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AUC is an independent, nonprofit, apolitical, non-sectarian and equal-opportunity institution, fully accredited in Egypt and the United States. AUC's academic program is rooted in liberal education. The university's rigorous Core Curriculum offers an intensive investigation of fundamental questions in every major discipline.

In our increasingly globalized society, AUC offers a vital bridge between the cultures of East and West, linking Egypt and the region to the United States and the rest of the world through scholarly research, study-abroad programs and partnerships with academic and research institutions. AUC builds leadership, lifelong learning, continuing education and service among its graduates. AUC is dedicated to making significant contributions to Egypt and the international community in diverse fields chartered and accredited in the United States and Egypt. In all activities, AUC upholds the principles of academic freedom and is dedicated to excellence.

Through its high quality liberal arts education, AUC provides the room for AUC students to think critically engage with the world's religious, political and cultural disciplines and find creative solutions to conflicts and challenges facing both the region and the world. AUC faculty and students share a common vision to improve Egypt, the Middle East and the contemporary world through its community-based learning courses, community service clubs and research centers.

The university boasts the largest English-language library in Egypt, and AUC Press is the leading publisher of English-language books in the Arab world. The university's 260-acre New Cairo Campus represents a major investment in the future of the city, the country, and the region — a state of the art facility for advanced research, innovative teaching and civic engagement.

The Center for Migration & Refugee Studies

The Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS) at the American University in Cairo is a multidisciplinary regional center of graduate education, research, and outreach that addresses critical issues concerned with all forms of international mobility whether voluntary or forced, economic or political, individual or collective, temporary or permanent. The mission of CMRS is to provide a scholarly center that facilitates learning and exchanges between academics, students, human rights activists, migrants and refugees, as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations through its degree courses, research projects, seminars, workshops and training programs.

CMRS offers an MA in Migration and Refugee Studies (MRS) in addition to two Graduate Diplomas: a diploma in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies and a specialized diploma in Applied Psychosocial Intervention for forced migrants and refugees. Its research program includes a systematic and comparative inventory of the situation regarding migration and refugee movements across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), as well as in-depth studies of emerging issues in the region. Finally, CMRS's outreach includes disseminating knowledge on migration and refugee issues beyond the university's gates, as well as providing a range of educational services to refugee communities.

CMRS is currently located at 5 Youssef El Gindi Street, Tahrir, Downtown Campus. In addition, CMRS holds offices in the University New Campus located in the Research Center Building.

The following pages summarize recent developments and activities undertaken by the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies during the scholastic year that started September 2008 and ended August 2009.

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Message from the Director

As usual, CMRS was busy this year with major developments occurring on both the administrative and programmatic level. I became Director in January 2009, after Philippe Fargues returned to Italy. We were pleased to have Ahsan Ullah join us as Associate Director, Nancy Baron as Director of the psychosocial programs, Agnes Czajka teaching two new courses on international relations and securitization and Iveta Bartunkova as our regional research coordinator. A number of important developments were facing CMRS this year: the maintenance and expansion of the research network, meeting the challenges of the new MA, the new graduate diploma in applied psychosocial interventions for forced migrants and refugees, the move to the new school of Global Affairs and Public Policy (GAPP) and several empirical research projects.

In its first year, the new MA program proved to be very attractive. Thirteen new students enrolled in the program and eight students upgraded their FMRS diploma to the MA level. By the fall of 2009, CMRS had 62 graduate students registered in the Masters and two diploma programs. Another important development was the addition of Egyptian students. Back in 2000, with the start of the FMRS diploma, almost all of the students were from North America, Western and Eastern Europe. Given the importance of Egypt and the region as one of the major sending, receiving, and transit destinations for migrants and refugees, it is of vital importance to train local professionals who can work in governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as academic institutions affecting migration policies. The current mission of CMRS is to facilitate learning and exchange between academics, students, human rights activists, migrants and refugees as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations. This mission is in line with the broader mission of the new school of Global Affairs and Public Policy which aims to graduate highly competent and knowledgeable professionals, capable of quality decision making and execution on matters of public concern: domestically, regionally and globally. Though exciting, the move to the new school is also challenging. One of the main challenges facing CMRS in the coming years is how to strike a balance between its academic theoretical and empirical research orientation and a developing policy orientation.

CMRS completed a number of research projects throughout the year, both internally and externally funded, which are detailed in this report. These projects benefitted greatly from the resources of CMRS faculty, students, alumni and outreach personnel, to whom we are very grateful. In addition, the work of the regional research network that was initiated last year is going very well and I am delighted to report that CMRS has been constructing an original database containing systematic information on the main legal, quantitative and qualitative aspects of migration, asylum and situation of refugees in the region of the Middle East and Africa. This database is nearly completed and will be opened to the public soon through the CMRS website. The database will be particularly important to policy makers, practitioners and academics. Moreover, in 2009, CMRS also invited the researchers of the network to write on the topic of *“The effects of the economic crisis on migration and asylum seeking in the region”*. The results of these inquiries, as well as the in-depth country studies, will be presented by the researchers in the network at a conference that will be organized by CMRS in May 2010. We are looking forward to meeting our research partners in the region to share, discuss and contribute to the field of migration and refugee research.

Ray Jureidini

Program Developments 2008-2009

Major developments occurred during this scholastic year 2008-2009. In February 2009, Ray Jureidini took over as the fifth director of the Center. In spring 2009, the center was institutionally transferred from the School of Humanities and Social Science into the new School of Public Affairs and Global Policy. A new Associate Director arrived on board as of summer 2009. Other important programmatic developments are explained in detail in the following pages:

New School

In spring 2009, the school of Public Affairs and Global Policy (GAPP) was established at AUC. The GAPP School consists of three departments and five specialized centers and forums: Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (JRMC), Department of Law, Department of Public Policy and Administration (PPAD), The Cynthia Nelson Institute for Gender and Women Studies (IGWS), The Kamal Adham Center for Journalism Training and Research, - Middle East Studies Program (MESC), Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research, and the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies. The New School of Global Affairs and Public Policy is headed by Ambassador Nabil Fahmy as its Dean and Laila El Baradei as Associate Dean. The move of CMRS into the new school of Global Affairs and Public Policy corresponds with CMRS's new vision of policy orientation and research that facilitates action

New Director

In January 2009, CMRS bade farewell to its former Director Philippe Fargues, who directed the center from February 2007 to December 2008. Under his leadership, the scope and interest of the center expanded from a local program on refugee issues into a regional center that encompass all forms of migratory movements. Moreover, under his leadership, CMRS developed its new MA in Migration and Refugee studies. Philippe Fargues left CMRS to go back to the European University Institute in Florence, Italy.

