



## **New Refugees, Migration and Forced Displacement program to focus on local impact of global issue**

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London, ON – Starting in September 2019, King's University College will offer a certificate and diploma in Refugees, Migration and Forced Displacement through the Social Justice and Peace Studies (SJPS) department. This program will engage students on localized issues and challenges of global migration.

"Migration and immigration are key issues in our communities today," says Dr. Allyson Larkin, Associate Professor, Social Justice and Peace Studies. "We developed this certificate and diploma program to study the social impacts of migration from different perspectives and to encourage students to analyze policies, laws and international agreements that influence how immigrants are welcomed into our communities."

Students will have opportunities for community placements with organizations which are serving newcomers (immigrant, migrant and refugee) in Southwestern Ontario. Both at the local and international levels, students will experience a wide range of practices with professionals and organizations working in immigration, migration and forced displacement.

"Our plan is that this program will give students experiences providing both a conceptual and practical toolkit applicable in a wide range of employment fields. In addition to attracting students and alumni working with immigrant communities, this program will also be of value for those interested in policy, law, education, healthcare, environment and other fields," says Dr. Larkin.

Both the certificate and diploma programs require students to take five of a wide range of courses at King's related to immigration, migration and refugee experiences. These courses are from a variety of programs and departments at King's creating a unique interdisciplinary approach to this area of study. The certificate program can be taken by undergraduate students, while the diploma program is designed to meet the needs of post-graduate students looking to further their education in this emerging field.

For more information on the Refugees, Migration and Forced Displacement certificate and diploma program, visit <https://www.kings.uwo.ca/academics/social-justice-and-peace-studies/sjps-programs-offered/>

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