

Voices of Refuge in Israel: Archiving Testimonies on Migration

International Workshop



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The Van Leer Jerusalem
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Painting by Selam Mamush, artist and asylum seeker living in Israel

The international workshop focuses on the collection of in-depth audio-visual interviews of asylum seekers in Israel. The collection currently includes more than 60 filmed interviews of people who arrived from various areas in Africa over the past two decades. The workshop aims to initiate a collective reflection on possible developments of this oral history project as well as on what can be done with the existing interviews within the fields of research, multimedia, education, advocacy and more.

Program

- 9:00 - 9:30** Gathering
- 9:30 - 9:45** **Opening Remarks**
Dr. Karen Akoka, Centre de Recherche Français à Jérusalem (CRFJ)
Dr. Roni Mikel-Arieli, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 9:45-11:00** **The Study of Asylum Seekers in Israel: An Overview**
Prof. Adriana Kemp, Tel Aviv University
Prof. Galia Sabar, Tel Aviv University
- 11:00-11:30** Coffee Break
- 11:30-12:30** **Inspirations: Migrant Oral History Projects Abroad**
Dr. Maria Chiara Rioli, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Interconnecting Histories and Archives for Migrant Agency (ITHACA), Horizon 2020 European project
- 12:30-13:30** Lunch Break
- 13:30-15:00** **The Making of the 'Voices of Refuge in Israel' Project: Experiences of Interviewers and Interviewees**
Chair: **Jean-Marc Liling**, Life Seekers Initiative
Interviewed: **Habtom Mahari, Mounim Haroon, Ablel Weldegebrel and Naka Pitia**
Interviewers: **Sharon Rappaport, Miri Scharf**
- 15:00-15:15** Coffee Break
- 15:15-17:00** **Perspectives for the 'Voices of Refuge in Israel' Project: Group Brainstorming on Education/Culture, Research, Multimedia/Documentary, and Advocacy**
Chair: **Dr. Shai Tagner**, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
- 17:00-18:00** Synthesis and Conclusion

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Invitees only

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