



217th Lecture Series 7.30pm - 6 March 2019



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Between a border and a breath: refugee integration through languages and the arts

ABSTRACT

Refugee integration is of considerable concern to society. How to ensure refugees find a home in a society; how to do this with due regard for international conventions, how to ensure the process of integration is of mutual value and that the work of integrating is not only shouldered by the newly arrived. Drawing on a wealth of international experience this lecture will elaborate, by means of performance, poetry and philosophical intervention, ways in which the integration strategies elaborated in policy for Scotland, stand or fail against the ethical standards for citizenship and care for those who seek sanctuary amongst us. Drawing on Hannah Arendt and Giorgio Agamben, Elaine Scarry and Anne Carson this lecture will consider what it means to place the figure of the refugee, as opposed to that of the citizen, at the centre of concerns, as those seeking sanctuary gasp at their breaths, what our borders tell us about our normative values and ethics.

BIOGRAPHY

Alison Phipps holds the UNESCO Chair in Refugee Integration through Languages and the Arts at the University of Glasgow. In 2012 she received an OBE for Services to Education and Intercultural and Interreligious Relations. She is an elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences.

LINKS

<https://www.unesco.org.uk/unesco-chair-in-refugee-integration-through-languages-and-the-arts-university-of-glasgow/>

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/unesco/>

**All lectures take place in Lecture Theatre K3.25, John Anderson Building,
University of Strathclyde, Rottenrow East, Glasgow G4 0NG.**

Non-members welcome

The John Anderson Building is in the pedestrianised area between Rottenrow and Rottenrow East. Free car parking is available behind the building. From High Street enter Rottenrow East at the Barony.
Refreshments will be served at 9.00pm.