

Jindal School of International Affairs and Centre for Human Rights Studies (CHRS), Jindal Global Law School

Cordially invite you to a

Workshop

on

Refugee (Self-)Support in New Delhi: Challenges and Opportunities

Date: Tuesday, 30 May 2017 | **Time:** 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Venue: Maple Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003

Abstract

New Delhi is a host city to thousands of registered refugees and countless more who are living anonymously within its sprawling boundaries. In January 2017, O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) was awarded funding from the UK-based International Institute for Environment and Development to conduct a 6-month research project on humanitarian and development approaches used to support these urban refugees, and how – in cases of the absence of services – they support themselves in the capital.

Taking a case study approach and looking at longer-term Afghan refugees and more recently arrived Rohingyas, this project has explored how their navigation of the city, their access to humanitarian and development assistance, in addition to experiences of urban governance have offered the possibility for developing some level of self-reliance and integration – and how (self-) support is understood from different perspectives.

This workshop is the first step in sharing project findings with key stakeholders from academia, policy, practice and the refugee communities themselves, and seeks to create a platform for further discussion and debate on challenging issues confronting them. The aim is to take discussion and knowledge beyond a single workshop, and form a critically engaged community of research and practice that supports improving humanitarian tools and approaches, and the integration experiences of urban refugees in India's cities. Two subsequent workshops are to be held in Manchester and London in June 2017 with academics, policy-makers and practitioners working on urban refugees from across the UK, accompanied by the publication of Briefing and Working Papers in June/July.

Principal Investigator: Professor (Dr.) Jessica Field, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs

Senior Co-Investigator: Mr. Anubhav Dutt Tiwari, Research Associate, CHRS

Co-Investigator: Ms. Yamini Mookherjee, Research Associate, Foundation for Rural Recovery and Development (FORRAD)

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Programme

9:45 am – 10:00 am Registration & Coffee

Opening Address and Welcome

10:00 am – 10:15 am Professor (Dr.) Y.S.R. Murthy, Professor & Registrar, JGU and Executive Director, Centre for Human Rights Studies, Jindal Global Law School (JGLS)

Introduction to the Day

10:15 am – 10:30 am Professor (Dr.) Jessica Field, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs

SESSION ONE: REFLECTIONS FROM RESEARCH: URBAN REFUGEE SELF-RELIANCE IN INDIA'S CITIES 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Chair: Professor (Dr.) Vesselin Popovski, Vice Dean, JGLS

Special Guests:

- Dr. Ranabir Samaddar, Director of the Calcutta Research Group. Editor of *Refugees and the State: Practices of Asylum and Care in India, 1947-2000*, and Author of *The Materiality of Politics, and Partitions: Reshaping States and Minds*.
- Mr. Ravi Nair, Executive Director, South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre (SAHRDC).

Speakers:

- Ms. Kaveri, Research Scholar, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences
- Mr. Anubhav Dutt Tiwari, Research Associate, CHRS
- Ms. Yamini Mookherjee, Research Associate, Foundation for Rural Recovery and Development (FORRAD)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch

SESSION TWO: REFUGEE SELF-RELIANCE: CHALLENGES FOR POLICY AND PRACTICE. A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Chair: Professor (Dr.) Jessica Field

This session will feature key organisations and refugee community leaders working with the refugees in New Delhi

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Coffee Break

SESSION THREE: WAYS FORWARD FOR URBAN REFUGEE POLICY, PRACTICE AND RESEARCH IN NEW DELHI 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Chair: Ms. Yamini Mookherjee

In this session, delegates will engage in smaller group discussions around better linking research, policy and practice to tackle both practical challenges and the broader research questions.

Summary and Action Points

4:30 pm – 4:45 pm Professor (Dr.) Jessica Field

Vote of Thanks

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm Mr. Anubhav Dutt Tiwari