

## 2023 Queer Displacements: Leadership, Partnership and Belonging

Western Sydney University Parramatta 1 Parramatta Square Peter Shergold Building  
**DAY 1: 22 February 2023**

		8:00	REGISTRATIONS OPEN
<b>MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM</b>			
<b>Morning plenaries</b>	9:00-9:30	Welcome	<b>Welcome to the 2023 Queer Displacements conference</b> facilitated by <b>Benjamin Oh</b> <b>Acknowledgement of country, A/Prof Corrinne T Sullivan</b> (Associate Dean (Indigenous Education) & Associate Professor Geography and Urban Studies, WSU) <b>Opening remarks by A/Prof Lucy Nicholas and Prof Kerry Robinson, Western Sydney University</b> <b>Opening remarks by Renee Dixon</b> , FDPN Chair and co-founder
	9:30-10:00	Partnerships spotlights	<b>Always was always will be:</b> Jinny-Jane Smith and Shawnah Cady
	10:00-10:40	Keynote conversations	<b>Focus on Ukraine: Olena Shevchenko</b> (Insight, Ukraine) and <b>Marianna Polevikova</b> (For Equal Rights, Ukraine) Facilitator: Tina Dixon
		10:40-11:00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>Morning plenaries (cont.)</b>	11:00-11:40	Keynote conversations	<b>Writing from and about lived experience: Danny Ramadan</b> (author, activist) Facilitator: Naavikaran
	11:40-12:00	LGBTIQ+ leadership in displacement	<b>Launch of Walk On Walk Strong: We are strong by each other and strong by our hearts</b>
		12:00-13:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
			<b>CONFERENCE ROOM 4</b> (40 min, 12:10-12:50)  <b>Interactive workshop by Nayonika Bhattacharya:</b> <b>Understanding the cultural context: How to communicate with dignity?</b>

<b>Afternoon plenaries</b>	13:00-13:40	Keynote conversations	<b>Focus on Afghanistan: Artemis Akbary</b> (Afghan LGBT) Facilitator: Mohamed Al Abri		
	13:40-14:20	Partnerships spotlights	<b>Global challenges and best practices on supporting LGBTIQ+ people in forced displacement: Kimahli Powell</b> (Rainbow Railroad, Canada) Facilitator: Danijel Malbasa		
	14:20-15:20	LGBTIQ+ leadership in displacement	<b>Why lived experience matters: a conversation between Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand LGBTIQ+ refugee-led groups</b> (Walk On Walk Strong Sydney, QRASP Melbourne, Rainbow Path NZ) Facilitator: Tina Dixon		
	15:20-15:40	<b>Coffee break</b>			
			<b>MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM</b>	<b>CONFERENCE ROOM 3</b>	<b>CONFERENCE ROOM 4</b>
<b>Parallel sessions</b>	15:40-16:40	Unpacking LGBTIQ+ displacement	<b>Parallel session 1: Detention &amp; LGBTIQ+ displaced people</b>	<b>Parallel session 2: Communities and Belonging</b>	<b>Parallel session 3: Activism &amp; advocacy</b>
			<p><b>Challenges for LGBTIQ refugees in Korean Immigration detention</b>, Jirim Kim (GongGam Human Rights Law Foundation, Korea)</p> <p><b>Understanding the drivers and pathways of queer displacement of forcibly displaced persons and immigration detention in Asia</b>, Michelle Soe Moe (EqualAF, Thailand)</p> <p><b>Forgotten: Queer refugees and people seeking asylum in detention</b>, Michaela Rhode (Asylum Seekers Resource Centre, Australia) Facilitator: Lotte Wolff</p>	<p><b>LGBTIQ+ Sri Lankans' displacement and disenfranchisement in their homeland</b>, Dr Sean Perera (ANU, Australia)</p> <p><b>Queer experiences of orienting and belonging within refugee communities in Southeast Asia</b>, Tamara Megaw (University of Sydney)</p> <p><b>Scoping review re post settlement experiences of LGBTQ+ refugee</b>, Lucy Nicholas (Western Sydney University) Facilitator: Ryan Figueiredo</p>	<p><b>Silencing of LGBTIQ+ refugees for the name of a greater cause</b>, Tina Dixon (ANU, Australia)</p> <p><b>Preserving our stories as a tool of resistance</b>, Renee Dixon (FDPN, Australia)</p> <p><b>Making Space: Policy and Practice in Services Impacting Queer Refugees in Australia</b>, Elizabeth Schmidt (Western Sydney University) Facilitator: Tina Dixon</p>

