

The Global Refugee Crisis: Entrepreneurs as Agents of Recovery



Refugee Entrepreneurship Research Group

The global refugee crisis is a tragic consequence of the destruction of a local civilization. It marks the existential suppression of societies, culturally and economically, with forced migration as their only means of escape. Even where the survivors find security in refugee camps, they often languish over many years in conditions of poor accommodation and high unemployment. Refugees have gained an unfair reputation for being economic burden, demanding resources from the host country and making no contribution in return.

The purpose of this **online** symposium is to show that refugees, forced into economic inactivity by restrictive local regulations, have the skills and the determination to bring about their own recovery. The basis of this recovery is the entrepreneurial spirit that remains undimmed even in the most trying of circumstances. The symposium will discuss the drivers of refugee entrepreneurship and the mechanisms for supporting them.

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Time: 12.00-14.00 CET

Where: ZOOM

How: To receive the Zoom link please register here:

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Speakers:



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