

European Centre for the Study of Migration and Social Care

RESEARCH SEMINAR

Wednesday, 25 June 2008, 12.00 – 2.00

Room: Cornwallis North East, Seminar Room 8, University of Kent

PROFESSOR SANDY GIFFORD

***“Using Visual Anthropology to investigate resettlement
with refugee youth in Australia”***

Sandy Gifford is the Director of the Refugee Health Research Centre at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia. The RHRC represents an innovative partnership between the University and the Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture - integrating research and education with service delivery and community development. Sandy's background is in medical anthropology and public health and she has a depth of experience carrying out research among culturally and linguistically diverse communities in relation to health, well-being and community participation. Much of her research and teaching has focused on issues of marginality and barriers to access to health promotion and healthcare. She has had a long standing relationship with the Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture which has resulted in the establishment of the research programme at the Foundation and of the RHRC at La Trobe. Her current research focuses on the social and cultural determinants of health among newly arrived refugee youth, formal and informal barriers to accessing health care among refugees and asylum seekers and refugee protection. Details about the RHRC and the research and teaching programmes can be accessed at www.latrobe.edu.au/rhrc.

Recent publications include:

Gifford, S.M., Bakopanos, C., Kaplan, I. and Correa-Velez, I. (2007) 'Meaning or measurement: researching the social contexts of health and settlement among newly arrived refugee youth in Melbourne', Australia. *Journal of Refugee Studies* 20(3):414-440.

Correa-Velez, I. and Gifford, S.M. (2007) 'When the right to be counted doesn't count: The politics and challenges of researching the health of asylum seekers'. *Critical Public Health* 17(3):273-281.

Correa-Velez, I., Gifford, S.M. and Bice, S. (2005) 'Australian policy on access to health care for refugees and asylum seekers'. *The Australia and New Zealand Journal of Health Policy* 2(23): <http://www.anzhealthpolicy.com/content/2/1/23>

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