



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 74

March 3, 2021

Dear MAP members,

How are you doing? That's a common question nowadays and one that MAP wants to focus on during the pandemic and the unrest caused by overt and covert racism – providing support through online MAP meetings, information and a friendly check in. We will keep you up to date with any changes to refugee claimant services as they happen - and ask if you have information that you would like to share with MAP that you let us know at info@mapbc.org

MAP NEWS

- Because of a very positive response to her MAP meeting presentation on frontline worker mental health support Asli Kucukbumin has agreed to present Part 2 at a special participatory meeting online on Monday March 22nd at 2:00 – 3:15pm. Register now and tell your co-workers: [REGISTER HERE](#)
- It's not too late to sign up for the first **IN FOCUS** presentation: **'A Bitter Pill – utilizing the talents of refugee women doctors'** on Thursday March 4 at 7:00pm. Registration is available [here](#) along with access to speaker profiles, research and campaign information. Please share the poster attached – send it to your neighbours, schools, universities, colleagues and friends. Thank you!
Thank you to our partners: Canadian on Paper, HEARTeam WU, ICC, MOSAIC, and MAP's Information Working Group for their collaboration (Options CS, inasmuch & Mount Pleasant NH)
Watch the video! <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14aWlIMYyuo33wcbuxXSzPG5zIAEVu8lT/view?usp=sharing>

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants - especially during these unprecedented times. Stay safe and well - and let's not let social distancing be a barrier to the folks we serve.
Jenny Lam and Richard Belcham - and the other Jenny!

News highlights:

Refugee claimant – related articles from Canada and around the world

March 3, 2021

Please see a list of interesting articles gathered by MAP from across Canada and globally ([PDF attached](#))

*Thanks to Journey Home Volunteer **Barry Grove** for his research and compilation*

- **Federal government must allow for immigrants and refugees to receive Canada child benefits**
Toronto Star
- **Tokyo Olympics refugee team to be finalized in June**
The Japan Times
- **Federal pilot helps bring a few dozen new Canadians to Sudbury**
Northern Ontario Business
- **Here is how Canada can improve its policy to help Hong Kongers**
Toronto Star
- **Refugees and undocumented migrants must be vaccinated, NGOs warn**
Deutsche Welle
- **UN agencies begin registering asylum seekers at US-Mexican border**
UN News
- **Increasing number of unaccompanied children arriving at southern border setting off alarm bells for fed**
CNN
- **Welcome BC covid updates**
Welcome BC

MAP's In Focus Lecture Series Presents

A Bitter Pill:



Utilizing the talents of refugee women doctors

Did you know that 90% of resident physician jobs in Canada are closed to international doctors?

It's a terrible waste of talent and resources.



Join our all women panel of doctors and advocates to find out why and learn more.

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 4, 2021

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Register online here: <https://bit.ly/3pa12LL>

POSTER ATTACHED

- Did you know there are many fully qualified medical doctors waiting to work in Canada?
- Did you know that 90% of medical resident physician jobs in Canada are closed to international doctors?

It's a terrible waste of talent and a loss for our communities.

MAP's "In Focus" series **presents 'A BITTER PILL - utilizing the talents of refugee women doctors'**: a panel discussion event on refugee women doctors and the systemic barriers they face pursuing their profession in Canada. Hear the story of a former refugee who had to change her career path, the lawyer who is leading the Human Rights complaint and a public health perspective that will describe what we are all missing out on.

Join us this **Thursday, March 4th from 7 - 8:30pm** online to learn more about the challenges they face and how we can draw attention to this injustice!

Speakers:

Damilola Toki – Western University

Zarghoona Wakil – MOSAIC BC

Rosemary Pawliuk – Canadian on Paper

Dr. Maureen Mayhew – UBC

Moderated by MAP member Tess Acton – MKS Immigration Lawyers

REGISTER AND FIND OUT MORE

Our Partners



MOSAIC will be hosting a free tax clinic for refugee claimants.

Please feel free to circulate in the MAP bulletin.

Due to the health risks, we only will be open for scheduled documents delivery and it won't be in person appointments this year.