As of January 2009, Ray Jureidini took over as the fifth director of CMRS. Jureidini has been with CMRS since fall 2005 teaching two of CMRS core courses. He was the Acting Director of CMRS from June 2006- February 2007 and he has been the Associate Director of the Center since 2007.

New Associate Director

In September 2009, AKM Ahsan Ullah joined the center as its new Associate Director. He teaches three of the CMRS core courses: *'Introduction to Forced Migration and Refugee Studies'*, *'Migration and Refugee Movements in the Middle East and North Africa'*, and *'Migration and Refugee Movements'* as well as supervising a number of MA theses. Previously, Ahsan Ullah taught and researched in City University of HK, Hong Kong University of Ottawa, and in St. Mary's University in Canada for both graduate and undergraduate courses on Asia, globalization, refugees, trafficking, migration and development studies. He also worked for more than twelve years in development and donor organizations in Asia in a number of key capacities. Ahsan Ullah published nine books (in Bengali and English) in addition to articles for Asian and Pacific Migration Journal; The Journal of Contemporary Asia; International Journal of Social Economics; Development Review; J. Rural Social Work; Asian Journal of Women's Studies; International Migration,

Asian Profile, Social Science Review; Asia-Pacific Journal of Rural Development, Journal of Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies.

New Faculty Members

In summer 2009, Agnes Czajka joined AUC as Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology, and the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies. Agnes's areas of interest include contemporary social and political thought, continental political philosophy, and critical citizenship and refugee studies. She will teach CMRS courses as of fall 2009.

Last year, Nancy Baron joined CMRS under the umbrella of the newly established research network. This year, in addition to her contribution as a researcher to the network, she established both the Psychosocial Training Institute and the new graduate diploma in Applied Psychosocial Intervention for Forced Migrants and Refugees. Nancy Baron received her Doctorate in Education at the University of Massachusetts, U.S.A. with a concentration in Family Therapy and Counseling Psychology. She is the Director of Global Psycho-Social Initiatives (GPSI) and a member of the Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Psychosocial Working Group; International Training Director for the International Trauma Studies Program, New York, USA; and Senior Advisor for the Transcultural Psychosocial Organization of Uganda.

New Outreach Project

In March 2009, The Psychosocial Training Institute in Cairo (PSTIC) was established by Nancy Baron in collaboration with international and national organizations. The Institute was established to train refugees as community based psychosocial workers and to build the capacities of local organizations and communities to offer support for psychosocial problems. (*For more detailed information, see under Outreach*).

New Diploma

In summer 2009, a new Graduate Diploma by CMRS with a Specialization in Applied Psychosocial Intervention for Forced Migrants and Refugees was approved by the Senate. The diploma will be offered beginning fall 2009. The new diploma is a collaborative initiative between CMRS and the new International Counseling and Community Psychology graduate program in the Psychology Unit.

New Research Coordinator

In January 2009, CMRS hired Iveta Bartunkova as a regional research projects coordinator to manage and coordinate the newly established research network (*For more details, see under Regional Research Network*).

Iveta Bartunkova is a former alumnus of the program; she acquired her FMRS graduate diploma in spring 2007. Moreover, she has an MSc in Public Policy and Human Development from the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance and has been working on issues of migration, trafficking in people and refugees for a decade, both in non-governmental organizations and in academic settings.

New Outreach Coordinator

In April 2009, Sara Sadek was hired as CMRS outreach program coordinator. Sara Sadek has been with CMRS since 2004. She worked as a research assistant on various projects of CMRS and acquired her FMRS graduate diploma in Refugee Studies in 2006 and M.A in Refugee

Studies from the University of East London (UEL) in 2007. Her Master's thesis focused on the experience of Iraqi women in the UK. Since then she has worked with CMRS and other academic institutions (university of Sussex, University of East London, French Institute for the Near East) on various large and medium scale research projects from 2005-2008 studying various aspects relating to the Iraqi and Sudanese communities in Egypt. She was a program committee member and the local coordinator of the 11th Biennial IASFM conference hosted by CMRS in January 2008. She was also a member of the organizing committee of the First Cairo Refugee Film Festival Held in June 2009 in celebration of World Refugee Day

New Administrative Staff

In March 2009, Lamyaa Mady, CMRS's former Administrative Assistant, left CMRS. HEND El Taweel took over as of April 1st 2009. HEND graduated from AUC in 2008 with Bachelor of Business Administration as well as minor in Political Science and International Relations. During her academic career, HEND has undertaken business training in esteemed institutions including GE and Siemens. She is planning to pursue an MBA at AUC.

CMRS Retreat

In May 2009 a retreat was organized to enable the program staff to reflect on the transition process and to discuss a development strategy for 2010 and beyond. Using the SWOT analysis, the retreat was moderated by CMRS senior fellow Michal Kagan to help staff member reflect on strengths of the program as well as areas for improvement.



The MA & Diploma Programs

The New MA in Migration and Refugee Studies

Last year, CMRS worked hard to prepare for the launch of a new Masters of Arts in Migration and Refugee Studies and this year we are happy to announce that the new MA was accepted by the AUC Senate in May 2008 and offered by CMRS in fall 2008. The new MA program in Migration and Refugee Studies is an interdisciplinary degree program that aims to provide graduates with critical knowledge, research methods and analytical skills of current theoretical, legal, political, economic, social, demographic and psychological issues in migration and refugee studies. The new MA, along with the original FMRS diploma, are together forming the only multidisciplinary program in the world that combines both migration and refugee studies with a focus on the Middle East and Africa.

In its first year, the MA proved to be very attractive; it drew thirteen new students as well as eight diploma alumni who decided to upgrade their diploma into an MA. In fall 2008, Noheier Nashaat and Emily Minnick were granted the University Fellowship and Danna Gobel was granted the Merit Fellowship to join CMRS's new MA program. In the spring of 2009, both Christine Fandrich and Cara Lee Steiner Kiggins obtained the University Fellowship, in addition to Erin A. Ajygin who was granted the Merit Fellowship and Wung Raymond who obtained the African Fellowship enrolled in our MA program.

