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Brown Bag Lecture and discussion \
Sectarianism and Identity among Syrian Refugees in Jordan

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By Sarah Tobin

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The Jordanian government asserts that one million Syrian refugees reside in Jordan, sharing with the populace many concerns about this large influx and settlement of “foreigners.” While some attention has been paid to the impact of Syrian refugees on sectarian divisions in Lebanon, very little analysis has been conducted on the potential impact of Syrian refugees and sectarian divisions in Jordan.

During 2014, Sarah Tobin participated in women’s religion classes in a Syrian refugee camp in Jordan. She interviewed refugees from Syria about the courses’ content and obtained Jordanian reflections of the classes. Her lecture will reflect on the phenomenon that the influx of sectarian outlooks held by Syrian refugees prompt Jordanians to reinforce the narrative that Jordan is free of such divisions and will continue to remain so, particularly in nationalist narratives.

Dr. Sarah Tobin, researcher at the Christian Michelsen Institute in Bergen, Norway, is an anthropologist focusing on Islam, economic anthropology, and displacement/migration in the Middle East and East Africa. Her work explores transformations in religious and economic life, identity construction, and personal piety. I also examine the intersections with gender, Islamic authority and normative Islam, public ethics, and Islamic authenticity.

The talk on 13 December 2017 is organized in BICC’s Brown Bag Lecture Series “Displacement and Development” which aims to interlink conflict and displacement studies on the one hand and development respectively humanitarian aid-oriented analyses on the other.

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