To be eligible for the filing services:

- Refugee claimants
- Total family income must be below:
 - 1 individual: \$35,000
 - 2 individual: \$45,000 + 2,500 for each additional person (up to \$52,500)
- We are unable to file for individuals who have business or rental income and expense, capital gains or losses, disability claims, filed for bankruptcy, are self-employed or filling for a deceased person.

Language support available upon request.

To register or for questions, please email taxclinic@mosaicbc.org.

Free Income Tax Clinic

Need a hand preparing your 2020 Tax Return?



MOSAIC Volunteers are providing virtual filing support for immigrants with modest incomes!

Starting Mar. 1, 2021 MOSAIC will begin processing returns for eligible and interested individuals.

To be eligible for our filing services...

- You must be a Permanent Resident, Work Permit Holder, Refugee Claimant, International Student or Naturalized Citizen
- Total Family Income must be below:
1 Individual: \$ 35,000 | 2 Individuals: \$ 45,000
+\$ 2,500 for each additional person (up to \$52,500)
- We are unable to file for individuals who have business or rental income and expenses, capital gains or losses, disability claims, filed for bankruptcy, are self-employed or filing for a deceased person.



MOSAIC
Engaging Newcomers, Enriching Communities

*Due to health risks, we only will be open for scheduled document delivery. MOSAIC will not be holding in-person appointments this year.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

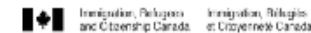
MOSAIC Headquarters
5575 Boundary Rd, Vancouver

Newcomers Welcome Centre
7134 King George Blvd, Surrey

CONTACT US TODAY!

MOSAIC Volunteer Income Tax Clinic
Email: taxclinic@mosaicbc.org
Phone: 604 254 9626

Language Support available upon request





INVITATION TO REGISTER BC REFUGEE HUB WEBINAR

The Importance of Storytelling in Refugee Advocacy

Join speakers Shanga Karim, Leila Shifteh and Richard Belcham for this webinar on the importance of storytelling in refugee advocacy and representation. The webinar will cover the following topics:

- Storytelling as a tool in refugee advocacy
- Why it's important to centre refugee voices and experiences
- Best practices for facilitating spaces for folks with lived refugees experience to tell their stories in their own voices
- The difference storytelling makes in people's lives, both the storyteller and listener
- The importance of documentation and representation of refugee stories

DATE: Wednesday, March 17, 2021

TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. PDT

Speakers: Leila Shifteh - multimedia storytelling and human rights law and policy.

Richard Belcham – ‘Along the Way’ podcast of refugee stories

Shanga Karim – The Shoe Project

This free webinar is open to anyone working with and supporting refugees in British Columbia, and individuals with refugee lived experiences. Community stakeholders, community agencies, government representatives and academics are also welcome to attend.

REGISTER

The third round of the Province's [Work Experience Opportunities Grant](#) has opened with expanded eligibility. Any business or organization operating in BC can apply to support more people in need access paid work opportunities.

Here's what's new:

- Organizations can now apply for up to 10 participants inclusive of all three intakes.
- Eligibility has expanded to include any business or organization operating in BC that can provide a meaningful work experience opportunity for participants.
- Anyone on income assistance is eligible, in addition to people on disability assistance and Indigenous people on reserve that receive equivalent federal assistance

Funding

Grants are available to businesses and organizations to deliver 12 weeks of work experience throughout the province. Applicants can apply for \$5,000 per participant, to a maximum of 10 participants, totalling up to \$50,000. Applicants must provide a stipend of at least \$300 per week to each participant.

Deadline

Applications close midnight March 8, easy [application form](#) .



Work Experience Opportunities Grant

- A 12-week work experience placement for people on B.C. income and disability assistance & Indigenous people on reserve receiving federal assistance
- Businesses & organizations in B.C. receive \$5,000 per participant, up to a max of 10 participants
- Participants receive a stipend which is exempt from income assistance earnings
- Apply by March 8, 2021

[Submit your application today!](#)



Ministry of
Social Development
and Poverty Reduction

Learn more

- Work Experience Opportunities Grant: <https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Work-Experience-Opportunities-Grant.aspx>
- B.C.'s Economic Recovery Plan: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/StrongerBC_BC-Economic-Recovery-Report.pdf
- Read the [Work experience grant's third intake expands eligibility](#) news release

Financial Supports I – Credentials Recognition

March 10, 2021
9:00-11:00am

Learn about existing financial supports for newcomers around credentialing and meeting credentialing requirements when applying for jobs. Listen from funding programs, requirements and loans available.

Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/bl9ruwg1>

Moderator:
Masa Kateb

Panelists:
Sidney Coles, Windmill Microlending
Puneet Jain, Vancity
Lin Meng, ISS of BC
Peyman Showleh, SUCCESS

Chat Moderator:
Tony Botelho



Training and Events in Burnaby – POSTERS ATTACHED

Join us in celebrating

International Women's Day!

**March 18, 2021
6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Choose to Challenge!

We aim to encourage everyone to be responsible for their thoughts and actions all day, every day. We invite everyone to call out gender bias and inequality and celebrate women's achievements.

We all can help create an inclusive world!

Presenters:

Cicely Nicholson, Writer and Organizer

Fancy Poitras, City of Burnaby, Indigenous Relations Manager

Haleluya Hailu, Singer and Songwriter

Otoniya Juliane Okot Bitek, Acholi Poet and Writer

Seham Gedrabo, Artist-Painter

Registration Required:
<https://tinyurl.com/4vxsvxr>





POSTER ATTACHED ALSO

Hello MAP members

Please see the **UNHCR**: '[Making a Refugee Claim](#),' webpage which includes useful resources about the Canadian asylum system – you can find more information on how to make a refugee claim, find out what happens when you claim asylum at the border, and more. We are currently looking to improve this section, and we have developed a survey for refugees and asylum-seekers to provide their feedback.

If possible, we were wondering if you could kindly share this survey with your networks, please? Two versions are available of the same survey, one in English and one in French:

English Survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJ0n4EkVggrZieisfRtjh947j-Jo8IP7MlfXvWgm19TCIu5Q/viewform>

French Survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJ-m-hTYIPWR8wLFsOMNJg4sTnNWxwdbPETPWINFwMxNJJ2A/viewform>

The survey would take approximately 10 minutes to complete; and will close on March 31.

Thank you so much for your support with this initiative. We are very grateful for our continued partnership!

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns at gill@unhcr.org

Please find the materials from Monday March 1 provincial media announcement, along with some FAQs that have been developed by the Health Authorities; you can also find a summary of the material posted online at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/seniors>. In addition the government has posted 1 hour and 13 minutes on Facebook from the press conference; <https://fb.watch/3Z2PINoXRW/>. The information in the FAQs is being updated, so we will share with you as those documents are updated to share with your networks.

We recognize that there is a great deal of detailed information here, so appreciate that you may have questions in the days and weeks to come.

If you could send specific questions through to us to Liz Iseli, Project Manager copied here, we will collate these questions and do our best to gather the information that you need to keep your members and network updated. In addition, if you could please provide us with a contact name and email address for future information that would be most appreciated.

Thank you again for your patience and support during this vaccination program roll-out.

Best regards,

Lizette
Immunize BC Project

March Update
Winter 2021 Speaker Series



The Politics of South-South Migration

Thursday, March 4 Time: 12:30 - 2:00PM (PST)

Speaker: Dr. Nikhar Gaikwad (Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University)

Moderator: Dr. Yang-Yang Zhou (Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, UBC)

Organizer/Sponsor: The UBC Centre for Migration Studies

[RSVP Link](#)

Re-settler society: Refugee sponsorship as Canadian narrative

Monday, March 8 Time: 12:30 - 2:00PM (PST)

Speaker: Dr. Audrey Macklin (Professor & Rebecca Cook Chair in Human Rights Law, University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy)

Moderator: Molly Joeck (PhD student, Allard School of Law, UBC)

Organizer/Sponsor: The UBC Centre for Migration Studies

[RSVP Link](#)

Mexico's New Slavery: A Critique of Neo-Abolitionism to Combat Human Trafficking (*la trata de personas*)

Monday, March 29 Time: 12:30 - 2:00PM (PDT)

Speaker: Dr. Grace Peña Delgado (Associate Professor, History Department, UC Santa Cruz)

Moderator: Dr. Benjamin Bryce (Assistant Professor, Department of History, UBC)

Organizer/Sponsor: The UBC Centre for Migration Studies

[RSVP Link](#)

Canadian Immigration Interrupted : A Look Ahead into 2021

Andrew Agopsowicz

RBC Economics

February 16, 2021

RESEARCH at a Glance
RECHERCHE en un coup d'oeil



External publication alert | Alerte de publication externe

Overview

"Immigration in 2021 is likely to see 275,000 new permanent residents as COVID-19 headwinds continue, falling short of new 401,000 target.