Through a generous contribution from the Ford Foundation, CMRS was able to offer its own fellowship designated exclusively to attract Egyptian Students into the growing field of migration and refugee studies. In spring 2009, Salwa Abdel Maksoud, was able to join the MA program as well as Noheier Nashaat, who was able to continue in the program.

CMRS's original FMRS diploma continues to be successful and this year the following students graduated with a diploma in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies:

Diploma Graduates for the Academic year 2008-2009

Gwendolyn Roeske (fall 2008)
Karin Fernandez (fall 2008)
Mitchell Eugene Sipus (Spring 2009)
Marise Habib (Spring 2009)
Cara Leesteiner Kiggins (Spring 2009)
Mallory Charlotte Wankel (Spring 2009)
Wung Raymond Wung (Spring 2009)

Alumni News

Felicia Lindsey After graduating from AUC with an MA in International Human Rights Law and a Diploma in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, Felicia worked in various

institutions related to refugees' issues. She worked for UNHCR Cairo as a Resettlement Assistant, for Mae Sot, Thailand, as a Resettlement Officer and in Western Sahara/Tindouf as a Field Officer. She is currently a US Diplomat with USAID. She was in Iraq working as a program officer and gender mainstreaming officer. She is planning to come back to Cairo as a program officer and pursue the new upcoming diploma by CMRS in Applied Psychosocial Intervention for Forced Migrants and Refugees in fall 2010.

Miriam Aertker: has been working as Associate Protection Officer with UNHCR Yemen for the past two years. She was deployed for a UNHCR ERT (Emergency Response Team) Mission to Pakistan from June to August 2009 as Field/Protection officer to set up an emergency response for IDPs from Waziristan. She also supported the Protection team in Pakistan in regard to the Swat IDP displacement in NWFP.

Rica Terbeck: From September 2007-August 2008, Rica worked as a Field Officer with UNHCR Mauritania on Repatriation of Mauritanian refugees from Senegal. She is currently working as Associate Monitoring and Evaluation Officer with UNRWA's Head Quarters in Amman, contributing to the set up of an agency-wide monitoring and evaluation system. In February 2008, she conducted a field study on Business Activities as a Sustainable Livelihoods Strategy in a Palestinian Refugee Camp in Syria. She has a forthcoming publication in Refugee Survey Quarterly entitled "*UNRWA's Policy Analysis and other Research Needs: Strengthening Knowledge Management within the Agency.*"

Themba Lewis: Themba lives between Oxford and London and is currently working for Refugee and Migrant Justice, a UK-based legal aid organization. After receiving the FMRS Diploma, he obtained a Masters degree from Oxford University and later worked as a project manager of the Legal Clinic for Refugees and Immigrants at Sofia University Faculty of Law. Themba has continued to publish, including recent pieces in Forced Migration Review, Make/Shift Magazine, and various research collections. He also presented papers on rights of access to detention centers in Europe at the World Social Forum on Migration held in Madrid as part of a wider campaign organized by MIGREUROPE. He has become increasingly involved with the Southern Refugee Legal Aid Network under the direction of Dr. Barbara Harrell-Bond, and continues his interest in refugees in Cairo.

Dan Stoenescu: In February 2009, Dan Stoenescu was appointed by the Romanian Minister of Foreign Affairs as Head of the Division for Romanians Abroad. The Division for Romanians Abroad is a specialized branch of the Romanian Foreign Ministry which deals with the relations with Romanian immigrating communities in the European Union, the Americas, Australia, Asia-Pacific, Middle East and Africa. The major emphasis of its policy actions is on identity and cultural reproduction, including support for Romanian language education abroad and subsidies for cultural activities, publications and support for Romanian civil society in the diaspora.

The Library

In August 2009, the CMRS Library completed one year standing apart from the Main Library on the Greek Campus by moving to the new CMRS space at 5 Youssef El Gindi Street. This transitional year was an important turning point in the Library's history and led to its increasing connection to various functions and features of CMRS. The Library continued to be a place of study for researchers and students, a reference support to the Center as a whole and began to offer a more flexible and comfortable environment that could host meetings and researchers simultaneously.

In the 2008 - 2009 academic year, it became increasingly clear that by hosting the Grey Files special collection, the CMRS Library was sought out and visited by researchers both living in Egypt (but unaffiliated with AUC) and others on study trips from places such as Sudan, Denmark, France, the United States and The Netherlands. Thus, the Library has increasingly served as these scholars' point of entry to CMRS and linked them not just to research literature in the region but also to the functions, interests and publications of CMRS.

The Grey Files Collection

The Library seeks to compliment the needs and interests of users by acquiring materials in the field of migration and refugee studies with a regional perspective. This special collection is to compliment the thousands of books, monographs and journals already available at the AUC Main Library on the subject of migration and refugees. The Grey Files thus feature pamphlets, handbooks, popular articles, working papers, manuscripts, documents of local NGOs and CBOs, as well as CMRS's own publications and various other materials that would not be represented in conventional collections. The CMRS Library also offers various reference materials, such as selected books, articles and a growing collection of course readers from previous CMRS courses.

To suit CMRS's conversion to a research center, it has become particularly important to expand holdings that would retain a regional focus while including broader migration literature and psychosocial themes in refugee studies that are likely to be of particular interest to those affiliated with CMRS. Inquiries by students and researchers have underlined the need for more Grey Files materials on such subjects as refugee education programs, Iraqi refugees in the Middle East, the migration-development nexus and labor migration in the Mediterranean region. The migration and livelihoods of Sudanese, Palestinians and Egyptians continued to be of great interest. The CMRS Library benefits from inquiries which help to articulate the interests that fluctuate in relation migration trends themselves and thus, recommendations for the library and donations of material are always welcome.

Jesse Mc McClelland, the Library Specialist continued to acquire materials for the Main Library in cooperation with the Collections Department of the AUC Libraries with input from faculty, staff and students and with the approval of the CMRS Director. Hundreds of recently published books and e-books, as well as other items, have been acquired and shelved at the Main Library.

Promotion of the Library

As in past years, the Library Specialist continued to offer orientation to new students, staff and faculty as necessary. This academic year, however, the CMRS Library also began to maintain a "Libguide" portal website that both introduces the CMRS Library and opens a gateway to various internet-based research paths, such as a guide to working papers published online, a survey of journals available online through AUC, guidance on using the AUC Library Catalog and a survey of important legal instruments relating to migration and refugees. The CMRS Libguide can be found at <http://libguides.aucegypt.edu/cmrs>.

