

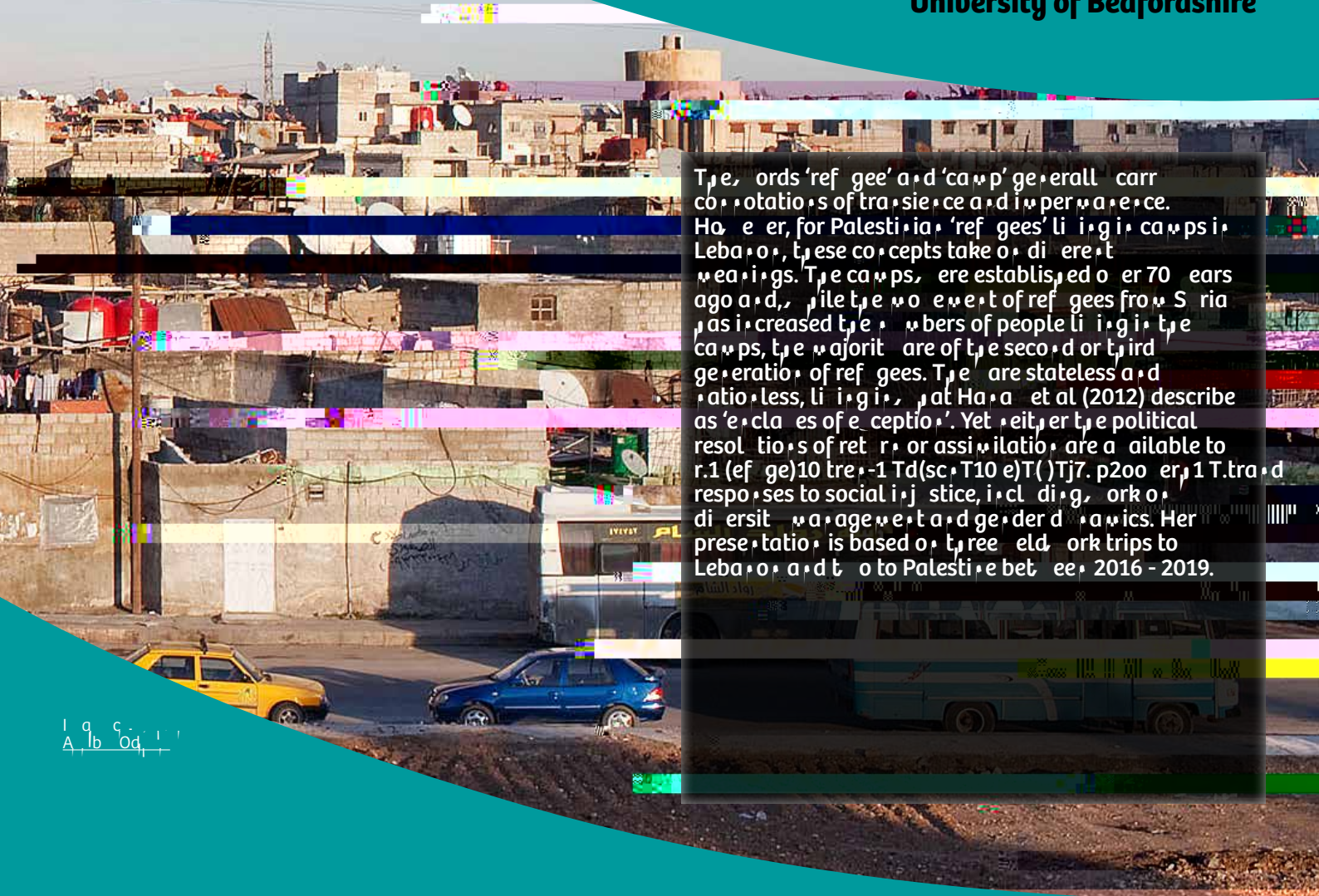


Webinar Series: Forced Migration

Rethinking Stability and Upheaval: How Women Entrepreneurs are Reclaiming Hope in a Palestinian Refugee Camp

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2-4pm

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The words 'refugee' and 'camp' generally carry connotations of transience and impermanence. However, for Palestinian 'refugees' living in camps in Lebanon, these concepts take on different meanings. The camps were established over 70 years ago and, while the movement of refugees from Syria has increased the numbers of people living in the camps, the majority are of the second or third generation of refugees. They are stateless and nationless, living in what Haq et al (2012) describe as 'enclaves of exception'. Yet, either the political resolutions of return or assimilation are available to them (refugee) or they are not (settled). This presentation explores the responses to social injustice, including work and entrepreneurship, and gender dynamics. Her presentation is based on her fieldwork trips to Lebanon and to Palestine between 2016 - 2019.

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