

## **REFUGEE STUDIES PROGRAMME**

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*Weekend Course*

### **'Islam, Human Rights and Refugees'**

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by: *Professor Khadija Elmadmad*

- VENUE:** Queen Elizabeth House, 21 St Giles, Oxford.
- REGISTRATION FEE:** £120 (excluding accommodation).
- ACCOMMODATION:** If required, participants should book accommodation in Oxford well in advance of the course. A list of Guest Houses and Hotels is available upon request.
- ADVANCE ENROLMENT:** Limited places available, please contact the Refugee Studies Programme, at the above address.

The Muslim world has become the world of wars and refugees. Today, most of the world population of refugees and displaced persons originates either from the Muslim world or is hosted by Muslim countries. At the same time, the majority of Muslim states have not ratified the international instruments on human rights and refugees.

What is the situation of refugees (Muslim and non-Muslim) who have sought asylum in the Arab world? How are they protected and to what extent are their human rights guaranteed?

This seminar will focus on the dimension of refugees in the Muslim world and on the kind of protection granted to forced migrants. It will compare the Islamic Law on asylum, the practices pertaining in the Muslim states and the International law relating to human rights and refugees.

The goal of the seminar is first to show how Islamic Law and principles relating to asylum and refugees are very protective of asylum seekers and refugees, and second to analyse their impact on the policy of the Islamic states today.

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