The CMRS Library continues to welcome AUCians, various researchers and members of local and international agencies and welcomes any comments, recommendations or inquiries as to our functions.

RESEARCH

CMRS strives to be a hub for scholars throughout the region. It participates in the building of an operational scientific community by conducting collaborative research, conferences, seminars and debates with a view to developing comparative analyses on migration and refugee issues. CMRS working papers, country studies, and in-depth-analyses are published on the CMRS website.

The CMRS research work is developed along two main lines: developing country studies and systematic collection of information and data on migration, asylum seekers and refugees in Egypt and the MEA region, and in-depth studies on current and emerging migration and refugee issues. The research work is carried out by a team of researchers within CMRS and by a network of [research partners](#) in the region.

The in-house CMRS research focuses on several refugee and migration related themes. For example, our recent work includes research on transnational linkage and exchange between migrants and refugees originating from Sudan. The in-house CMRS research is often conducted in partnerships with other universities as well as international organizations and civil society groups, and is financed from various sources.

The regional research network aims to develop a systematic and comparative inventory of the situation regarding migration, asylum seeking and refugees across the MEA, as well as to produce in-depth studies of emerging issues in the region. While CMRS regional network is coordinated from Cairo; the actual research is designed and carried out by our [researcher partners](#) in the region. The inception and current work of the regional network has been generously supported by the Ford Foundation.

The Regional Research Network

Regional Activities

CMRS aims to encourage development and growth of regional cooperation amongst experts on issues pertaining to migration and refugees. Our regional work is founded on three main pillars:

Building a tool for the continuous assessment of migration and refugee movements in the MEA:

The Center is constructing a database containing systematic information on the main quantitative and qualitative aspects of migration, asylum seeking and the situation of refugees in the MEA region. The database aims to include basic demographic, economic, legal, social and policy-related information that can be gathered in the region. In 2010, it will be opened to the public, in particular to policy makers, practitioners and academics, through the CMRS website.

Research on emerging migration-related issues:

In collaboration with research partners, the CMRS is attempting to build solid knowledge of the migration and refugee issues in the MEA region by conducting systematic research. Following CMRS's exploratory meeting on Migration and Refugee Movements in the Middle East and North-Eastern Africa that took place in Cairo on October 23-25, 2007, the research

partners are currently working on in- depth country studies which should enable better and up-to date understanding of migration, asylum seeking and refugee situations on the country level in the MEA region. Moreover, CMRS also invited researches to write research papers on the topic of “*The effects of the economic crisis on migration and asylum seeking in the region.*” The call for papers particularly encouraged proposals that address specific economic, demographic, social or policy dimension of migration and asylum seeking after the onset of the global economic crisis in 2008.

The country studies as well as the research papers produced by the partners of CMRS in the region are due to be published in spring – summer 2010.

Competition in migration and refugee studies:

A competition will be announced soon for the best paper on migration and refugee studies. The purpose of the competition is to encourage the expansion of the migration and refugee studies community in the MEA, to identify young talented scholars and to foster research skills in the region.

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Migration and Refugee Studies Program (FMRS). At AUC he has taught *Introduction to Forced Migration* and *Issues in Forced Migration* as well as an elective on *Globalization and Migration*. He is now teaching *Methods in Researching Migrants and Refugees* and has co-developed a new course on *Gender and Migration*. Dr. Jureidini is an Australian Sociologist, specializing in industrial and economic sociology and has taught in five different Australian universities before venturing to the Middle East. In the past seven years, beginning at the American University of Beirut, he has been researching in the field of migration, xenophobia, and human trafficking, with specific reference to female migrant domestic workers in Lebanon, Egypt and the Middle East generally. Most recently, Dr. Jureidini was the principal investigator of a research survey, "A Social Profile and Analysis of Migrant Domestic Employees in Cairo," funded by the Development Research Council at Sussex University. He is currently undertaking an exploratory research project on child domestic workers in Cairo from an initiative by the international NGO, Terres des Hommes.

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In-house Research

The center aims to encourage and engage in research that raises awareness of migrants and forced migrants and contributes to bettering their situation in Egypt and beyond. The CMRS in-house research currently includes the following projects:

Remittances to Conflict Zones

A joint project with the Feinstein International Center at Tufts University and funded by the International Development Research Center (IDRC). The project has three objectives: to map the extent of remittance receiving and sending in Cairo's urban migrant population; to understand the importance of remittances in migrants' urban livelihoods and whether and how remittances influence migrants' involvement in their home regions; and to understand the obstacles to remittance sending and receiving and how these obstacles could be addressed by policy or programmatic interventions. A research support grant was received by CMRS in April 2009 to prepare for the research and to pilot the study. The full grant was received in November 2009.

Child Domestic Workers in Cairo

Funded through the international NGO, Terre des Hommes, and in collaboration with the Egyptian National Commission for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM), this is an exploratory research project on child domestic labour in Cairo. It will provide a social/demographic profile of child domestic workers, their employers and placement

agencies, as well as cover labour and human rights issues in conditions of work and treatment. Funding for this project has been raised from the Swiss Embassy in Cairo. The project commenced on 15th January, 2009 and will be ready for publication soon.

Investment Opportunities for Egyptian Migrants

The primary objective of this collaborative research with the IOM (The International Office for Migration) is to investigate the legislative and policy framework that hinders or favors domestic investment by Egyptian migrants. The project has two objectives: first, to review existing tax and custom regulations, access to credit and the existence of specific national/international credit lines for migrants, and second, to shed light on the pattern of remittance transfer and use at the level of households in high-migration areas and the potential of such remittances to be pooled and used for community-based development projects, with a specific focus on small-medium sized establishments. Ahmed Ghoniem, Professor of Economics at Cairo University, was commissioned for the legal literature review which is currently completed. For the second component, two hundred questionnaires were conducted in four governorates known as having high migration rates in addition; a number of in-depth interviews were conducted with a variety of stakeholders. CMRS is currently in the analysis and report writing phase.

