We wish to congratulate our colleagues on their success in the latest ARC rounds:

Sheila Fitzpatrick; Dr Ruth Balint; Ms Marianna (Mara) Moustafine; Professor David Wolff, for their project, which ‘plans to study Russian and Russian-speaking Jewish refugees who came to Australia via the ‘China’ route (mainly from Harbin and Shanghai) after World War Two. In Australia, they coexisted with the former Soviet citizens ‘displaced persons’ of Russian, Ukrainian and Baltic nationality who reached Australia via Europe. Their pre-war experiences led many of the refugees to be strongly anti-Communist, but a minority were not, and became subjects of interest both to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) and the Soviet KGB. The project plans to investigate their trajectories of exile, migration and settlement, and the impact of this refugee experience on the development of Australian anti-communism in the 1950s’.

Professor Klaus Neumann and Associate Professor Savitri Taylor, for their project, which ‘seeks to investigate Australia’s contribution to international law relating to the protection of non-citizens, and the impact such law has on government policy and administrative practice. The protection needs of millions of people who are de jure or de facto stateless have presented a seemingly intractable global challenge for close to a century. This project aims to analyse Australia’s response to that challenge. Using legal and historical methodology, this project plans to investigate Australia’s contribution to international discussions about the right and/or duty of states to provide surrogate protection to non-citizens. It also plans to analyse the impact of emerging international legal norms on Australian asylum seeker policy and practice, and the conflicting interests within government that informed policy decisions’.

Professor Jane McAdam; Professor Michelle Foster; Professor Helene Lambert. Project for their project, which ‘aims to contribute to the law on international protection by examining the concept of ‘imminence’. We are in an unprecedented era of international displacement; over 50 million people are on the move. While many are fleeing from traditional threats, such as conflict and persecution, some are leaving because they are scared of future risks – like the impacts of climate change. This creates new challenges for countries because traditional refugee frameworks are ill-suited to respond. The question this project asks is: if people cross a border to escape future harm, how ‘imminent’ does the harm need to be before another country has an obligation to protect them? Should international law protect only people who face the risk of immediate danger, or should it also protect those at risk of harm that may manifest more slowly over time?’

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European Social Science History Conference, University of Valencia, 30 March - 2 April 2016.


Calls for Papers


Space, Race, Bodies II: Sovereignty and Migration in a Carceral Age, University of Otago, 6-8 May 2016. Abstracts due 16 April 2016.


16th Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland, July 12-15 2016. Abstracts due 1 February 2016.