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		5 min change rooms	MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM	CONFERENCE ROOM 3	CONFERENCE ROOM 4
	16:45-17:45	Unpacking LGBTIQ+ displacement	<p><b>Parallel session 4: LGBTIQ+ leadership in displacement with a focus on Africa</b></p> <p><b>Promise of Hope 4 African Trans</b>, Kashindi Shabani Gady (Savie asbl NGO, Democratic Republic Congo)</p> <p><b>LGBTIQ refugee crisis in Kenya</b>, John Ssenyonjo – Lucretia (Kakuma refugee camp, Kenia)</p> <p><b>Internal Displacement of LGTBQI+ African Refugees in host country (South Africa)</b>, Thomars Shamyarira (The Fruit Basket, South Africa) Facilitator: Grace Edward</p>	<p><b>Parallel session 5: Partnerships and best practices</b></p> <p><b>Multicultural Engagement Plan: Addressing of multicultural and migrant LGBTQ+ leadership in organisations</b>, Loc Nguyen (ACON)</p> <p><b>Stories Out West: empowering multicultural LGBTQ+ communities in Western Sydney through story-telling</b>, Adrian Mouhajer (ACON)</p> <p><b>Digitising Rainbow Resilience</b>, Leanne Wang (ACON) Facilitator: Naavikaran</p>	<p><b>Parallel session 6: Communities and Belonging</b></p> <p><b>Mixed Identity and Belonging</b>, Mohamed Al Abri</p> <p><b>Welcome Community Kitchen: Sharing tastes and values</b></p> <p><b>Belonging. How?</b>, Ju Bavyka Facilitated by Mohamed Al Abri</p>
<b>Welcome Reception</b>	17:45-19:30	Reception with performances by Naavikaran, Mad B and Grace Edward			

## DAY 2: 23 February 2023

		<b>8:00</b>		<b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b>	
<b>MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM</b>					
<b>Morning plenaries</b>	9:00-9:10	Welcome	<b>Welcome to day 2</b> facilitated by <b>Grace Edward</b> <b>Opening remarks by Danijel Malbasa</b> , FDPN Deputy Chair		
	9:10-09:50	LGBTIQA+ leadership in displacement	<b>Experiences of LGBTIQA+ migration, settlement and displacement in Australia:</b> <b>Dr Brandy Cochrane</b> and <b>Supul W.</b> , FDPN.		
	9:50-10:30	Keynote conversations	<b>Focus on Latin America: Bamby Salcedo</b> (The TransLatin@ Coalition, USA) Facilitator: Naavikaran		
	10:30-10:50	Partnerships spotlights	<b>LGBTIQA+ Quotas in resettlement – Valery Brennan</b> , High Commission of Canada Facilitator: Danijel Malbasa		
		10:50-11:10	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>		
<b>Morning plenaries (cont.)</b>	11:10-12:30	LGBTIQA+ leadership in displacement	<b>Community Dialogue</b> facilitated by Tina Dixson		
		12:30-13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>CONFERENCE ROOM 3</b>	<b>CONFERENCE ROOM 4</b>
				(40 min, 12:40-1:20): Interactive Q/A: Danny Ramadan on <b>Representing queer characters on page</b>	(40 min, 12:40-1:20): Interactive workshop by Jamal Hakim for <b>LGBTIQA+ forcibly displaced people only</b> <b>"Unleashing the power within"</b>
<b>Afternoon plenaries</b>	13:30-14:10	Keynote conversations	<b>Queer Categories and Colonial Legacies: Prof. Chunjeet Mahn</b> (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow) Facilitator: Renee Dixson		
	14:10-14:50	Keynote conversations	<b>Queer displacement in a hurting Asia - the biggest challenge of our movement yet: Ryan Figueiredo</b> (Equal Asia Foundation) Facilitator: Grace Edward		