Somali Mixed Migration

The Somalia Mixed Migration Task Force (MMTF Somalia) was established in early 2007 to develop a rights-based strategy to respond to protection and humanitarian needs of migrants and asylum seekers transiting through Somalia. The Task Force membership includes UNHCR, IOM, OCHA, the Danish Refugee Council and the Norwegian Refugee Council. In 2007, the task force commissioned a study to improve the understanding of the migration flow through Somalia and onwards to Yemen. The study outlined the dynamics and challenges along the migration routes that converge in Puntland, on the hazardous sea journey to Yemen, and during the reception of people in Yemen. This year, the task force commissioned CMRS to conduct a similar study, but focusing on Yemen onwards as limited information is available on the journey of people after they have reached the Yemeni coast. The objective of the study is to research trajectories of Somali and Ethiopian migrants and refugees going to Yemen and beyond. In this regard, CMRS decided to focus on three countries: Yemen, Syria and Turkey. In Yemen and Turkey, a quantitative methodology was adopted where questionnaires were administered in two areas in Yemen and five areas in Turkey. All of the data is collected in Yemen and Turkey and the data entry process is currently taking place. Due to the difficulty of conducting survey research in Syria, a qualitative method of in-depth-interviews will take place in Syria.

Microfinance as a viable economic intervention to the protracted refugee population in Cairo

The focus of the study is to investigate whether microfinance models can be implemented as an economic intervention and solution to challenges faced by refugees in protracted situations. The study focuses mainly on refugee women from two communities: Sudanese and Iraqi. The study used various research methods including questionnaires, focus group discussions and selected case studies. The field work for this study is completed and the report of findings will be available in spring 2010.

Palestinian Exceptionalism and UN Agency Mandates

Senior Fellow Michael Kagan has undertaken an interdisciplinary analysis of the way Palestinian refugees are thought of in relation to other refugees in the Middle East. He argues

that longstanding divisions between Palestinian and non-Palestinian refugees have hindered attempts to analyze refugee issues in the region coherently. This divide has been driven by the assumption that the Palestinian refugee case is entirely unique, that it cannot be understood alongside other refugee cases, and that the usual analytical tools and norms of refugee policy cannot be applied to them. Kagan also engages the ongoing debate about whether the division of labor between the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) leaves a protection gap for refugees, and concludes that the main gap is in the area of individual rights protection. This project produced forthcoming articles in the *Journal of Refugee Studies* and *Refugee Survey Quarterly*, part of a special collection marking sixty years of UNRWA's work.

State-to-UN responsibility shift and the political foundations of refugee policy in the Middle East

Senior Fellow Michael Kagan is analyzing the gap between the theory and practice of refugee policy in the Middle East with the aid of a proposed new orientation for refugee law that would put refugee protection on firmer political footing. Kagan argues that refugee policy in the Middle East has generally followed a pattern of shifting responsibilities from government to UN agencies, especially UNRWA and UNHCR. This responsibility shift serves multiple political purposes for states but runs counter to the framework of international law. Rights-based advocacy programs for refugees thus face substantial challenges unless this gap between law and politics can be bridged.

Refugee Crossing from Egypt to Israel: Which Psychosocial Factors influence who takes this risk?

This qualitative study will utilize narrative methodology to examine the psychosocial factors which lead some Sudanese refugee living in Egypt to take added risks (ie: specifically those that threaten their lives and/or freedom) and seek asylum in Israel.

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OUTREACH

This year the CMRS outreach component continued to act as a hub between its academic and research activities and the outside world. Through meetings and weekly public seminars, CMRS contributed to shaping the understanding of migration and refugee-related issues.

Through the public events, research findings conducted by the center were disseminated to the public. Various experts in the field were also invited to give presentations on various topics. These public events are attended by different actors in the migration and refugee studies arena and as such, they serve as a platform for dialogue between these actors and the refugees and migrants communities. On the community level, CMRS outreach initiatives and student projects continued to provide services in the form of regular trainings and classes to various refugee communities in Cairo and the region.

CMRS Summer Short Courses

This year CMRS successfully hosted one summer course. The course was titled *International Law on Migrant and Refugee Women and Children* and was taught by **Kristina Touzenis** (International Organization for Migration) during the period of Sunday May 31 – Thursday June 4. The course, which was attended by post graduate students and practitioners in the field, aimed at giving the students a thorough overview and understanding of international law instruments pertaining to migration movements and to migrant and refugee women and children in particular.

Due to swine flu conditions in summer 2009, CMRS cancelled the other two prescheduled short courses on *Advanced Refugee Law* and *Meeting the Psychosocial Needs* which were to be given by **Martin Jones** and **Nancy Baron**.

CMRS is planning on hosting two short courses in winter 2010: *Introduction to Refugee Law* and *Advanced Refugee Law*, both to be taught by **Martin Jones**.



Wednesday Seminar Series

The following is a list of CMRS Wednesday Seminars that were held during the 2008-2009 scholastic year:

Fall 2008:

“Migrant, Refugees and Egyptian Domestic Workers in Cairo”

Ray Jureidini, CMRS Director

“The Disease of Traveling: African Migration to Cairo and Beyond”

Robert Macanzi, the University of London

“Oil and Displacement in Sudan Leben”

Nelson Moro, Oxford University

“Pandemic preparedness among Sudanese Migrants in Greater Cairo”

Yasmine Moataz and Rebecca Dibb, CMRS Researchers

Roberto Pitea, IOM

“Study findings of Identity and Violence among Young Sudanese Men in Cairo”

Natalie Forcier, CMRS

“Children at the Gate: Policy, Social Protection and the Trajectories of Moroccan and Trans-Saharan Children Migrating to Spain”

Marisa O. Ensor, Asst. Professor of Anthropology, AUC

“Refugee migration on over the Sinai: Dangers in Egypt and Israel”

Bill Van Esveld, Human Rights Watch

Michael Kagan, Senior Fellow in Human Rights (CMRS/AUC)

“Impossible Justice: Protection, Ethics and Challenges of the Financial Crisis”

Anne Cubilié, Policy Officer, Development and Studies Branch, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Spring 2009:

"Different Faces, Same Fate"

Mike Kagan, Senior Fellow in Human Rights Law, (AUC/CMRS)

Lina Atallah, CMRS Researcher

Mohamed Lotfy, Campaigner, International Secretariat of Amnesty International in London

Documentary Film: "Palestinian Life: Village Stories of Sumoud and Non-Violent Resistance"

Philip Rizk, AUC graduate student

"Xenophobia as a Corporate Strategy: Reflections on Obstacles to Healthcare Faced by Latino Migrants to the United States"

Adrienne Pine

"Best practices for mental health and psychosocial response for emergency affected populations"

