



# The Ethics of Research with Refugees

## A Workshop

12 July 2007, 3:30pm - 8.00pm

The Italian Centre  
262 Carrington St, Adelaide

### Purpose

This workshop is designed to provide a forum for discussing the particular issues that arise when planning and implementing research projects within refugee communities. The target audiences include:

- chairs and members of ethics committees
- researchers from all disciplines
- postgraduate students
- practitioners
- policy makers
- people from refugee backgrounds.

### Objectives

- To raise awareness of the issues associated with research involving people from refugee backgrounds

- To inform participants of national developments in relation to the ethics of research among refugee communities
- To identify current practice in South Australian ethics committees when considering applications for research with people from refugee backgrounds
- To identify best practice principles underpinning research with people from refugee backgrounds
- To initiate a process to develop best practice guidelines for South Australian researchers when researching with people from refugee backgrounds.

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This event is free of charge.



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## Workshop Program

3.30 pm	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> <i>Angela Ballantyne, Research Fellow in Bioethics, Flinders University</i>
3.40 pm	<b>Ethical Issues in Refugee Research</b> <i>Catriona Mackenzie, Associate Professor in Philosophy, Macquarie University</i>
4.10 pm	<b>Questions and discussion</b> <i>Angela Ballantyne</i>
4.20 pm	<b>A series of perspectives</b> Dr Julie Robinson School of Psychology, Flinders University An ethics committee member Mr James Lino University of Adelaide Ms Snjezana Bilic University of South Australia
5.20 pm	<b>Groupwork</b> Time to discuss and analyse a relevant case study and formulate questions for panel.
6.00 pm	<b>Break for food and drinks</b>
6.45 pm	<b>Panel discussion</b> <i>Angela Ballantyne</i> involving 4 perspectives + 2 keynote speakers.
7.15 pm	<b>Researching Asylum Seekers in Australia. Vulnerability, Bioethics and Human Rights.</b> <i>Dr Deborah Zion, Senior Lecturer, Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Monash University</i>
7.45 pm	<b>Questions and discussion</b> <i>Angela Ballantyne</i>
7.55 pm	<b>Where to next?</b> <i>Annette Braunack-Mayer, Associate Professor, Discipline of Public Health, University of Adelaide</i>

## About the Speakers

### Dr. Angela Ballantyne

Dr. Ballantyne's background is in genetics and bioethics and her current work focuses on questions of research ethics and justice. She has worked for the World Health Organization (Geneva), and universities in Australia and London.

### Ms Snjezana Bilic

Snjezana is from Bosnia and Herzegovina. She is currently a doctoral candidate in social sciences at the University of South Australia. Her academic research is examining the relationship between cultural rights and women's rights of Sudanese, Liberian, Iraqi and Afghani women of refugee backgrounds. She is also a Serbian bilingual worker and has assisted with editing and back-translations of questionnaires on mental health of young people from refugee backgrounds.

### Mr James Lino

James was born in southern Sudan and came to Australia as a refugee under humanitarian protection in 2004. He is currently a postgraduate student in the Discipline of Anthropology, University of Adelaide. James is completing a PhD on the settlement experiences of southern Sudanese refugees in SA.

### Associate Professor Catriona Mackenzie

Catriona Mackenzie is Associate Professor in Philosophy at Macquarie University, Sydney. Her research expertise is in ethics, applied ethics (including research ethics), moral psychology and feminist philosophy. From 2002-2006 she was Chair of the Macquarie University Research Ethics Committee.

### Dr Julie Robinson

Dr Robinson is an academic staff member in the School of Psychology, Flinders University. She has been involved in research about unaccompanied minors repatriated in Vietnam, the well-being of child refugees who were formerly detained, and the emotional and behaviour problems of refugee students attending New Arrivals Programs in schools in SA. She is about to begin a project examining the well-being of young Sudanese and Iraqi refugees and their families in Cairo.

### Dr Deborah Zion

Dr Deborah Zion teaches ethics in under-graduate medicine at Monash Malaysia, and in the Masters of International Research Bioethics, Masters of Public Health, and Masters of International Health. She is the lead investigator for an ARC funded project entitled "Caring for asylum seekers in Australia: Bioethics and Human Rights," with Associate Professor Bebe Loff and Professor Linda Briskman. She also co-edits Monash Bioethics Review.

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