Of all the information and memory professions, the archival field is the one that is most integrally responsible for the long-term preservation of and access to records and other forms of documentation, which are especially instrumental in the lives of people who have found themselves forced to leave their homes and homelands because of oppression, expulsion, war, natural disaster or economic exigency. This lecture will contemplate several questions:

- How well do official recordkeeping and archival processes witness and account for the actions and interests of refugees and other migrants?
- What are the relationships between organizational and personal and family records that should be supported in the contexts of destruction, displacement and diaspora?
- How are refugees and migrants using mobile phones and social media for information and documentary purposes?
- What official, personal, family and other records do they need and under what circumstances might these be deemed “regular” or “irregular” in form or deployment?
- What steps could the archival profession take to better support the records needs of refugees and migrants and make a more proactive contribution to the global refugee crisis?

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