

Middle East Studies

International Conference and Art Installation



REFUGEES IN/FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

March 6-7, 2020

Friday, March 6, 4:00- 6:00

UNPACKED: REFUGEE BAGGAGE

Keynote speaker: Mohamad Hafez "HOMELAND inSECURITY"

Nancy Nicholas Hall (School of Human Ecology, 1300 Linden Drive)

Syrian artist and architect Mohamad Hafez will offer a very personal view of what it's like for an upper-middle class Damascene family to become forced migrants - their lives before and after, decision points, forced hands, and adjustment to new realities.

Saturday, March 7, 9am-5:30pm

International Conference "Refugees in/from the Middle East: Policy Implications, Education, and Artistic Representations"

313 Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St, Madison, 53706

Panels on: "Refugee Vulnerabilities and Reproductive Exile in 'Arab Detroit'", "Humanitarian Refugees in Turkey", "Examining the Prospects for Refugee Rights in Tunisia", "The Politics of UNESCO's Education Policies for Palestinian Refugees", "An Analysis of the Portrayals of Arabs in Iranians' Speech", "How Can Digital Technology Support Transformative Education?", "Syrian Musicians on the Streets of Istanbul", "Refugees in the Art Museum", "Illiterature and the Seametary".

Roundtable: Refugees in the 21st Century: Building Alternatives to Walls, Dehumanization, and Discrimination.

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