Immigration into Canada slowed significantly in 2020 following restrictions limiting travel across the international border. Only 184,000 new permanent residents entered Canada in 2020, just over 50% of the 341,000 that was targeted at the beginning of the year. Temporary immigration, both of international students and workers on temporary work permits declined as well. Combined, this led to a *decline* in net international migration in the third quarter resulting in Canada's lowest quarterly population growth on record (an increase of only 2,767).

In response, the federal government renewed its commitment to maintaining high levels of immigration, announcing new targets for 2021 through 2023 that could see over 1.2 million new permanent residents settled over this period, fully making up for the 2020 shortfall. However, announcing these targets, especially for 2021, may be putting the cart in front of the horse as strong headwinds limiting the number of newcomers are still in play."

Download the full report https://thoughtleadership.rbc.com/canadian-immigration-interrupted-a-look-ahead-into-2021/?_ga=2.25002233.2108494278.1614008081-579383536.1614008081

New series : [*Identifying the Barriers to Racial Equality in Canada*](#)

"Systemic racism is pervasive in Canada. Data confirming the barriers to equity that Black, Indigenous and other people of colour face have been shared time and time again. But a variety of sectors have been slow to initiate or complete recommended policy measures.

Our neighbour, the United States, is in a profound period of reckoning with its own history of racial inequality. While it's tempting to compare the two countries, Canadians deserve nuanced, informed, country-specific conversations about race. Anita Li, a media consultant, journalism instructor and advocate for equity in Canadian media, is the guest editor for this feature series of articles, which takes a close look at the obstacles to dismantling systemic racism in Canada."

REFUGEE CLAIMANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE WIDER COMMUNITY WELCOME



VIBRANT IN VANCOUVER

10 Days of Short Virtual Wellness Sessions
Mindfulness | Photography | Community | Yoga

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME?
HOW CAN LIFE FEEL MORE VIBRANT?

TO REGISTER OR
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
refugeeclaimant@mosaicbc.org

MARCH 1 - 10
10:00AM - 10:20AM DAILY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



FEATURING:



AdhiJoga



VCST

POSTER ATTACHED ALSO

- How do you spend your time?
- How can life feel more VIBRANT?
- Please join us over the next 10 days for short Virtual Wellness Sessions.

- Check out our Vibrant in Vancouver video here: <https://youtu.be/dHtZlCegeKE>

- We will be exploring a wide variety of topics: mindfulness, photography, community and yoga.
- We will "meet" each day on Zoom.
- Date: March 1st – 10th, 2021

- Time: 10:00 am – 10:20 am daily

- Location: Zoom (an app on your phone or computer)

- To register or for information: please email refugeeclaimant@mosaicbc.org



AN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

Women Leaders in a Post-COVID World

Six in 10 women say they sometimes find it difficult to picture themselves as leaders!
Let's **#ChoosetoChallenge** and empower each other to lead!

Join us for a panel discussion with local women leaders who will share their experiences and strategies as women and racialized women leaders.



Date: **Friday, March 5, 2021**

Time: **1-2:30 pm** Location: **Online via Zoom**

RSVP: Please RSVP to marketing@dcrs.ca or register via Eventbrite.
[iwd-diverse-city-mla-rachna-singh.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iwd-diverse-city-mla-rachna-singh-tickets-14988888888)

Panellists: Neelam Sahota, CEO, DIVERSEcity
MLA Rachna Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives
Marlyn Graziano, Vice President, External Affairs, KPU; CEO, KPU Foundation
Shahnaz Rahman, Executive Director, Surrey Women's Centre
Ritu Khanna, Executive Director, South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce



DIVERSEcity will also be announcing a donation to Nisa Helpline, in honour of International Women's Day.

Jumpstart Refugee Talent is a refugee led non-profit organization and the only national organization exclusively serving refugees seeking meaningful employment.

New: Employment Support through [Refugee Talent Hub](#) is now available to all refugees in BC, regardless of their status, as long as they are eligible to work in Canada.

