

ONE-DAY CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES, REPATRIATES AND STATELESSNESS IN INDIA

Date: 19th December, 2023 (Tuesday) Time 09.00 a.m. to 05.30 p.m.

Venue: Lawrence Sundaram Hall, Jubilee Building, Loyola College (Autonomous) Chennai.

The Department of International Relations (IR) of Loyola College in collaboration with the Women's Christian College, Madras Christian College, Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS), and the Jesuit Refugee Services organized a one-day seminar on 19 th December 2023 in the Lawrence Sundaram Hall of the Jubilee building. The program was conducted with our principal, Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj S.J, and other dignitaries on the dais, Dr. Ranjit Oommen Abraham, Head of the Department of Cyberspace Law and Justice, Academic Advisor, Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Dr. Bernard D' Sami, Senior Fellow, LISSTAR, Dr. Parivelan K.M, TISS, Mumbai, Rev. Fr. Paul Raj S.J. Director, Jesuit Refugee Service, Tamil Nadu (JRS-TN) and faculties and students in attendance.

SESSION I

40 YEARS OF SRI LANKAN TAMIL REFUGEES IN TAMIL NADU

Moderator: Dr. R.K. Radhakrishnan, Senior Associate Editor, Frontline

Panelists:

1. Dr. K. Paul Newman, Associate Professor, Department of History, St. Joseph's University and Principal, St. Joseph's Evening College (Autonomous) Bangalore, Karnataka 2. Dr. V. Suryanarayan, Founding Director, Centre for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Madras and is a member of the Academics for Advocacy Group in Chennai. The moderator of the session Dr. R.K. Radhakrishnan delivered the opening remarks for the session. Here shared an incident from the South Tamil Nadu floods, where the Refugees.

SESSION II

200 YEARS OF TAMIL INDENTURED LABOUR TO SRI LANKA AND

REPATRIATES

Moderator: Dr. K. Paul Newman, Associate Professor, Department of History, St. Joseph's University

Panelists:

1. Dr. Ashik Bonofer, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Madras Christian College.

2. Mr. I. Romeo Roy Alfred, Advocate, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court.

SESSION III

REFUGEE VOICES

Moderator: Rev. Dr. A. Louie Albert, S.J. Department of Sociology, Loyola College (Autonomous) Chennai.

Panelists:

1. Tibetan
2. Rohingya
3. Sri Lankan
4. African Refugees
5. Ms. Mary Treseena, Researcher on Refugees in Europe
6. Mr. Antony Arulraj on Myanmar Refugees in India.

The Moderator of the session, Rev. Dr. A. Louis Albert SJ.

SESSION IV

DURABLE SOLUTION – PATHWAYS TO CITIZENSHIP

Moderator: Mr. Satchithananda Valan Michael Head of Field Office UNHCR, Chennai.

Panelists:

1. Mr. Manuraj Shunmugasundaram, Partner, Ganesan and Manuraj Legal LLP and Legal Expert, State Government Advisory Committee for, Sri Lanka Refugees Welfare.

The valedictory began with students from the partnering institutions sharing their experience about the One Day Conference on Refugees, Repatriates and Statelessness in India. The valedictory address was delivered by Rev. Dr. L. Jebamalai Irudayaraj S.J, Provincial, Jesuit Chennai Province.