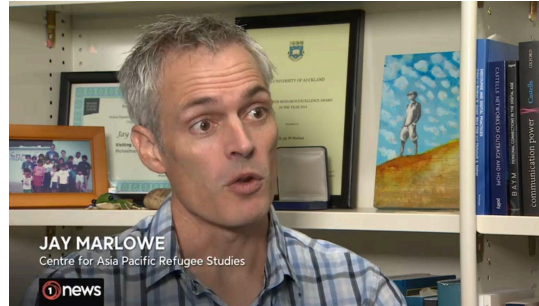
Connecting Young Ethnic Refugees to Policy Making



Working with a team, CAPRS delivered a report to the Ministry of Youth Development that articulated a codesigned innovation working with young people to have greater voice and participation in the policy making process. This Report, funded by MYD, addresses participation barriers to including refugee and ethnic migrant youth voices in decision-making.

The Report identifies the issues and/or areas for enhancing safety, inclusion, and effectiveness to support refugee and ethnic migrant youth participation in government decision-making and can be accessed [here](#).

CAPRS in the media

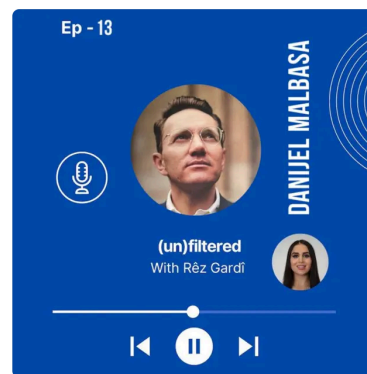


CAPRS has also had numerous media related activities. Jay Marlowe published a [piece in the Conversation](#) about a family link visa in Gaza and this led to a [TVNZ](#) interview.

Podcasts

Since September 2021, CAPRS Co-Founder Rêz Gardî has been connecting and engaging with inspiring individuals across the world as part of CAPRS 'Unfiltered' Podcast Series. This podcast was created as a platform for unfiltered honest discussions about issues that impact the lives of those forcibly displaced and possible solutions from a range of perspectives. In addition, the podcast both empowers and amplifies refugee voices around the globe, contributing to increasing awareness about the situations for forcibly displaced people.

Recently, Rêz hosted an interview with Danijel Malbasa on being the first refugee advisor to the Australian Government.



All podcasts are available on the CAPRS website, Apple Podcasts, [Spotify](#), Whooshkaa, and other podcast platforms.