

# The Global Refugee Crisis: Local, National and International Responses



Powerful and tragic images of refugees fleeing by boat, washing up on the beaches of Turkey and Greece, and demonstrating in European cities have called attention to a global refugee crisis that has been years in the making. This panel brings together participants from the Uvic community to discuss the ongoing refugee crisis, and how to understand the response at the local, national, and international level.

**Wednesday, September 23, 2015**  
**7:00 pm**  
**David Turpin Building, Room A120**

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**J. Donald C. Galloway**, Professor of Law. Professor Galloway is a former member of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada and specializes in Immigration and Refugee Law. He is also co-chair of the Legal Research Committee of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL).

**Dr. Scott Watson**, Associate Professor of International Relations. Dr. Watson specializes in international security and forced migration flows, and has published on the politics and history of refugee resettlement in Canada.

**Dr. Amy Verdun**, Professor of Political Science and Jean Monnet Chair at the University of Victoria. Dr. Verdun specializes in European politics and policy making in the European Union.

**Dr. Sabine Lehr**, Immigrant Services Manager at the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA). Dr. Lehr manages ICA's private refugee sponsorship program and is an adjunct assistant professor in the School of Public Administration at UVic.

**Mr. Almontaser Aidhy**, Mr. Aidhy is a Syrian national and an undergraduate student at UVic. He was sponsored by the UVic WUSC resettlement program to pursue post-secondary education in Canada.

**Mr Maher Boidany**, Mr Boidany holds a degree in engineering from Philadelphia University in Jordan. Mr Boidany was sponsored by the UVic WUSC resettlement program to pursue graduate studies in Canada.

**Moderator: Dr. Feng Xu**, Associate Professor of Political Science. Dr. Xu's research expertise is on migration and citizenship.

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