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Global Refugee Crisis

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Moderating the event is **Anna Hardman**, a senior lecturer at Tufts University and a member of the Inter-University Committee on International Migration of the MIT Center for International Studies. Her research focuses on urban economics and on migration.

SPEAKERS



Jennifer Leaning is the François-Xavier Bagnoud Professor of the Practice of Health and Human Rights and director, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, at the Harvard School of Public Health. Her interests include public health, medical ethics, and early warning in response to war and disaster, human rights and international humanitarian law in crisis settings, and human security in the context of forced migration and conflict. She has field experience in public health assessment and human rights in crisis situations (including Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Kosovo, the Middle East, former Soviet Union, Somalia, the Chad-Darfur border, and the African Great Lakes area) and has written widely on these issues.



Nahuel Arenas joined Oxfam in 2007 and since then has occupied several positions in the organization, leading humanitarian responses in Mozambique, Chad, Mauritania, Burkina Faso, South Sudan and supporting Oxfam's response in Haiti. He has previously worked for Action Against Hunger and the Japan International Cooperation Agency in different countries, and consulted for UN-HABITAT. He holds a M.A. in International Politics by the School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London), and degrees in crisis management and public policy. He joined Oxfam America in 2013 as deputy humanitarian director, and is now director of the humanitarian response department.



Ali Al Jundi, a Syrian civil activist, has brought his diverse experience and wide knowledge of the Syrian conflict to his work at Oxfam America as a Syria project officer. He focuses on peacebuilding and empowering the Syrian civil society. He helped establish a local NGO in his home district and helped in securing funds for sustainable community empowerment projects. He contributed to launching the Syrian NGO's platform. He worked on youth employment and career development through his profession at United Nations Relief and Work Agency. Previously, he worked in microfinance, rural development and women empowerment in his capacity as a marketing development officer at Aga Khan Foundation.



Serena Parekh is an associate professor of philosophy at Northeastern University. Her research interests are in social and political philosophy, feminist theory, continental philosophy, and the philosophy of human rights. Her recent publications include: "Hannah Arendt and Global Justice." in *Philosophy Compass* (forthcoming); "Between Community and Humanity: Arendt, Judgment and Responsibility to the Global Poor." in *Philosophical Topics* (2013); "Does Ordinary Injustice Make Extraordinary Injustice Possible? Gender, Structural Injustice and the Ethics of Refugee Determination." in *The Journal of Global Ethics* (2012); and Hannah Arendt and the Challenge of Modernity: A Phenomenology of Human Rights. She is currently finishing a manuscript about our moral obligations to refugees that will be forthcoming with Routledge in 2016 (tentatively titled: *Refugees and the Ethics of Forced Displacement*).

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