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Introduction to the Catalogue

This exhibition features the photos of the students and Alumni who participated in the Global Campus photo competition 2014 “Migrants and community action”. The aim is to raise awareness of the Global Campus, an academic community connecting 6 Regional Masters¹ in human rights and democratisation in 5 continents, and specifically on the rights of migrants in different contexts from the workplace to the access to food and justice.

Throughout human history, migration has represented the expression of the individual’s will to overcome adversity and to gain a better life. As a result of globalisation, migration has become much more diverse in terms of origins and destinations of migrants and in terms of root causes which can be traced to poverty, armed conflict, social strife, political turmoil, economic hardships and climate change. This has created challenges and opportunities for societies throughout the world.

Integration and cooperation between people are the glue that holds societies together. We cannot depart from this principle if we want to build fairer, more equitable and respectful societies. It is up to every one of us to realize this through our action and respect for

¹ The GC connects the following 6 Regional Masters:

- The E.MA Programme (European Master’s Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation) - EIUC’s core activity
- The LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa, coordinated by the University of Pretoria (South Africa)
- The Master’s in Human Rights and Democratisation in the Asia-Pacific region, coordinated by the University of Sydney (Australia)
- The European Regional Master’s Programme in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe, coordinated by the University of Bologna (Italy) and Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- The Master’s in Human Rights and Democratisation in Latin American and the Caribbean, coordinated by the University San Martin (Argentina)
- The Regional Master’s Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in the Caucasus, coordinated by Yerevan State University (Armenia)

human rights. As the pieces of a puzzle we all count in the bigger picture of unity. This exhibition is also meant to demonstrate how collaboration, participation and trust can build and strengthen the community.

The pictures of the GC photo competition highlight a variety of migrants' stories and perspectives. A diversity of tools, from professional cameras to mobile phones, were employed. The competition was launched at the end of June 2014 in order to create a space to put forward relevant messages by current and previous students working with human rights – be they government officials, judges, members of international and non-governmental organisations, volunteers or activists.

Three best pictures were selected by a jury composed of the professional photographer Gianpaolo Arena, photographer and editor of the contemporary international photography magazine *Landscape Stories*, and representatives of the GC staff team and GC Alumni network.

The first prize winner of the GC Photographic Competition is the student Adebayo Okeowo from the LLM programme at the University of Pretoria with the picture *The Glue of Africa*. The second prize winner is a student of the MHRD at the University of Sydney Arooma Gul for his picture *Sheepish* taken in Dubai. The third prize winner is Adam Jacobi Møller, an Alumni of the E.MA Programme at EIU Venice, for the picture entitled *Amir in Masshad carpet bazar*, taken in Iran.

“A picture speaks a thousand words”, so may the photographs and stories behind them inspire viewers to creatively reflect on ways forward.

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Migrants and Community Action

Selected Photographs



The Glue of Africa
Adebayo Okeowo



Sheepish
Arooma Gul



Amir in Masshad carpet bazar
Adam Jacobi Moller



Violation of right to food
Seun Bakare



Respect for migrants
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Bangladesh's Climate Migrants -
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The Glue of Africa

Adebayo Okeowo

According to the International Organization for Migration, South Africa hosts the second highest number of migrants in Africa. From the horn of Africa to its heart, and throughout its length and breadth, South Africa draws Africa in. With this diversity should come the understanding of the role it can therefore play as the glue of Africa and as such, issues like xenophobic attacks against migrants should become a distant past!

Hillcrest, Pretoria South Africa

14 July 2014



Sheepish

Arooma Gul

Migrant workers in a labor camp receiving food for Iftar during Ramadan, a community action! Nealy 80% of Dubai population are migrant workers but the laborers' lives are toughest...long hours of physical work under the burning sun while fasting, excluded residences and queuing for the food if community feels charitable. Is it as good as it gets!?

labor camp in Al Quoz, Dubai

7 July 2014

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Amir in Masshad carpet bazar

Adam Jacobi Moller

Amir is from Bamiyan in Afghanistan. He fled in the 1980ies, when the Russians invaded his country. His journey brought him to Tehran. Alas, the Iran - Iraq war soon put his life at risk, and he decided to flee to Masshad in the east of Iran. He has lived there ever since, where he has applied his skills as a trained carpet weaver. A trade that is particularly important in Iran. It therefore gave Amir an opportunity to integrate locally. The bustling carpet bazar in Masshad is a melange of Afghans and Iranians, who are working as equals

Iran

5 October 2013



Violation of right to food

Seun Bakare

Rights violation in the midst of plenty resources.



Respect for migrants

Anand Deo

I saw and approached this fainted man near the cathedral of Milan. I do not remember how I explained

my presence or my camera to him, but I do remember he asked me no questions except for water. I witnessed one of the most callous human rights abuses where a man surrounded by police was not getting any medical help because of his colour and migrant status. This indelible unkindness of human being left an impression in my mind that in the country of civilizations - migrants still does not enjoy a right to equality in totality.

Milan

18 September 2013



Takeaway Lunch

Kim de Vos

Syrian boy | Reception Center Bulgaria Tech info Last year many Syrian refugees arrived suddenly at the Bulgarian borders. Schools no longer in use, without working showers, laundry rooms, kitchens are now being transformed into reception centers. The Red Cross provides migrants with necessities such as hygiene kits and involves community leaders and children in these centers in hygiene promotion activities.

