

International Health – SIG (Short Workshop Session)
Refugee and Asylum Seeker Health: Controversies and Possibilities

Day: Tuesday,
Date: 27th September 2011
Time: 8.30-10.30 am
Venue: Brisbane Convention Centre

Speaker Bio and Affiliation	Topic
<p>Tambri Housen is a former MSF Nurse and Public Health graduate with international experience working in South Sudan, Mozambique, and India. She is currently a PhD candidate at the Centre for International Health, Curtin University in Western Australia and as part of her PhD has undertaken research in Timor-Leste.</p>	<p><i>The voice of a Medecins Sans Frontieres Nurse: Experiences among the Internally Displaced in Southern Sudan.</i></p>
<p>Shanti Raman is a Community Paediatrician in Child Protection with South West Sydney and Sydney Local Health Networks. She is also Senior Research Fellow-Human Resources for Health Hub at University of New South Wales</p>	<p><i>Towards better health for refugee children and young people in Australia: moving from research to policy, advocacy and activism.</i></p>
<p>Jaya Earnest is Associate Professor of International Health at the Centre for International Health, Curtin University. Her research focuses on the consequences of post-conflict adversity and adaptive processes among refugee and migrant populations. Jaya has worked for 26 years in India, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, East Timor and Australia.</p>	<p><i>Hopes and aspirations of refugee youth: psychosocial well-being of refugee youth in Western Australia.</i></p>
<p>Maxine Whittaker is Professor of International and Tropical Health and Director of the Australian Centre for International and Tropical Health, School of Population Health, The University of Queensland. She has extensive global health experience especially in the Asia Pacific region. She is the PHAA representative on the Detention Health Advisory Group (DEHAG) of DIAC.</p>	<p><i>The dilemmas and challenges of a health promotion approach and public health advocacy in immigration detention environments.</i></p>

The presentations will draw on the presenter experiences to discuss issues of asylum seeker and refugee health, the controversies during 2010 and 2011 and the possibilities for fair and humane treatment of asylum seekers and refugees. After the four 15 minute presentations there will be an open discussion with the possibility of putting forward an advocacy position statement to the PHAA. This will be chaired and led by Prof Whittaker.