



**The Politics of Migration and Refugee Rentierism in the Middle East
POMEPS & University of Glasgow Workshop
September 23 & 24 – Glasgow, United Kingdom**

Saturday — September 23, 2023

08:30 to 09:00 – Arrivals; Coffee, Tea, Biscuits

09:00 to 09:30 – Introductions & Guidance

09:30 to 10:30 – Session I: Theoretical & Conceptual Matters

- ‘Migration Rentiers in the Middle East’
Hélène Thiollet (Sciences Po) & Gerasimos Tsourapas (University of Glasgow)

10:30 to 11:00 – Coffee Break

11:00 to 12:30 – Session II: Migration Diplomacy and Rent-Seeking

- ‘*Not Our Burden: Analyzing Tunisia and Morocco’s EU-Style Migratory Policies Through a Principal-Agent Analysis*’
Ilyssa Yahmi (Temple University)
- ‘The Donor-side of Refugee Rentierism and Migration Management Aid’
Kelsey P. Norman (Rice University) and Nicholas R. Micinski* (University of Maine)
- ‘Non-Monetary Rent? Examining the Rentier Migration Diplomacy of the GCC States’
Relations with Countries of Origin
James Worrall (University of Leeds)

12:30 to 13:30 – Lunch Break

13:30 to 15:00 – Session III: Migration Rent & Non-State Actors

- ‘Militias and Migration: The Crucial Role of Non-State Armed Actors in Libya's Refugee Rentierism’
Alexandre Bish (University College London)
- ‘Outsourcing Migration Governance in the Gulf: Public Private Partnerships, Migration Rentier States, and the United Arab Emirates’
Froilan T. Malit, Jr (University of Glasgow)
- ‘*We Fund Their Political Projects*: Refugee Rentierism in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq’
Abdullah Yassen (Erbil Polytechnic University), Thomas McGee* (University of Melbourne), Jehat Mirkhan* (Norwegian Refugee Council), Chra Jabbar Ahmed (Erbil Polytechnic University)

15:00 to 15:30 – Coffee Break

15:30 to 17:00 – Session IV: Rentierism and Integration

- Unpacking the Rentier Bargain: How Free Visas Shape Labor Migration Governance in the Persian Gulf
Zahra Babar (Georgetown University Qatar)
- (In/Ex)clusion by Nationality: The Politics of Integration and Refugee Rentierism in Jordan and Turkey
Shaddin Almasri (Danube University Krems)
- ‘Health Rentierism and Displacement: The Case of Syrian Refugees in Jordan’
Sigrid Lupieri (Stanford University)

18:00 to 20:00 – Dinner

Sunday – September 24, 2023

08:30 to 09:00 – Coffee, Tea, Biscuits

09:00 to 10:30 – Session IV: Commodification and Rent-Seeking

- ‘Refugees as Bargaining Chips: The Subnational Politics of International Assistance During Refugee Crises in Developing States.’
Reva Dhingra (Brookings Institution)
- Refugee Commodification and Syrian Integration into Jordan’s Public Schools
Elizabeth Parker-Magyar (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- ‘Making Refugee Hosting Visible: Rent Seeking and the Public Relations Camp’
Rawan Arar (University of Washington)

10:30 to 11:00 – Coffee Break

11:00 to 12:30 – Session V: State Security & Refugee Rent

- Refugees as Resources: The Political Economy of Syrian Refugees in Türkiye and Egypt
Mohamad Al-Ashmar (University of St. Andrews)
- Securitizing Refugees: Refugee Rentierism and Arms Deals in Jordan over Time
Lillian Frost (Virginia Tech)
- Migration Diplomacy and the Anti-Refugee Far-Right in Turkey: The Intersection of
Refugee Rentier States and Domestic Politics
Ezgi Irgil (The Swedish Institute of International Affairs)

12:30 to 13:30 – Lunch Break

13:30 to 15:00 – Moving Ahead & Next Steps

Workshop Discussants

- Fahad L. Al Ghalib Alsharif (King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies)
- Imad El-Anis (Nottingham Trent University)
- Tamirace Fakhoury (Aalborg University)
- Katharina Natter (Leiden University)
- Zeynep Şahin-Mencütek (Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies)

**Will not be attending this workshop.*