

Biographies of Speakers

Universities Responding to the Refugee Crisis

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Filippo Dionigi was awarded a PhD in International Relations by the London School of Economics in 2012. His research focuses mostly on international relations theory applied to the study of Middle Eastern affairs. He has published on Islamist movements and international norms; religion and international relations and is currently working on a study of the impact of the Syrian refugee crisis in neighboring countries. Filippo has been a Research Fellow at the London School of Economic and is currently a lecturer of politics and international relations at the University of Bristol.

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Francesco Aureli has been working in the sector of International Development for more than 20 years. He is currently based in Rome, where he leads the International Observatory on Health –an Italian NGO that deals with the health of migrant –as its President. He recently finished serving as Senior Advisor to the Office of the Italian Prime Minister for the shaping of the International Development Package of the G7 Summit in 2017, leading on Health and Migration. Prior to this, he worked in New York as Save the Children's Representative to the United Nations and in Rome and Geneva as Save the Children's Representative to the International Institutions. Previously, he worked for several years in Developing Countries, undertaking positions with governmental and non-governmental organizations in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. He was Director General of the African Medical and Research Foundation in Italy, and for the past few years, he has also been widely involved with the work of the World Health Organisation and of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH). Under his role with PMNCH, he also served as a member of the Health Experts' Group of the G8 Governments.

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Francisco Marmolejo is the World Bank's Lead of its Global Solutions Group on Tertiary Education, and since July 2016 he also serves as the Lead Education Specialist for India, based in Delhi. As the World Bank's most senior official in tertiary education, he serves as the institutional focal point on this topic, and provides advice and support to projects in over 60 countries. Before joining the World Bank in 2012, Marmolejo served for 18 years as founding Executive Director of the Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration at the University of Arizona (UA), where he also worked as Assistant Vice President. Previously, he was an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow at the University of Massachusetts, and also he has been Vice President for Administration and Academic Vice President at the University of the Americas in Mexico. He has worked as International Consultant at the headquarters of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France, and has been part of OECD and World Bank peer review higher education teams in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. He serves or has served on advisory boards and committees at a variety of universities and organizations.

Gibril Faal

Gibril Faal is a business and development executive, a multi-disciplinarian with an eclectic professional background. He is the founding and interim director of ADEPT (Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform), and the co-founder and director of GK Partners – a UK-based company that specializes on socially responsible business models, social enterprise, development finance and program implementation. He is a Visiting Professor in practice at London School of Economics, and Vice Chair of Bond – the platform of UK NGOs working on international development. In 2003, he founded RemitAid™ to transform remittances into a sustainable form of development finance. As a business adviser, management consultant and development executive for 25 years, Gibril has directly supported 1,000s of SMEs and social enterprises. Since 1998, Gibril has accepted several ministerial appointments for various public functions, made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for International Development, the Lord Chancellor, and the Home Secretary. Gibril studied at five universities in London and has a Combined Bachelors Honors degree in Law, Finance and Management, postgraduate degrees in Development Studies and Environmental Sciences, and professional qualifications in Economic History, Policy Studies, Urban & Transport Management, Environmental & Quality Management, Ethical, Community-Development & Islamic Finance. He has delivered 100s of keynote speeches and presentations at conferences and forums around the world.

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Maha Shuayb has been the director of the Centre for Lebanese Studies since 2012. Prior to that, she was a Senior Fellow at St Antony's College, University of Oxford. Shuayb has a PhD in Education and an MPhil in Educational Research from the University of Cambridge. Shuayb also teaches part-time at the Lebanese American University. She was a visiting scholar at various universities including University of Cambridge and the American University of Beirut. Shuayb's research focuses on the sociology and politics of education, particularly equity and equality in education, and the implications of the politicization of education, particularly on marginalized groups. Over the past five year, Shuayb has been occupied with the education response to the Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon. She has headed a number of research studies looking at access and quality of education for refugees and the bottlenecks. Her most recent studies include a comparative study between Lebanon and Germany which examines the education provisions for refugees in the two countries. She is currently working on producing a book on this subject. Shuayb has numerous publications, including an edited book on education and social cohesion and various articles. She is also a co-editor of Journal of Current Sociology.

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Massa Mufti has accumulated over the past 22 years a substantive depth of diversified knowledge and experience in the field of Education and Learning across educational institutions in the United States of America, Lebanon and Syria. Mufti-Hamwi is currently engaged within the Syrian civil society and in supporting Syrian refugees in the field of Education. She is the co-founder and Chair of Sonbola Group for Education & Development (SONBOLA), an NGO that provides education support for Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. Mufti-Hamwi is also a consultant at ESCWA on Education for Syria and has been involved in various consultancy projects relating to Education Policies and Reform as well as in research projects that address Emergency Education, Curriculum Development, Non-Formal Education, Teachers’ Training, Museum-based Learning, and Citizenship Education. In addition to holding two Master Degrees, Mufti-Hamwi has a certified training in Education in Emergencies-INEE (Beirut, 2013), a certified training on Executive Management and Leadership from Harvard Business School (2011), and certified training on Project Zero from Harvard Graduate School of Education (July, 2017) among many others. She has spoken several times in UN General Assembly meetings and has recently presented STEM For Refugees which was recognized at the UN Solutions Summit (Sept 2017). She has also spoken at the UK Donors Conference on Syria (Feb 3-4, 2016). She is a regular speaker at NAMES (North Africa and Middle East Network for Science Museums) among many others.

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Muslih Irwani received his PhD in Social Policy and Administration from the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, in 2014, and MA and BA in Sociology from Salahaddin University, Erbil, in 2003 and 1998 respectively. Irwani joined the Department of Politics and Public Policy at the American University of Kurdistan in Duhok in July 2014. Apart from training and teaching, he is highly engaged in research and analysis on KRG’s social policies. Irwani’s research interest covers areas such as social security, socio-economic development, education, political diversities, minorities, migration and social cohesion. He has published books, chapters in edited books, journal articles, and policy analysis in Kurdish and English. His recent book, “Clientelism and Implementing Social Security Programs in Post-conflict Iraqi Kurdistan Region” was published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing in 2015. Irwani is now chairing the Center for Peace and Human Security at AUK.

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