Vice-Chancellor’s PhD Scholarships

**UK refugee resettlement in hostile times**

## School of Social Sciences and Professions and Guildhall School of Business and Law

We invite a proposal on either one (or all) of the UK refugee support schemes: Syrian refugees (2015-2020); the Afghan resettlement schemes (2021-2024) and the Ukrainian sponsorship scheme (2022-2023).  There is much discussion about Ukrainians being treated differently from other refugees, we are interested in a PhD project that could provide thorough analysis and generate empirical evidence of how these programmes operated in practice to advantage or disadvantage distinct groups of refugees.

Possible research questions:

1. How and why have distinct refugee resettlement schemes been introduced in the UK over recent years?
2. How are these schemes implemented by specific service providers/ local authorities and with what effects?
3. How do refugees experience these schemes in practice? Do they feel resettled, what opportunities and obstacles are they encountering in their resettlement process?

We welcome innovative methods, including visual and mobile methods, to explore specific experiences in particular spatial contexts.

For further information and an informal chat please contact Prof. Louise Ryan

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