Nancy Baron, Director of psychosocial programs, CMRS

The Award winning documentary "Finding Courage"

Nancy Baron, Director of psychosocial programs, CMRS

"Mental health and psychosocial support to refugees in Egypt"

Dr. Mona Hamed

Lorena Guzman

Natalie I. Forcier

"The Faces of Hope" A Documentary on Young Burundian Refugees in a Tanzania Refugee Camp

Nezia Munezero

AUC African Fellow

IHRL Program

"Towards building an infrastructure for observing refugees' human rights in the global south"

Barbara Harrell-Bond

Distinguished Visiting Professor

"The Relationship between Continuing Bonds with Native Culture and the Process of Cultural Adjustment of Refugees"

Hani Henry, Assistant Professor of Psychology & Psychology Unit Head, AUC

Take to the Sea "Egyptian Irregular Economic Migration to Europe through the Mediterranean Sea"

Lina Attalah

Nida Ghouse

Laura Cugusi

Shiamaa Yehia

'Stuck' in Egypt: Iraqi refugees' perceptions of their prospects for the future"

Emilie Minnick and Noheier Nashaat, CMRS graduate students

"Are you really a Pentecostal? Credibility assessment and the "religious imposter" problem in refugee status determination"

Michael Kagan, Senior Fellow in Human Rights Law, (AUC/CMRS)

Special Lecture:

CMRS also hosted a special public lecture disseminating the findings of the Iraqi Survey conducted in collaboration with the Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC) of the Cabinet of Ministers. The lecture was widely attended by individuals from IGOs, NGOs and international and local media agencies:

"Iraqis in Egypt"

Philippe Fargues, CMRS Director (February 2007-January 2009)

The psychosocial Training Institute in Cairo (PSTIC)

The Psycho-Social Training Institute of Cairo (PSTIC) is a community outreach program at CMRS. PSTIC started its ten month course on May 11, 2009. Students of the first class are expected to graduate in March 2010. Graduates of the class will be Community Based Psychosocial Workers. Trainees are employed by local organizations that provide services to refugees and will use their new skills to introduce psychosocial support into their organizations. Trainees participated in more than four hundred hours of training divided into intensive Seminars; weekly Group Support sessions; and as of March 2010, eighteen hours of Conflict Mediation course will be added.

PSTIC partners include Refuge Egypt, AMERA, St. Andrews Refugee Services, Resettlement Legal Aid Project, Caritas, El Nadeem Center, Sakakini, African Hope School, SARA.

The Center also partners with Terre des Hommes Egypt (an international NGO based in Lausanne) as its parent organization.

PSTIC donors are UNICEF Egypt, War Trauma Foundation of the Netherlands and Embassy of the Royal Government of the Netherlands in Egypt.

The Institute Director is Nancy Baron who is assisted by four locally based co-facilitators: Fahmy Bahgat, Sherine Ramzy, Lorena Guzman and Dalal Shaheen.

In 2009, the following activities took place in the PSTIC course:

- Completion of community based psychosocial needs assessment within each refugee community within the (Sudanese, Somali, Iraqi, Eritrean and Ethiopian).
- Introduction of psychosocial support at the following refugee organizations in Cairo: Refuge Egypt, St. Andrews Refugee Services, LEAD, Resettlement Legal Aid Project, Caritas, El Nadeem Center, Sakakini, African Hope School and SARA.
- Provision of the following services by PSTIC trainees: psychosocial support, problem solving, crisis intervention and referral to individuals, families and communities for the Sudanese, Somali, Iraqi, Eritrean and Ethiopian refugee communities.
- Creation of network of collaboration and support between the Trainees and their organizations that facilitates improved access of services for refugees.
- Community Based Awareness Raising Workshops titled: "Peace of Mind: How to Live Effectively as a Refugee in Egypt," for all refugee communities.
- Facilitation of recreational activities for refugee youth.

The Cairo Community Interpreters Project: (CCIP)

The Cairo Community Interpreter Project (CCIP) had a busy academic year in 2008-2009:

In fall 2008, the Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre invited one of CCIP's lead trainers to plan and implement a month-long training residency with one of the CCIP lead trainers in Hong Kong. The program curriculum consisted of a 40-hour training of trainers and a 35-hour introductory training for community interpreters working in Hong Kong refugee settings in the languages of Nepali, Kigali, Somali, Bengali, Thai, Hindi, Urdu, Arabic, French, Tamil, Sinhalese, and Spanish. After the seventy-five-hour training program, twenty-three interpreters went on to form an interpreter training circle, supporting area organizations that provide services to refugee communities in Hong Kong. The training program with HKRAC was possible through generous support from the Marden Foundation.

In the spring of 2009, CCIP conducted its three-month course, Community Interpretation in Refugee Aid Settings, graduating twenty interpreters in May. The class was marked by a strong emphasis on cross-cultural education among the students, teaching each other about their respective cultural backgrounds, from Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Iraq, Somalia, and all regions of Sudan, including Darfur. The class organized a large graduation cultural celebration, sharing with each other traditional food, dress, and music.

Additionally, CCIP worked with the community facilitator interpreter team in AMERA to expand their language reference materials and conducted a one-day refresher training of interpreter skills and interpreter training curriculum planning.

In summer 2008, CCIP began intensive work collaborating with other research studies ongoing in CMRS, including organizing interpreters and translators for research underway with Sudanese and Somali migrants.

At the end of the summer of 2008, one of CCIP's lead trainers traveled to Turkey to assist in training interpreters in preparation for the Mesopotamian Social Forum in Diyarbakir, and help plan interpretation training in advance of the European Social Forum 2010, which will be held in Istanbul.

The project has been run by Alice Johnson, Mariam Hashim and Amany Ragab.



Student Action for Refugees (STAR)

As it was the case in previous years, STAR's main activity remains its English Language Program that has been developed to provide the refugee community with an affordable educational opportunity during their stay in Cairo. The English language classes allow STAR to reach out to more than six-hundred students all around Cairo. From September 2008 until May 2009, the STAR classes took place four days a week in three study centers, in Downtown Cairo, Nasr City, and Ain Shams. More than sixty teachers volunteer for STAR every semester.

The other program that STAR has been involved with is the handicrafts program led by Fatma Suleiman, reaching out to more than ten refugee women. Monthly bazaars have also been held from February to May 2009.

In the summer 2009, STAR's new president Georgia Warner made a few radical changes, changing the STAR English Language curriculum and reintroducing music classes for both refugees and Egyptians, which prepared STAR for a new semester full of achievements.

