CIE Research Cafe

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Room 103, Fulton Building

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Refugee Education in the Context of Resettlement

The UNHCR emphasises that access to education is not only a ‘basic right’ but an enabling right. A right through which other rights are realised’. Refugee education in countries of resettlement is, therefore, absolutely key to their integration and to concerns of equity and inclusion.

In this presentation, Linda will draw on quantitative and qualitative data gathered as part of the UK Research Council-funded project ‘Optimising Refugee Resettlement in the UK’ to explore the educational experiences and outcomes for refugee young people and adults five years after their resettlement to the UK. She will highlight the conflicting policy goals of resettlement, and how the lack of tailored educational opportunity structures is creating a ‘lost generation’ of refugees. As a consequence, for many refugees resettlement translates into precarious, low skill and low status employment or unemployment.