

Child marriage in forced migration: social processes in-flux

**Thursday 16 - Friday 17 May 2019
The British Academy, London**

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Day 1: Thursday 16 May 2019

- 09:30 *Registration and refreshments*
- 10:00 Dr Aisha Hutchinson (University of Bedfordshire/King's College London)
Introduction
- Session 1: Gender and familial power dynamics in displacement**
Chair: Professor Ravi KS Kohli (University of Bedfordshire)
- 10:20 Dr Susan Bartels (Queens University, Canada)
Child, Early and Forced Marriage Among Syrian Refugees in Lebanon: At the Gendered Intersection of Poverty, Nationality, and Safety
- 10:50 Michelle Lokot (SOAS University of London/London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)
Gender, power and humanitarian narratives: Early marriage amongst Syrian refugees in Jordan
- 11:20 *Refreshments*
- 11:40 Dina Zbeidy (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)
Displacement, aspirations, and marriages among Syrians in Jordan
- 12:10 Dr An Van Raemonck (Vrije Universiteit, Netherlands)
Early marriage, childhood and adulthood among Syrian refugees in Jordan: upholding, redefining and unsettling normality under conditions of immobility
- 12:40 Discussion
- 13:10 *Lunch*
- Session 2: Reconfigured agency and social practices amongst refugees**
Chair: Kristen Hope (Terre des hommes, Switzerland)
- 14:00 Dr Sarah Tobin (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway)
Understanding early marriage: amplified agency, decreased regulation, and structural violence of Syrian refugees in Za'atari
- 14:30 Dr Ann-Christin Wagner (University of Edinburgh)
Remaking the transnational family in times of conflict
- 15:00 *Refreshments*

- 15:20 Emilie Lund Mortensen (Aarhus University, Denmark)
Love in exile: ethnographic perspectives on emerging forms of
care among young Syrian men and their loved ones in Amman
- 15:50 Discussion
- 16:50 End of first day of conference

Day 2: Friday 17 May 2019

09:30 *Registration and refreshments*

Session 3: Adolescent girls and child marriage in context

Chair: Professor Ravi KS Kohli (University of Bedfordshire)

10:00 Dr Marina de Regt (Vrije Universiteit, Netherlands)
Marriage and migration - Ethiopian girls' alternative transitions into adulthood

10:30 Dr Patricia Hynes (University of Bedfordshire)
Human trafficking and child marriage: contextual understandings from a study of human trafficking in Albania, Vietnam and Nigeria

11:00 *Refreshments*

11:30 Marta Gil (Terre des hommes, Switzerland)
The role of customary actors in shaping child marriage in Burkina Faso, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Palestine and Egypt

12:00 Discussion

13:00 *Lunch*

Session 4: Panel discussion on implications for models and approaches used to respond to child marriage

Chair: Kristen Hope (Terre des hommes, Switzerland)

13:50 **Panelists:**
Professor Patrick O'Leary (Griffith University, Australia)
Dr Janna Metzler (Women's Refugee Commission, USA)

14:50 *Refreshments*

15:10 Julie Rialet-Cislaghi (Girls not Brides)

15:40 Discussion

16:10 Dr Aisha Hutchinson (University of Bedfordshire/King's College London)
Conclusion

16:30 End of conference