Cairo Refugee Film Festival June 2009

In June 2009, the first Cairo Refugee Film Festival was organized in commemoration of World Refugee Day. The festival was organized by a group of volunteers working in different organizations in the field of forced migration. Tadamon: Egypt Refugee Multicultural Council was one of the main collaborators and the festival was funded by Movies that Matter Foundation, the Netherlands Embassy, Goethe Institute, UNICEF and CMRS. CMRS participated in the festival by providing funds and having Sara Sadek, CMRS outreach coordinator, and Marwa Fikry, STAR vice president, as members of the festival's organizing committee.

The festival lasted for five days from 16th of June till the 20th of June. Recent films from Egypt, US, Canada, Iraq, Belgium, Palestine, France, Malaysia, Australia, Japan, Canada, Switzerland and New Zealand were screened. The films mostly narrative documentaries portrayed the experiences of various refugee communities: Burmese, Palestinians, Iraqis, Cambodians, Armenians, Kurdish, Iraqis and Sudanese in different flight stages and conditions. The festival was hosted at Rawabet Theatre at the Townhouse gallery. The audience which estimated to exceed 1,000, including practitioners and academics working with refugees, expatriates interested in refugee issues and Egyptians interested in art and human rights issues.

The festival also hosted three concerts, one in the opening by an Egyptian Rock Band and two in the closing, a Palestinian rapper and a Sudanese band.

The festival included other side events prior to the festival, such as a children's photography workshop and a youth film workshop. The participants of both workshops included both Egyptians and refugees in an effort to enhance art activities between the 3 groups. The products of the two workshops, a photography gallery and one-minute films, were presented during the festival.

Networking & Collaboration

Throughout the years, CMRS has established a strong presence within AUC and beyond by forging important links with a variety of bodies both academic and nonacademic locally, regionally and internationally. This year, CMRS continued its local collaboration with organizations like Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance (AMERA), Tadamon, and *Ma'an*. In addition, through the newly established Psychosocial Institute, CMRS built new relations with local CBOs, NGOs and service providers in Egypt such as Refuge Egypt, St. Andrews Refugee Services, Resettlement Legal Aid Project, Caritas, El Nadeem Center, Sakakini, African Hope School, and SARA.

In addition to community networks, CMRS continued its academic networking through the following activities:

Collaborations with international institutions

The program transition into a regional center dedicated to migration and refugee studies further enhanced its networking and collaboration with regional institutions. (*For detailed information see CMRS regional partners under Research*). Furthermore, CMRS continued its collaboration with Oxford University's Forced Migration Online (FMO), the Refugee Studies Center (RSC) at Oxford University, and the International Migration Institute (IMI) at the University of Oxford, and York University in Canada. This year, CMRS partnered with the Henry L. Stimson Center based in Washington to produce CMRS articles relating to refugee minors, urban refugees and Iraqi refugees. Articles were submitted to Stimson Center by the following CMRS researchers: Jesse McClelland, Natalie Forcier, and Sara Sadek. In summer 2009 a longer version of the article entitled "*Iraqi Temporary Guests in Neighboring Countries*," was drafted by Sara Sadek to be published in the edited volume entitled "Regional Voices" by early 2010.

Participation in international conferences:

In June 2009, seven CMRS affiliates, including two CMRS faculty members, one affiliate faculty, one researcher and three MA students, participated in the conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) held in Cyprus. Ray Jureidini, CMRS director, presented a paper entitled "*Evacuation of foreigners During the Lebanese Crisis 2006*" in a panel on Borders and Citizenship. Nancy Baron, Director of CMRS Psychosocial Program, presented a paper entitled "*Expanding the boundaries of refugee communities to provide psychosocial support*" in a panel on Mental Health and Support Networks for Refugees. Marisa Ensor, sociocultural anthropologist at AUC and CMRS affiliate, presented a paper entitled "*Pedagogies of Displacement: Education and Ethnic Identity among Sudanese Refugee Children in Cairo*" in a panel on Education and Student Movements.

Sara Sadek, CMRS researcher and outreach coordinator, presented a paper entitled "*Transnational networks and Iraqi neighborhoods in Cairo: the saga of new Iraqi communities*" in a UNHCR urban panel funded by UNHCR. Emilie Minnick, CMRS MA student, presented a paper entitled "*Between Return and Resettlement: The formation of Iraqi refugee communities in Greater Cairo*" in a panel on Return, Resettlement, and Repatriation. Noheier Nashaat, CMRS MA student, presented a paper entitled "*Social and Cultural Integration of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon*" in a panel on Migration, Integration and Identity. Reham Hussain, CMRS MA student, presented a paper entitled "*HIV/AIDS Surveillance and Testing for Refugees in Cairo*" in a panel on HIV and refugees.

Faculty & Affiliates Activities

CMRS faculty, researchers, staff, and affiliate are involved in a variety of activities including research and activism in refugee studies as indicated below:

Ahsan Ullah, CMRS Associate Director, participated in the following international conferences during the reporting period: the 19th WAS World Congress for Sexual Health; the International conference in the Fatema Jinnah University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan; the 16th World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) in Kunming, China; the Training Workshop on Migration, Globalization, Securitization and Development held in Kathmandu, Nepal; and International Conference on Low Fertility and Reproductive Health in East and South East Asia in Tokyo.

Barbara Harrell-Bond continued her active involvement in the field of refugees. She is currently the director of the Refugee Program for Southern Refugee Legal Aid Network under Fahamu Networks for Social Justice.

