

Beyond 'Integration': Towards a Development of a New Paradigm

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Given our belief in the role of the university in advancing policy responses and reshaping the narrative on understanding the movement of people across and between nation-state borders, this symposium is organized around the following themes:

- Engaging with the Past: How have governments and societies reacted to refugees in the Netherlands and elsewhere? How did social, economic, and cultural integration happen? What were the prerequisites and the impediments of successful integration? Under which circumstances did international cooperation work? What were the short-term and long-term consequences for the host societies?
- Public sympathy and abandonment: How do you bring the unsympathetic aboard? How does assistance translate into equity?
- Long Term Impact and Resilience: What are some of the long term challenges of current practices in refugee integration and asylum? What are the long term effects of state efforts to deflect and deter refugees? Resettling them?
- Post-War Syria: Beyond the international competitions for new housing and neighborhood concepts in post-war Syria, and the many Syrians who will return home, a significant number will not. How can we imagine a post-war Syria where many of its inhabitants will continue to stay or seek asylum outside of its borders?

Registration: 8:30-9:00 (tea and coffee available)

Introduction and welcome: 9:00-9:05 (Tsolin and Irial)

Panel 1: The Dutch Experience, 9:05-11:15

- Godfried Engbersen (Erasmus): 'No Time to Lose: From Reception to Integration of Refugees'
- Mieke Maliepaard (WODC, Ministry of Security & Justice): 'A Matter of Time? The Integration of Refugees and their Children'
- Leo Lucassen (Leiden/IISH): 'Public & political debates in the Netherlands on refugees'
- Michael Hameleers (UVA): 'It's Us Against Them: The Content and Effects of Populist Communication'
- Nico Lansbergen (Gemeente Tilburg): 'Integration and participation of refugees in Tilburg'

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Discussant: Marlou Schrover (Leiden)

Coffee break 11:15-11:30

Panel 2: Personal Experiences of Asylum and 'Integration' in Europe, 11:30-13:00

Chair & discussant: Sada Mire (Leiden, TBC)

- Akram Beiramvand
- Hekmat Dirbas
- Yaser Kobari

Lunch 13:00-14:00 (lunch will be provided for all attendees)

Panel 3: Reflecting on Policy Responses at the European & Global Level, 14:00-16:00

- Daniel Etter (Pulitzer prize winning photographer), 'Stories from the edge of Europe'
- Daniel Trilling (author, journalist & editor of *New Humanist*), 'Refugee journeys in Europe - past and present'
- Sayaka Osanami Törngren (Malmö University), 'Before and after the new asylum law in Sweden'
- Marwa Mohamed (Amnesty), 'The Refugee Experience in Libya'

Discussant: Tsolin Nalbantian (Leiden)

Coffee break 16:00-16:15

Keynote & discussion: 16:15-17:15

- Michael J. Molloy (Former Canadian Director of Refugee Affairs), 'Refugee Resettlement in Canada: Experiences of an 'Immigration' Country'

Borrel in Plexus: 17.30

Dinner for speakers