

Prof. Roger Zetter to be hosted by ULiège as rotating Chair in Environmental Diplomacy (EDGE Project – Fall 2018 Semester)

The Hugo Observatory at the University of Liège (Belgium) will host Professor Roger Zetter (University of Oxford, UK) in Liège for a series of lectures on environmental migration during the 2018 Fall Semester.

This appointment takes place within the framework of the [Environmental Diplomacy and Geopolitics \(EDGE\) project](#), a EU-funded project implemented under the Horizon 2020 programme by the University of Liège, the University of Economics in Bratislava (EUBA) and Sciences Po Paris. Part of this project's planned activities include the hosting of a rotating Chair in Environmental Diplomacy by each partner institution. Professor Clive Hamilton (Charles Sturt University, Australia) has served as the first EDGE Chair, followed by Dr. Alex de Sherbinin (Columbia University, USA). Professor Zetter will then take over as the last rotating Chair under the EDGE project.

The lectures will take place as follows:

Thursday November 8th, 2018, 17:00-19:00

“Refugee Labelling - Why They Are Not Climate Refugees”

Friday November 9th, 2018, 14:00-16:00

“Climate Change and Population Displacement – A Macro and Micro Analysis of Mediating Political Power”

Thursday November 22nd, 2018, 18:00-20:00

“From Macro-Economy to Political Economy: Situating the Refugee Development Discourse at the Large Scale”

Friday Nov 23rd, 2018, 14:00-16:00

“Forced Displacement and Development: Evaluating Policy Coherence”

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Biographical information



Roger Zetter is Emeritus Professor of Refugee Studies, retiring as the fourth Director of the *Refugee Studies Centre* (University of Oxford, Oxford Department of International Development) in September 2011. His long association with the RSC commenced in 1988 as Founding Editor of the *Journal of Refugee Studies*, published by Oxford University Press, a position held until 2001.

Following undergraduate studies at Cambridge he completed his DPhil at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex; this research on the Greek–Cypriot Refugees from 1974 was the foundation for a career-long engagement with questions of institutional and bureaucratic power and the labelling of refugees and other categories of forcibly displaced people. In an academic career spanning over 35 years and with regional expertise in sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and the Middle East, his teaching, research, publications and consultancy have included all stages of the ‘refugee and displacement cycle’.

He has been a consultant to many governments and international organisations - UNHCR, UNDP, UNHABITAT, UNFPA, World Bank, ILO, IOM, IFRC, Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation, OXFAM and Brookings-Bern Project - and the governments of UK, NZ, Denmark, Norway and Switzerland and the EC; research funders include ESRC, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Paul Hamlyn Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, MPI.

Recent research includes: protracted refugee situations (Norwegian MFA); climate and environmental change and population displacement (MacArthur Foundation, UNHCR, Swiss MFA, Norwegian MFA); development-led responses to the economic costs and impacts of forced migration, and labour market access for refugees (World Bank, Danish MFA, EC, ILO); protection and forced displacement (Swiss Federal Commission for Migration, Swiss Federal Department for Foreign Affairs, Migration Policy Institute); framing humanitarian principles (IOM).

He has written over 35 peer reviewed papers, six books, over 20 book chapters, 15 major research reports and numerous op. eds. His 1991 *Journal of Refugee Studies* paper, ‘[Labelling refugees: forming and transforming a bureaucratic identity](#)’ is one of the most widely cited in refugee studies. For the centenary of Oxford University Press Journals, the paper was selected as one of the 100 most influential papers published over the previous century.