Katarzyna Grabska, CMRS affiliate, is completing her PhD dissertation on changes in gender and generational relations among southern Sudanese refugees and returnees at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. In October 2008, she presented a paper titled "*Becoming Modern in Kakuma: gender mainstreaming in refugee camps*" for the Master class in development and gender studies, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) in Geneva. In April 2009, together with contributing authors, she organized a launch of her co-edited book "*Forced Displacement: Why Rights Matter?*" at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

Marisa O. Ensor, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, was actively involved in community refugee work in Egypt by working as a legal advisor for the unaccompanied minors team at Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance AMERA and as a volunteer English instructor at St. Andrew's Church and Congregation in Cairo. She is a member in the working group of childhood and migration. She was also a program committee member in the 12th conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration. Moreover, she participated in a number of workshops and conferences during the past year. She presented a paper entitled *Displaced Youth and (R)eintegration in Post-conflict South Sudan: Dilemmas of Protection* at Refugee Studies Centre's Conference on Protection, University of Oxford. At the 112th IASFM conference she presented the paper '*Pedagogies of Displacement: Education and Ethnic Identity among Sudanese Refugee Children in Cairo, Egypt*'. And at the World Conference of Humanitarian Studies, the Netherlands, she presented the paper '*Educational Interventions for Disaster-Displaced Children: Protection or further Risk*.' Ensor also attended the American Anthropological Association and presented '*Human Rights, Human Security and 'Environmental Refugees': Reducing Social Vulnerability among Displaced Sudanese in Cairo, Egypt*.' Finally, she presented '*Child Rights at a Cross-Roads*' at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Martin Jones, lecturer in international human rights law at the Centre for Applied Human Rights at the University of York, taught CMRS refugee law courses in summer 2007. During the past year he gave the following academic talks and conference presentations: "*The*

Governance of International Refugee Law: Time for a Change?” as part of the Institute for International Law and the Humanities Lunch-time Seminar series at the University of Melbourne, Australia, “*Challenging and Moving Beyond the Asian Rejection Hypothesis: Exploring Refugee Law in Asia*” as part of the Asian Law Centre Brown Bag Seminar Series at the University of Melbourne (Australia), and “*The Intersection of Refugee and Human Rights Law*” at the 1st Asia Pacific Regional Non-Governmental Consultation on Refugee Rights, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), November 2008.

Michael Kagan, Senior Fellow in International Human Rights Law, published two articles on the protection of Palestinian refugees, and completed a study of refugee credibility assessment in religious persecution cases, based on a case study of Pentecostal Eritreans in Cairo (*See under publications*). He also completed an essay examining the phenomenon of state-to-UN "responsibility shift" in refugee policy in the Middle East and gave a speech on the asylum system in Israel to the bi-annual conference of the International Association of Refugee Law Judges in Cape Town. Throughout 2009, Kagan organized a "protection roundtable" in Cairo, a periodic informal discussion of key refugee actors about challenges in refugee protection in Egypt. Beginning in November 2009, Kagan began a staff position as Policy Director for the U.S.-based group Asylum Access, which operates refugee legal aid programs in Asia, Africa and Latin America. He also served as a legal consultant to Africa Middle East Refugee Assistance (AMERA) in Egypt, and conducted training sessions on refugee law in Egypt for AMERA and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Egypt, and for legal aid NGOs from around the world in Geneva.

Mulki Al-Sharmani, Research Assistant Professor at the Social Research Center, presented the following conference papers: ‘Khul in Contemporary Egypt: Between Doctrine, Public Discourse, and Court Practice,’ presented at *Re-imagining the Shari’a: Theory, Practice, and Muslim Pluralism at Play*; ‘*Reforming Egyptian Personal Status Laws: the Process, Actors, and Outcomes*,’ presented at Comparative Welfare States and their Gender Justice Projects: Egypt, Finland, and the Yemen, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, Helsinki, Finland; ‘*The Religious in Debates about Reforming Egyptian Family Laws*,’ presented at Inter-Asia Cultural Typhoon Conference, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan; and “*Refugees in Egypt: Transit Migrations?*” presented at Imiscoe Conference on (Irregular) Transit Migration the European Space: Theory, Politics, and Research Methodology, at Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey

Nancy Baron, Director of the Psychosocial Initiative at CMRS, gave the following trainings during the reporting period: Trainer / Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) in Geneva, Training of trainers for IASC Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Guidelines in Emergency Settings, Trainer, Training of psychosocial trainers, the International training course taught in Uganda in January 2009, Trainer, Psychosocial support in complex emergencies, Course in New York for International Medical Corps, July 2009, and Trainer, EMRO Regional training on utilization of IASC MHPSS Guidelines by Medical Officers, WHO, November 2009. In addition she presented the paper entitled “*Expanding the boundaries of refugee communities to provide psychosocial support*” in a panel on Mental Health and Support Networks for Refugees” at the 12th Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration in Cyprus in June 2009.

Ray Jureidini, CMRS Director, attended and presented in a number of conferences and workshops both within and outside Egypt. In Egypt, he presented a paper entitled ‘*Sexual Harassment and Migrant Domestic Workers in Middle East*’ at the Regional Conference on Sexual Harassment as Social Violence and its Effect on Women in the MENA Region organized by the Egyptian Centre for Women's Rights (ECWR), in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). Moreover, he presented his paper ‘*Sexuality and the Servant*’ at the SEPHIS/ IGWS Workshop entitled ‘Towards a Comparative Global South Gender Studies Field.’ At the Migration and Asylum in Mashrek Countries Conference organized by Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network, he presented a paper entitled ‘*Migrant Domestic Workers in the Arab Region.*’ Outside Egypt, he participated in the 12th Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration where he presented his paper “*Evacuation of foreigners during the Lebanese Crisis 2006*”. Moreover, he presented “*Criminalization and Human Rights of Migrant Domestic Workers Under the Kafala System in Lebanon*” at the International Research Symposium, Global Migration Systems of Domestic and Care Workers since Decolonization at York University, in Toronto. “*Regional Voices: Transnational Challenges*” was presented at the Meeting on Migration and Urbanization at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. Finally, he presented the paper on “*International Labour Rights of Domestic Workers*” at the symposium presentation to the Moroccan Ministry of Labour, sponsored by GTZ in Rabat, Morocco.

Sara Sadek, CMRS outreach program coordinator and affiliated researcher, worked on a CMRS research on urban refugee women. She presented a paper at the 12th Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) held at Nicosia, Cyprus in June 2009. Her paper entitled “*Transnational networks and Iraqi neighborhoods in Cairo: The saga of new Iraqi communities*” was presented in a UNHCR panel. Moreover, she presented the research findings on Iraqi Displacement in Egypt for a workshop on regional Iraqi Displacement at The French Institute for the Near East (IFPO), Syria, Damascus in May 2009.

Yasmine Moataz, Research Assistant at the Social Research Center and a PhD Candidate at the University of Paris X Nanterre, worked with CMRS on an exploratory study on Child Domestic Workers from January 2009 to June 2009 which was coordinated by Terre des Hommes, Cairo Office and funded by the Swiss Embassy in Cairo. During the year, she also worked in an EU-funded research project on "the Mobility of Health Professionals from African Countries."

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