

Sanctuary During The Pandemic: Refugee And Asylum-seeker Experiences At Times Of COVID-19

Wednesday 16 June 2021, 12-1pm

Location: Blackboard, <https://bit.ly/2TkySBh>

This UEA University of Sanctuary event will address the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on the lives of refugees and asylum-seekers. Drawing on observations from refugee camps in Greece and networks in Norwich (UK), the speakers will discuss how the pandemic context has affected the provision of sanctuary support. Key themes will include the securitisation of refugee camps in Greece, obstacles in mental health care provision and challenges in applying for refugee status in the UK.

Speakers include Dr Yasir Hameed (Psychiatrist and Honorary Lecturer at UEA), Dr Ludek Stavinoha (UEA), Parwana Amiri (Human Rights Activist), Béatrice Humarau (Bridge Plus), Rosie Sexton (English +), and Amélie Sells (New Routes).

Dr Yasir Hameed - Honorary Senior Lecturer, Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia and Consultant Psychiatrist (Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust).

Dr Ludek Stavinoha - Lecturer in Media and International Development, University of East Anglia. Since 2016, he has been researching and writing about the politics of humanitarian action and everyday resistance in refugee camps on the Aegean islands in Greece.

Parwana Amiri - Human rights activist, poet, author, and teacher living in Ritsona camp, Greece.

Amélie Sells - Development, Communications and Volunteers Coordinator at New Routes. Amélie has been working in refugee-integration projects since 2015 having started as a volunteer mentor with New Routes Integration in 2012.

Rosie Sexton - Director, English+ Rosie runs English+, a charity working to help people integrate through providing support and teaching English, building community, running courses and activities to build confidence, help people move towards the job market, and develop a sense of place in Norfolk.

Béatrice Humarau - Executive Coordinator, The Bridge Plus+. Béatrice has been working in the UK voluntary sector on diversity and migration issues since 2008; she joined The Bridge Plus+ in 2012.

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