

THE *Alison L. Des Forges* MEMORIAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON

Refugees, Migrants, Human Trafficking, and Slavery

FREE EVENT

**THURSDAY
APRIL 14, 2016**

9AM – 4PM

**120 CLEMENS HALL
NORTH CAMPUS
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO**

In an effort to enhance understanding of the dynamics of the recent flows of people from Africa and the Middle East to Europe, we will **explore the historical roots and global dimensions of this explosion of forced migration and human trafficking.** We will also discuss the conditions that permit the persistence of slavery in our times, and learn how we can act to alleviate those conditions.

Schedule of Events

9:00 REGISTRATION & WELCOMING REMARKS

9:30- 12:00 FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA TO EUROPE

Drivers of Displacement: How War, Repression, Terror and Neglect led to Europe's Refugee Catastrophe

Joe Stork, Deputy Director, Middle East and North Africa, Human Rights Watch

Understanding Migration from Sub-Saharan Africa to Europe: Might Efforts to Stem the Flow Work?

Karen Jacobsen, Acting Director, Feinstein International Center, Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy and Associate Research Professor, Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University

Refugees Welcome? How Europe's Incoherent Policy, Scapegoating, and Exploitation of Terrorism Have Failed Refugees

Julia Hall, Amnesty International's expert on criminal justice, counter-terrorism and human rights in Europe and Central Asia

12:00-1:00 LUNCH

1:00-3:30 WITHIN AFRICA AND FROM AFRICA TO NORTH AMERICA

Fighting Slavery from the Grassroots Up

Karen Stauss, Director of Programs, Free the Slaves

The Holistic Protection and Empowerment of Children in Ghana

James Kofi Annan, President of Challenging Heights, Ghana

From Cameroon to the U.S. and From Slavery to Freedom

Evelyn Chumbow, Survivor of and Activist against Human Trafficking

3:30-4:00 LOCAL PERSPECTIVES AND WRAP-UP GENERAL DISCUSSION

Amy Fleischauer, Director, Survivor Support Services, International Institute of Buffalo

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The symposium honors the life and work of human rights advocate Alison Des Forges.

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