

***New Frontiers:***  
**Inter-disciplinary Research on Refugee Children and Youth.**  
**An International Conference**

The University of Iceland is pleased to announce the call for papers for a conference "***New Frontiers***" on refugees and asylum seekers with a particular focus on the experience of children and youth.

The organizers of this conference are a team of inter-disciplinary scholars who received a major, multi-year grant from the Icelandic Research Fund to research the inclusion of resettlement refugees from Syria and Iraq who arrived in Iceland between 2016-2021 with special attention on the children and youth. Among the topics that this project explores are second-language acquisition, education, well-being, support, participation, social networks, trust, and access to resources and services.

At this conference we would like to consider the comparative dimensions of the refugee experience and evaluate how this question has manifested itself in different settings around the world. We encourage research papers that address a variety of topics and aspects from cultural, political, social, religious, and economic perspectives. We are especially interested in contributions that are based on research on refugee children and youth and their experience with the educational and welfare systems, extra-curricular activities, language learning, access to services, mental and physical health, racism, and inclusion. Our primary interests lie in the experiences across Europe, but we are also open to papers about the Americas, Middle East, East Asia or Oceania. We also welcome papers on other relevant themes pertinent to refugees and border crossers from different disciplines including education, history, anthropology, sociology, linguistics, politics, media, literary theory, as well as inter-disciplinary studies. We are striving for a diversity of perspectives and approaches in order to create opportunities for researchers working on distinct themes to be in conversation with each other. We hope to facilitate the generation of ideas across disciplines and learn about experiences and research from different parts of the world.

The conference will be held on the campus of the University of Iceland in Reykjavik on October 31st - November 1st, 2025, and will include keynote talks, workshops, pre-organized panels and symposia on refugees and border crossers. The language of the conference is English.

**Abstract Submission**

The deadline for submitting proposals is April 15th, 2025. The abstracts will be evaluated by the conference committee for research depth, relevancy, and originality. We particularly welcome submissions that report original and previously unpublished research results. Multi-authored submissions are allowed though we will only accept one first-authored paper per person.

For individual papers please submit your name, institutional affiliation, contact information, the title, 3–5 keywords, a short bibliography, and abstract of your paper not exceeding 300 words.

Each abstract should include:

1. Research topic/aim
2. Theoretical framework
3. Methodology/research design
4. Main findings/Expected findings

A list of 4-5 references. References are not included in the 300 words.

For a roundtable, please submit a proposal comprising an abstract of about 300 words on the theme as well as the names and institutional affiliations of convener, chair, and panelists. Each roundtable should include 3-5 contributors.

For pre-organized symposiums/panels, please submit a proposal comprising the names and institutional affiliations of convener, chair, discussant and panelists, as well as title and abstract of about 300 words for the panel itself and for each paper presented.

Each abstract should include:

1. Research topic/aim
2. Theoretical framework
3. Methodology/research design
4. Main findings/Expected findings

A list of 4-5 references. References are not included in the 300 words.

A pre-organized symposium consists of a chair, discussant, and 3-4 individual presentations.