Jumpstart supports newly settled refugees in overcoming hiring barriers and securing meaningful employment. We equally support employers so they can easily and efficiently source and recruit refugee talent.

We also continue to offer our [Welcome Talent Canada mentorship program](#), the only national mentorship program for refugees in Canada.

You can find [attached](#) the referral form with easy-to-access links and for easier navigation of our new [JumpstartRefugee.ca](#) website.

You can now contact us by phone! Whether you're a refugee, an organization, an employer or a Canadian professional who wants to be involved in strengthening the economic inclusion of refugees in Canada.

Our number is **(888) 99REFUGEE** or (888) 997-3384.

Follow us on Social Media: **#ByRefugees #ForRefugees**

[Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Youtube](#)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or feedback.

Masa Kateb (Preferred pronouns: she/her/hers)

Manager of Projects, Jumpstart Refugee Talent

P: (888) 997-3384 Ext:757

masa.kateb@jumpstartrefugee.ca

POSTER ATTACHED ALSO



Burnaby Public Library
www.bpl.bc.ca

PARENTING LEARNING EVENT 2021 EMBRACING CHALLENGES

Adjusting to the rapid changes imposed by the pandemic has taken its toll and this has left many of us exhausted and anxious about what will come next. The PLE2021 explores topics that will help families remain connected and resilient.

THURSDAYS, MARCH 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2021
6:30 - 8 P.M. * FREE
BFLGROWSCOMMUNITY.ORG

Working in collaboration with Burnaby Public Library, and others in the community, Burnaby Family Life is hosting free online sessions to bring families creative solutions and emerging research findings to help parents and children thrive and sustain their resiliency during and beyond the pandemic.

You are invited! Join us as experts share their valuable knowledge and expertise on one of four themes to be explored during this adapted version of BFL's annual Parenting Learning Event. Each night, a 60-minute presentation will follow with questions from participants. This will be a live event on Facebook.

1. THE POWER OF SELF COMPASSION - The importance of parent/caregiver self-compassion

2. SHIFTING SCREEN HABITS - The need for parent flexibility in a rapidly changing world with the increased use of screens

3. NATURE... A PLAYGROUND FOR ALL CHILDREN - The long-lasting benefits of play and the outdoors for the physical and mental wellbeing of children

4. BELONGING TO THE VILLAGE - We need connections to thrive and grow. (Details will be available soon at bflgrowscommunity.org)



MARCH 4 @ 6:30 p.m.
Georgianna Lee
THE POWER OF
SELF-COMPASSION



MARCH 11 @ 6:30 p.m.
Michele Maurer
SHIFTING SCREEN HABITS



MARCH 18 @ 6:30 p.m.
Jarrett Krentzel
NATURE... A PLAYGROUND
FOR ALL CHILDREN

FREE * facebook.org/burnabyfamilylife
info: bflgrowscommunity.org/ple2021

Thank you MCFD for your support of this event!



Ministry of
Children and Family
Development

With the number of surveys happening all the time these tools can assist you in supporting refugee claimants requested to participate in a survey. Provided through Canadian Council for Refugees:

The "Your Rights in Research" document for researchers working with people in contexts of displacement is now available in:

- [English](#)
- [Your rights in research \(French\)](#)
- [Your rights in research \(Arabic\)](#)
- [Your rights in research \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Your rights in research \(Somali\)](#)
- [Your rights in research \(Pashto\)](#)
- [Your rights in research \(Dari\)](#)
- [Your rights in research \(Swahili\)](#)

All documents (Guidelines, Executive Summary and Rights in Research documents) are available on the CCR website:

<https://ccrweb.ca/en/ethical-considerations-research>

Many thanks to Access Alliance for the translations, Amélie Cossette for the graphic design, SSHRC and uOttawa for funding, and CCR, CARFMS and CRS for your early and continued support to this project.

Canadian Council for Refugees Winter WG meetings Reminder



The Virtual Winter 2021 Working Group meetings are 2 weeks away!

