The political theory of LGBTQ refugees and immigrants

November 29-30, 2018, University of Ottawa

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November 29, 2018:

5:30-7: Film Screening and Panel Discussion, St. Joe’s Parish (151 Laurier Avenue East)

St. Joe’s Refugee Outreach Committee & Rainbow Haven invite you to a viewing of Rainbow Haven: Gambian LGBTQ+ Newcomers In Ottawa. This short documentary, directed by St. Joe’s Parishioner, Radamis Zaky, showcases the lives of LGBTQ+ refugees from Gambia as they settle in Ottawa. A Panel Discussion will follow. Radamis Zaky, director; Diane and Fatou, two recently arrived LGBTQ+ newcomers & Professor Annamari Vitikainen, University of Tromsø, Norway, will discuss the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ refugees in Ottawa and around the world. Join us for a stimulating discussion, a heart-warming documentary, and some light refreshments, from 5:30-7 on Thursday, November 29, in the Parish Hall.

Light refreshments provided by the Mission’s Food Services Training Program, from which Fatou graduated in June. The Mission is an Ottawa homeless shelter for men: https://ottawamission.com/.

7-9pm: Dinner to follow for all workshopers; Christine Straehle will be in charge (details to be sorted)
November 30, 2018:

Location: Faculty of Social Sciences Building, 120 University Private, Room 3040

**** Ikram Handulle will be in the hotel lobby at 8:45am PROMPTLY to escort you to campus

9am: Welcome and introductions, Patti Tamara Lenard and Annamari Vitikainen

9:15-10:05: Annamari Vitikainen, LGBT Rights and Refugees: A case for prioritizing LGBT status in refugee admissions
            Discussant: Matthew Lister

10:15-11:05: Kerri Woods, ‘Not Gay Enough’: LGBTQ Asylum Seekers and Epistemic Injustice
            Discussant: Avigail Eisenberg

11:15-12:05: Matthew Lister, LGTBQ Asylum and Refugee Protection: Problems and Prospects
            Discussant: Christine Straehle

12:05-1:20 Lunch, by Yasmin Catering, a new company run by Syrian women refugees in Ottawa

1:30-2:20: Mengia Hong Tschalaer, Between Queer Liberalisms and Muslim Masculinities: Queer Muslim Asylum Quests in Germany
            Discussant: Kerri Woods

2:30-3:20: Cyril Ghosh, Is Refuge an Entitlement for All?
            Discussant: Christine Straehle

3:20-3:45: Coffee

3:45-4:35: Avigail Eisenberg, Lying and the State’s Authority over Immigration
            Discussant: Mengia Hong Tschalaer

4:45-5:35: Patti Tamara Lenard, The Duty of Resettlement for (LGBTQ) Refugees
            Discussant: Cyril Ghosh

Dinner 7pm: Ottawa Art Gallery, 50 Mackenzie King Bridge (*** Patti will be in the lobby of the hotel at 6:45 to walk everyone over)