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A PANEL DISCUSSION

Learning from the Past?

The Refugee Crisis in Historical Perspective



THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016
6:30 - 9:00 PM

GERMAN HISTORICAL INSTITUTE
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Panel discussion featuring **Philipp Ackermann** (Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Washington DC), **Leo Lucassen** (International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam), **Kathleen Newland**, (Migration Policy Institute), **Kirsten Schüttler** (The World Bank), and moderated by **Cathleen S. Fisher** (American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation).

In the wake of the war in Syria and other crises in the Middle East, Central Asia, and Africa, the world is currently witnessing some of the largest movements of people seeking refuge since the end of World War II. Although politicians in Europe and North America tend to stress the singularity of the current "refugee crisis," the situation is by no means unprecedented. On this panel, historians and policy-experts will discuss the

crucial question if and to what extent past mass migrations to Europe and North America provide lessons for the current refugee crisis.

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8:00 PM RECEPTION

For a deeper examination of past refugee crises, please join us for the joint public symposium "The Refugee Crisis: Historical Perspectives from Europe and North America, 1945-2000" taking place at the GHI on March 17 from 1:00pm to 5:30pm that will proceed this panel discussion. For more information, please see the GHI website.

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