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# DISPLACEMENT AND THE MAKING OF THE MODERN WORLD WORKSHOP



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fri, april 21 -  
sat, april 22, 2017

watson joukowsky forum

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

## friday, april 21

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### 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. registration and continental breakfast

*Outside Watson Joukowski Forum*

### 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. welcoming remarks

Beshara Doumani

### 8:45 – 10:15 a.m. panel 1: timescales of displacement

**Organizer/Discussant:** Rebecca Nedostup | **Organizer/Chair:** Tamara Chin

*"Climate and Crisis in a Place Called Ottoman Iceland"* Alan Mikhail

*"Connectivity and Displacement in the World History Paradigm from the Big Bang to OBOR"* James Millward

### 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. break

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### 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. panel 2: outside the political: what's human?

**Organizer:** Leela Gandhi | **Discussant:** Anna Thomas | **Chair:** Beshara Doumani

*"A Poetics of Solidarity and Mercy: Engaging the Crisis of Europe with Leela Gandhi, Judith Butler, and Michelle Cliff"* Giovanna Covi

*"Our Common Ghosts"* Christian Nyampeta

*"(Un)certain Paths, Deliberative Dissonance: The Sound of Displacement and Performing the Aleatoric 'Open Work'"* Malasree Neepa Acharya

### 12:45 – 1:45 p.m. lunch for participants

*Sharpe Refectory*

### 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. field engagements

*Talk followed by Q&A and discussion*

*"Urban Displacement and Redrawing New Borders"* Rabih Torbay

### 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. break

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3:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### panel 3: nation-states, violence, inclusion and exclusion

**Organizer:** Vikram Thakur | **Discussant:** Omer Bartov | **Chair:** Beshara Doumani

*"From Collateral Damage, to Victimized Refugees, to Deportable Felons: Cambodians in the Shifting Focus of American Priorities"* Lindsay French

*"Peacebuilding in Wartime: Colombian Peace Communities & Guatemalan Communities of Populations in Resistance (CPRs)"* Victoria Sanford

*"Improvised Transnationalism: Clandestine Migration at the Border of Anthropology and International Relations"* Noelle Brigden

*"Bystanders: Jews and Their Neighbors Respond to Each Other's Plight in the Carpathian Region during World War II"* Raz Segal

## friday, april 21 (cont'd)

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### 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. open discussion: revisiting the concept of displacement

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### 6:30 p.m. transfers from watson institute to hotel

*For invited guests*

### 7:30 p.m. official dinner for participants

*L'Apogee 18, Biltmore Hotel*

## saturday, april 22

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### 8:35 – 9:00 a.m. continental breakfast

*Outside Watson Joukowski Forum*

### 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. field engagements

*Talk followed by Q&A and discussion*

*"People on the Move: Dilemmas in a Policy-made Humanitarian Crisis"*  
Unni Karunakara

### 10:15 – 10:25 a.m. break

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### 10:25 – 10:30 a.m. group photograph

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10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### panel 4: displacement and the long 20th century

**Organizer:** Vikram Thakur | **Discussant:** Patrick Heller | **Chair:** Vazira Zamindar

*"Climate Change and the Displacement of Indigenous Peoples: The Case of Gunayala, Panama"* Anthony Oliver-Smith

*"We Own This Oil: Artisanal Refineries, Extractive Industries and the Politics of Oil in Nigeria"* Omolade Adunbi

*"Rerouted Displacements: The Ways of Zainab between Iran and Syria via Turkey"* Emrah Yildiz

### 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. working lunch

*Discussions on publication plans from the proceeds of the conference*

### 2:00 p.m. end of formal program