Rights for Time
"Conflict, Memory, and Protection"

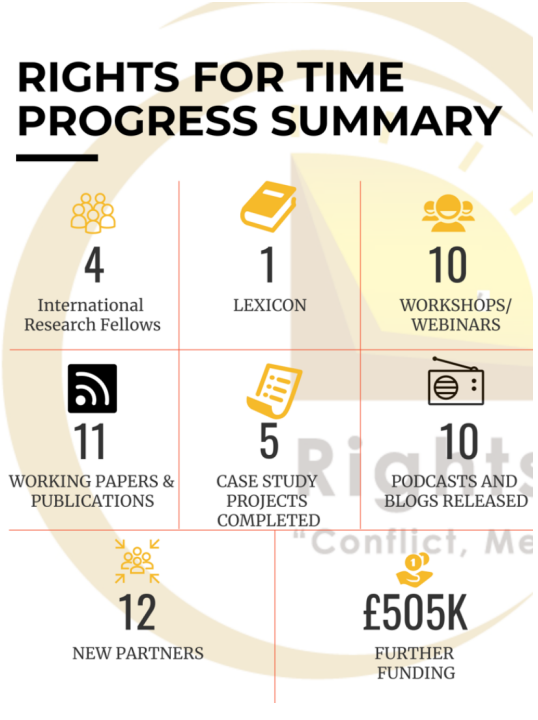
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Rights for Time members, friends, and colleagues,

We hope you've been keeping well and are looking forward to a cheerful and cozy holiday.

Welcome to our December newsletter, in which we'll be featuring updates on the Rights for Time network in 2022. It's been an exciting year for us. We are extremely proud of what we've achieved and look forward to what we've got coming up in the new year.

Moving past the covid19 and budget cut-concerns of 2021, we were able to carry out our case studies in 2022, with most case studies now having completed fieldwork and being in the data analysis, write up, capacity building and impact stage. We are thus pleased to share that the network is on track to fulfil its goal of leaving a beneficial legacy behind.



In this newsletter, we'd particularly like to highlight the work completed earlier this year by our case study team in Rwanda. There our partners, Jacques Nkinzingabo (Kigali Centre for Photography) and Richard Ntakirutimana (AIMPO), alongside co-investigator Zoe Norridge (King's College London) and curator-facilitator Renée Akitelek Mboya, worked with a remote historically marginalized community to enable them to tell their own stories about the past, ongoing challenges and hopes for the future. From photographic essays about older people and the forest, to images of the community engaged in activities from which they were previously excluded, the work explores the changing parameters of these artists' lives. It also reflects Rights for Time's commitment to providing public spaces for expanding perceptions of time and forging new connections that support social change. The photographs were shown in exhibitions in Musanze and Kigali and we hope to have a selection of images online soon.

Photographs below by Nyiramahirwe Angélique, Fidèle Manishimwe, Nyirabarimenshi Sharine, Kazungu Pascal (in the order shown)

Network Updates

Announcing the launch of our new website!

Welcome to the brand new RightsforTime website! The world is changing quickly and so is our understanding of humanitarian protection, therefore, the network is committed to rethink and develop its use of language and ways of working. This month our digital presence got a new look – for 2023 and beyond. The website draws together all of the information about our case studies and will be updated regularly to reflect our thinking and progress.

Please take some time to browse our new website and share it with your friends and colleagues – so we can keep growing as a network.

We are pleased to share that our team has grown and the Network now has two new Research Fellows. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr Abdullah Mohammed and Dr Kirstin Wagner.

Dr Abdullah Mohammad is a research fellow with the Rights for Time network, where he explores the ways in which language and history condition humanitarian protection. He is also the director of the Institute for Critical Thought, through which he convenes seminars and public programs in the humanities, and a Herschel Smith Fellow at the University of Cambridge

Dr Kirstin Wagner is a research fellow in psychology at the University of Birmingham. She is interested in interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral research that improves knowledge of how women and children are impacted by violence and protection challenges in complex environments. She is passionate about the hidden legacies of conflict and studies health-related topics with links to social justice, human rights policy and practice.

Advisory Board

Earlier this month, we convened our Advisory Board meeting, where experts from a variety of fields joined us to listen to presentations about each of our case studies, offering their much-appreciated thoughts, questions and feedback. We would like to thank the advisory board for the fantastic opportunity to receive comments on our work and celebrate our achievements.

Opportunities

Workshop in Scientific Writing Feb 9-12, 2023, Dubai UAE

A four-day intensive workshop has been designed for biomedical and social behavioural scientists at the graduate and post-graduate levels and mid-career professionals. This will be a hands on workshop where participants will receive supervised writing support and have the opportunity to revise their manuscripts to be acceptable for journal submission. Workshop is limited to 30 individuals, please apply early

Final registration deadline is January 30, 2023

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Member Activity and Achievements

- Prof Dajani and her team's documentary "The Neighborhood Storyteller" have been selected for the Hague Global Cinema Festival. The festival provides a platform for filmmakers from a variety of cultures to showcase the challenges and issues in all spheres of life. International audience and filmmakers get a chance to watch their films and appreciate others' cultures.
  "The Neighborhood storyteller" was also selected to screen at the LA Femme International Film Festival which focuses on platforming women filmmakers, "by women, for everyone". The Festival was created in 2005, to answer the need to enhance women behind the camera as directors, producers, and writers. It was the first women-focused festival in Los Angeles.
  Presented by the UAE Big Heart Organization, produced by Home Storytellers, and directed by Alejandra Alcala, the film has won a number of international prizes. See here to find out more.

- Prof Flowe will feature in this year's Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. Prof Flowe's fascinating research into the science of ID parades and police line-ups will feature in lecture three, due to be broadcast on 28 December at 8pm on BBC Four.

- Lady Wangu Kanja and Prof Heather Flowe represented RightsforTime at the international PSVI summit to talk about the importance of survivor/victim centred and trauma informed approaches to sexual violence and discuss the tools the Kenya case study team has developed to help survivors record evidence using mobile applications.

Through all these exciting changes, one thing that remains the same is our mission: to shift the discourse and practice of humanitarian protection by exploring how time conditions war, displacement, and violence.

Thank you to everyone for sticking with Rights for Time throughout another year, and for contributing to our myriad of successes. We hope you join us in resting up over this festive period, ready to come back stronger in 2023. See you all next year!

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