Casamance, Senegal

January 2013



Little Laughters

Allain Dumon Fonte

The photo was taken in one of the refugee communities in Northern Thailand (North of Chiang Mai City). I felt very terrible after visiting them. The government of Thailand, under the Royal Patronage of Queen Sirikit, created a mini village to house the indigenous refugees from Myanmar. Their motion is limited within the mini village, and they were made into a tourist attraction. Tourists would pay 500 Thai Baht (US\$ 20) to walk in to the village and take pictures of them and purchase their crafts. Some of them are stateless. The children who were born in Thailand are not granted with citizenship. Yet, they are happy and (with no other options) contented because they found a safer home in the mini village rather than staying in Myanmar where their lives will be at risk with the on-going hostilities. No one has written, or could write, an article about the issue on the mini village because Thailand has a state law that talking ill against the royal family is a crime. I am hoping that these indigenous people will be granted with all the rights and privileges as indigenous and as refugees in Thailand.

Northern Thailand



Community action towards the abandonment of FGC and child marriage

Lisa Pouille

This picture was taken during the Regional declaration for the abandonment of FGC and child marriage, Casamance, Senegal.

While working on an education-based program in Senegal, we realized that it is also important to work in parallel with the diaspora present in Europe, to make sure that migrants are well aware about the social changes that happen in their communities nowadays.

Casamance, Senegal
January 2013



Education awareness

Hashmatullah Kahn

This picture was captured in 2013 in one community school for Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

Pakistan, 2013



The Pavement Dwellers - Bangladesh's Climate Migrants - Outdoor School -

Hugh Tuckfield

In the streets of Dhaka, Bangladesh, children of climate migrants that flock to Dhaka in search of work are taught English language classes on the banks of the Dhanmondi by volunteers. In the evening they sleep on the sidewalks of Dhaka, exposed to police harassment, drugs and prostitution - they are known as the 'pavement dwellers of Dhaka.

Dhanmondi Lake, Dhaka,
Bangladesh
25 June 2014



Nuer Girl

Erin Koenig

Migration becomes a necessary type of community action in the face of widespread and ethnic-based conflict. Over 155,000 South Sudanese, largely women and children, have fled South Sudan to Ethiopia following the break out of acute ethnic violence in South Sudan in December 2013. In the case of these refugees, as well as many other migrants around the world, community action and support offers a chance of survival.

Pagak Entry Point, Ethiopia
South Sudan Border
30 April 2014



Those who remain, those left behind

Sally Hurt

A woman sells sweet potatoes from the side of the road in central Harare, Zimbabwe. Her son works as a taxicab driver in Cape Town. Legally, the term 'migrant workers' refers to those who have left their home country to find work elsewhere, but we seldom ask about those left behind. Many Zimbabweans cross into South Africa to find work; often leaving women, children and elderly persons behind. When it comes to migrants and community action,

we should expand the scope and also focus on those who remain. Those who have had to find creative ways to survive and take care of their families between remittance checks.



Bringing justice to the women of Myanmar

Aleksandra Klosinska

This picture depicts "Access to Justice for Women" trainings conducted by Myanmar-based organisation 'Justice for WOMEN' (JfW) in the industrial area of Insein on the 29th of June 2014. JfW was established by 3 young female lawyers and they are supported by 'Projekt Birma' co-founded by the author of this picture. 'Justice for WOMEN' delivers trainings focused on access to justice amongst female workers and provides them with legal aid. Many of the workers migrate to the big cities looking for a better life. Their knowledge about human rights and the ways they can protect themselves is virtually non-existent. As one of the participants of the portrayed training said "Before this workshop, I didn't know what is sexual harassment and I didn't know where or who should I go to defend myself against it". Moreover, two of the co-founders of JfW come from ethnic minorities.

Insein, Myanmar
June 2014



Contating - say hello to the stranger!

Carla Miranda

Refugees, women and children involved in Human Rights in Rio de Janeiro. As a volunteer of *Cáritas Arquidiocesana do Rio de Janeiro*, a Brazilian NGO that provides assistance to refugees and refuge claimants, I had the pleasure and the opportunity to help in the organization of a soccer competition among refugees and NGO staff marking the involvement of men in a campaign against gender violence. The kickoff was given by a female refugee and took place in a public school, next to the Maracanã Stadium. Students from poor communities of Rio had their first contact with the cause and cheered for the teams as if they were in the World Cup!

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
December 2013



Never Despair

Christopher Ben Nyabira

I took this photograph at the Department of Home Affairs, the Republic of South Africa in Pretoria on 11 July 2014. The photo shows the migrant workers from the Middle East and the Horn of Africa trying to get the work permit or renew. Most work permits in South Africa expire after just 6

months. This partly explains the reason there are very long queues everyday . There are also reports of corruption for quicker processing of the permits. Many people who cannot stand the stampede to get an entrance, let alone, getting the permit, suffer a lot very frequently. The women, particularly, are the victims. Some too give up in despair.



Migrant workers

Bacha Muleta

I took this picture with my Sumsung cell phone at Home Affairs (at Marabstad), in Pretoria, Republic of South Africa on the 11 July 2014.



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