

CENTRE FOR HEALTH POLICY

MPhil Completion seminar

The University of Melbourne

An exploration of factors influencing settlement of male Hazara youth who migrated to Melbourne as unaccompanied minors

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Wednesday 3rd April 12.00-1.00pm
Room 405A, Level 4, 207 Bouverie Street

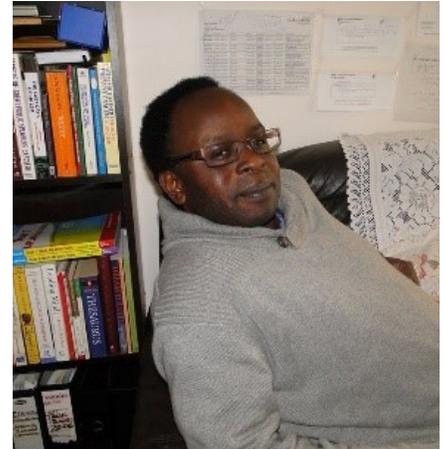
Globally, there has been an extraordinary growth in refugees and asylum seekers in the past two decades. Australia also experienced dramatic increase in boat-arrivals, of which many were Afghan Hazara including unaccompanied minors. Australia's settlement policy involves government-funded extensive support services provided to vulnerable unaccompanied asylum seeker minors (UAMs) pre-18 years in community detention and greatly reduced support offered to former unaccompanied asylum seeker minors (fUAMs) post-18 years in the mainstream community. This seminar presents data from select key settlement workers on the expectations and experiences of male Hazara UAMs compared to fUAMs during their early adjustment period (2008–2013) in Australia and how this support influences their settlement process and wellbeing outcomes.

The focus of the presentation will be on the exploration of an important policy issue for Australia that concerns the type of support services provided to unaccompanied asylum seeker youth with a potential to promote their effective settlement and wellbeing in Melbourne as perceived by settlement workers providing these services.

These seminars are free. Visitors are welcome to attend.
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John Kole had an extensive experience as a teacher trainer in Kenya prior to arriving in Australia and has recently taught at Goulburn Ovens Tafe in Shepparton. He has also worked in the migrant settlement sector with unaccompanied youth in several Non-government organisations in Melbourne. His research interests are in settlement policy, welfare support services, resilience and wellbeing outcomes. He has a Bachelor of Education from Moi University, Kenya and, Graduate Diploma and Master of Education (Student welfare & wellbeing) from La Trobe University, Melbourne.