Refugee Crises, 1945–2000:
Political and Societal Responses in International Comparison

April 7-8, 2017
Workshop at the German Historical Institute, Washington DC
Conveners: Simone Lässig (GHI Washington, DC), Jan C. Jansen (GHI Washington, DC)

Tentative Program

Friday, April 7, 2017

1:30 – 2:00 pm Welcome and Introduction

2:00 – 3:45 pm Session 1
Moderation: Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University)

Refugee Integration after the Second World War: Expellees in West Germany, East Germany, and Finland
Pertti Ahonen (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)

A Society of Refugees: Poland’s Western Territories after 1945
Gregor Thum (University of Pittsburgh)

3:45 – 4:15 pm Coffee Break

4:45 – 6:30 pm Session 2
Moderation: Leo Lucassen (IISH, Amsterdam, NL)

Partition, Refugees and Political Development in Pakistan
Ian Talbot (University of Southampton, UK)

Transgenerational Displacement and Integration among Palestinian and Syrian Refugees in Jordan
Luisa Gandolfo (University of Aberdeen, UK)

7:00 pm Conference Dinner
Saturday, April 8, 2017

9:00 – 10:45 am  
Session 3

Moderation: Dane Kennedy (George Washington University)

A Matter of Definition: Citizenship, Decolonization Migrations, and the Role of the State  
Andrea L. Smith (Lafayette College, PA)

Resettling the Vietnamese Boat People: Perspectives from West Germany and the U.S.  
Quan T. Tran (Yale University)

10:45 – 11:15 am  
Coffee Break

11:15 am – 1:00 pm  
Session 4

Moderation: Peter Wien (University of Maryland)

The 1956/57 Hungarian Refugee Crisis and the Role of the Canadian Media in Opening the Doors to Asylum Seekers  
Christopher Adam (Carleton University, Canada)

U.S. State and Civil Society Responses to Salvadoran Refugees in the Heat of the Cold War, 1980–1990  
Patrick Scallen (Georgetown University)

1:00 – 2:30 pm  
Lunch Break

2:30 – 4:15 pm  
Session 5

Moderation: David Lazar (GHI)

The Plight of the First Post-Cold War Refugees: Flight, Reception and Settlement of Bosnians in Austria and the USA  
Barbara Franz (Rider University, NJ)

Rwandan Refugees in Tanzania  
Jill Rosenthal (Hunter College, CUNY)

4:15 – 5:15 pm  
Concluding Discussion

Comments by Leo Lucassen (IISH, Amsterdam, NL)