Here are reminders and new information that will help you make the most of the meetings:

Dates:

- Tuesday 2 March - [Overseas Protection and Resettlement](#)
- Wednesday 3 March - [Immigration and Settlement](#)
- Thursday 4 March - [Inland Protection](#)

All meetings will last 2.5 hours including a 15 minute break, Start time: 11 am PST

Objectives:

- Planning workshops at CCR Spring consultation (26 May – 10 June)
- Identifying priority actions for members and CCR
- Key information-sharing

Participation:

We need you to go to Slido (Ideas section) to **vote up the workshop suggestions there and propose others!** Also, use the Q&A section to identify new or important issues that you think might be relevant for the WG to discuss or know about:

- Slido for OPR: <https://app.sli.do/event/mmplzic6>
- Slido for I&S: <https://app.sli.do/event/0avyre9c>
- Slido for IP: <https://app.sli.do/event/u0s3vwwi>

Registration:

Here are the links to register. Please note that you can choose to attend one, two or all of the WG meetings:

- [Overseas Protection and Resettlement \(OPR\) Working Group Meeting on Tuesday 2 March](#)
- [Immigration and Settlement \(I&S\) Working Group Meeting on Wednesday 3 March](#)
- [Inland Protection \(IP\) Working Group Meeting on Thursday 4 March](#)

If you have a question ahead of the meetings you can contact:

- For OPR and IP: Janet Dench at jdensch@ccrweb.ca
- For I&S: Sandra Gasana at sgasana@ccrweb.ca

"The [Vancouver Youth Choir](#) (VYC) is starting a new choir for **newcomer youth aged 13-18** years old. There is no cost associated, no previous experience of music required, and all levels of English are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to connect to others and explore new skills in a community-oriented setting.
Open to all youth throughout the Lower Mainland

See the attached poster. It has a clickable registration link and is translated into a number of languages. If you have any questions feel free to email the VYC director, Carrie Tennant at carrietennant@gmail.com"

POSTER ATTACHED ALSO



VYC Kindred

A new choir for newcomers aged 13-18. Singers will participate in song-learning workshops and a recording project in April and May 2021. This program is free of cost, with no experience required. All youth who are new to Canada and have a love of singing are welcome.

- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- SING TOGETHER WITH OTHER YOUTH
- LEARN ABOUT YOUR VOICE
- NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
- ALL ENGLISH LEVELS WELCOME

REGISTER

ONLINE AT [VANCOUVERYOUTHCHOIR.COM/CHOIRS/VYCKINDRED](https://vancouveryouthchoir.com/choirs/vyckindred)

中文登記 MAGREHISTROSA TAGALOG MATRICULATE EN LENGUA ESPAÑOLA
रिजिस्ट्रेशन के लिए जायें।
سجل باللغة العربية كيت نام به زبان فارسی

Regular matters: Credibility determination and the institutional habitus in a Swiss asylum office

Laura Affolter

Comparative Migration Studies – Open access journal | Revue en libre accès

Published online January 29, 2021 | Publié en ligne le 29 janvier 2021

Abstract | Résumé

"This article seeks to understand a common and regular feature of asylum decision-making, namely, that the majority of asylum claims are rejected mostly on the basis of non-credibility. It draws on a bottom-up, qualitative study of an administration in which asylum decision-making takes place at the Swiss Secretariat for Migration. By adopting a practice-theoretical approach to administrative work, it advocates paying attention to caseworkers' routinised, self-evident and largely unquestioned behaviours, not only in terms of what they do, but also of what they think, feel and know. Building on Bourdieu, it introduces the concept of institutional habitus, which refers to the dispositions caseworkers develop on the job. On the basis of a specific decision-making practice termed 'digging deep', the article shows how these dispositions are structured and how, through the practices institutional habitus generates, these 'structuring structures' are continuously reaffirmed, leading to the relatively stable outcomes of administrative decision-making that can be observed from the outside. The article argues against the assumption that regularities of administrative work should be understood as the outcome of strict rule-following, top-down orders and political instrumentalism. At the same time, it challenges the individualist quality sometimes ascribed to discretionary practices in street-level bureaucracy literature and in critiques of credibility assessment practices in asylum adjudication."

Read or download the full article | Consulter ou télécharger l'article complet (en anglais) :

<https://comparativemigrationstudies.springeropen.com/articles/10.1186/s40878-020-00215-z>

RESEARCH at a Glance
RECHERCHE en un coup d'oeil



External publication alert | Alerte de publication externe