

HUMANITARIANISMS: MIGRATIONS AND CARE THROUGH THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Teaching Module for 1 Class Unit

Southern-Led Humanitarian Responses to Displacement

Displacement is primarily a "Southern" and "South-South" phenomenon, to which Southern actors have historically responded in ways that resist, reject and provide alternatives to the hegemonic aid regime. However, Southern-led responses to displacement have typically been rendered invisible, and are largely un-acknowledged by Northern- and Northern-based academics, policymakers and practitioners. Though scholarly study of Southern actors' responses to displacement has recently increased, Northern academics and policy observers too frequently delegitimize the activities of Islamic faith-based organizations and "nontraditional" donor states, which are not members of the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE and Kuwait). In this presentation, Fiddian-Qasmiyeh focuses on responses to Syrian displacement since 2011 and develops a multiscale analysis of the roles played by Southern states, local host communities, faith-based networks and refugees themselves. She argues that a focus on "refugee-refugee humanitarianism" can challenge dominant and exclusionary Northern humanitarianism paradigms of refugee studies, putative hosts and guests, and across the putative terrain of the Global North and South.

Webinar

Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, "Shifting the Gaze: Southern-Led Humanitarian Responses to Displacement."

▷ Watch [here](#).

Short Description:

Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh prompts us to recognize displacement as a Southern phenomenon by shifting our gaze to the refugee-hosts in the Global South who resist hegemonic international humanitarian regimes.

Readings:

- Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, E. (2020). Recentring the South in Studies of Migration. *Migration and Society*, 3 (1) pp. 1-18.
- Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, E. (2016). Refugee-Refugee Relations in Contexts of Overlapping Displacement, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Spotlight On "The Urban Refugee 'Crisis.'"

**Optional Readings can be added here.*

Assignments:

1. Fill out the Study Guide.
2. Write two discussion questions on the Discussion Board.
3. Write a 2-3 page response paper using one of the following prompts: “In what ways does the concept of “overlapping displacement” challenge the conventional approach to refugeedom and humanitarian response?”