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	14:50-15:10	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>			
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<b>Parallel sessions</b>	15:10-16:10	Unpacking LGBTIQ+ displacement	<p><b>Parallel session 7: LGBTIQ+ displacement in Asia</b></p> <p><b>How do queer migrants decide to become refugee? A case study of Indonesian gay men in Queensland,</b> Satrio Nindyo Istiko (University of Queensland)</p> <p><b>Partnership &amp; Belonging: Supporting LGBTI in Dire Need,</b> Suman Nepal (Blue Diamond Society, Nepal)</p> <p><b>Disability LGBTI / HIV,</b> Aaditya Rai (Blue Diamond Society, Nepal)</p> <p>Facilitated by Ryan Figueiredo</p>	<p><b>Parallel session: 8 Intersecting movements</b></p> <p><b>Misidentification and racial profiling of queer refugees, asylum seekers and migrants family violence victim survivors,</b> Fahad Jawaid and Kate Frost (Thorne Harbour Health, Australia)</p> <p><b>Focus on intersex refugees,</b> Eli Rubashkyn (Ethnic Rainbow Alliance)</p> <p><b>Climate change and queer displacement,</b> Michelle Soe Moe (EqualAF, Thailand)</p> <p>Facilitator: Brandy Cochrane</p>	<p><b>Parallel session 9: Health in LGBTIQ+ Displacement</b></p> <p><b>Finding Their Voice - The health of newly arrived LGBTI + refugees</b> (Angela Ramsey, NSW Refugee Health)</p> <p><b>Intersectionality, cultural humility and health system reform</b> Bonney Corbin, Jamal Hakim (MSI Australia) and Caroline R Dias, Rani Pramesti Multicultural Centre for Women's Health</p> <p>Facilitated by Saan Ecker</p>
		5 min change rooms	<b>MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM</b>	<b>CONFERENCE ROOM 3</b>	<b>CONFERENCE ROOM 4</b>
	16:15-17:15	Unpacking LGBTIQ+ displacement	<p><b>Parallel Session 10: Methods of research</b></p> <p><b>Bordering Bodies and Binaries: reflecting on the possibilities of creative methods in research with women from refugee</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel Session 11: Law and justice</b></p> <p><b>Protection Applications: LGBTQIA+ and Asylum,</b> Galen Jaffurs (Refugee Legal, Australia)</p>	<p><b>Parallel session 12: Partnerships and best practices</b></p> <p><b>Gender and sexuality diversity inclusion in the multicultural context,</b> Janet Irvine (Settlement Services International)</p>

		<p><b>backgrounds</b>, J�an-Louise Olivier (University of Newcastle)</p> <p><b>Re-imagining Environments for Connection and Engagement (RECETAS): Testing Actions for Social Prescribing in Natural Spaces</b>, Manu Kailom (Many Colored Skies) and Nerkez Opacin (RMIT)</p> <p><b>Diasporic queer-feminist loneliness and transnational queer friendship</b>, Masha Beketova (Humboldt University, Germany)</p> <p>Facilitated by Brandy Cochrane</p>	<p><b>Barriers for people seeking asylum and ways the legal community can do better</b>, Alison Ryan RACS, Australia)</p> <p><b>LGBTIQ+ protection and settlement challenges – the Tasmanian context</b>, Taya Ketelaar-Jones (Tasmanian Refugee Legal Service)</p> <p>Facilitated by Danijel Malbasa</p>	<p><b>Multicultural Australia - LGBTIQ+ workplace and practice</b>, Emily Drew (Multicultural Australia)</p> <p><b>Counting us in - the social, cultural, and settlement experiences of LGBTIQ+ young people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds in Australia</b>, Rana Ebrahimi (MYAN)</p> <p>Facilitator: Olga Cherniak</p>
<b>Closing</b>	17:15-17:45	<p><b>Where to next:</b> Closing reflections by Renee Dixson, Olena Shevchenko, Marianna Polevikova, Artemis Akbary, Danny Ramadan, Ryan Figueiredo, and Churnjeet Mahn.</p>		