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City of Sanctuary

CALL FOR PAPERS

(2 minute mini-PechaKucha*)

Refugee Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities in Creative Practice Research

Symposium 20 June 2018 | Anglia Ruskin University

This event is hosted by Anglia Ruskin University's Migrant Studies Group and StoryLab Research Institute, in collaboration with the City of Sanctuary Cambridge. The event aims to open up a dialogue between artists and researchers involved with the current European refugee crisis. We will discuss challenges and opportunities encountered when exploring meanings and experiences of groups engaged in forced migration. For this purpose we are inviting speakers from among practitioners and researchers working with theatre, film, multimedia, art and photography.

Speakers are encouraged to address one of the following themes:

- **Personal narratives:** exploring ways in which creative practice examines and sheds light on experiential dimensions of forced migration; e.g. journeys, emotions, identities, transitions.
- **Political tensions:** discussing how creative practice can expose and negotiate political tensions.
- **Social change:** what claims can creative practice make about broader political and social implications of forced migration?

The symposium will include performances, research papers, Q&A sessions, as well as 2 minute mini-PechaKucha presentations by practitioners, students and researchers. The overall aim of the symposium is to serve as a networking event and as a launch pad for future study and collaborative work within this field.

To help us with the publicity of the event, please send a short abstract of your presentation by 23rd May. If your contribution includes media material that needs to be uploaded or set up ahead of the event, please send this by 15th June to give us time to organize the necessary equipment.

The symposium will take place in the Recital Hall, Helmore building, East Road, Cambridge, and the registration will begin at 9.30 for a 10.00 am start.

Lunch is included and the event will be followed by drinks from 4pm onwards.

*This call for papers is for 'mini-PechaKucha' style presentations. You are invited to present 6 slides in 2 minutes (20 seconds per slide). This format is utilised to keep presentations concise and fast-paced to provide an opportunity to hear from more speakers.