

# 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?”