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Public Lecture
on
**Forced Displacement,
Education and Opportunities**

by
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Time: 03: 00 - 5: 00 pm

Venue: Meeting Room-1, BRAC Centre Inn.

Forced Displacement, Education and Opportunities

During the 2018-2019 academic year an undergraduate course was launched on the prestigious University Scholars Program at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore called Forced Displacement, Education and Opportunities by Gül İnanç. The first of its kind in SEA it served as a platform for displaced students in Somalia, Australia, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand to come together (in real time via digital media) with Singaporean students to instigate the initial stages of an important and an urgent discussion. The outcomes of this interaction/collaboration were many, but the most significant and potentially impactful was a policy recommendation called the ‘Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Badges System’ at the heart of which was a new assessment criteria for University Ranking Agencies to promote higher education initiatives for refugee students. The core recommendations are now being presented formally to the UNHCR (Pledges) in Geneva. In her presentation Dr. İnanç will reflect on these student led initiatives and their possible implementation on a larger scale across the Asia Pacific Region.



Gül İnanç is an award winning lecturer at the School of Art, Design and Media, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. She is also the founder of Opening Universities for Refugees (OUR) an international non-profit which works closely with the displaced communities in Asia Pacific region, and the founding co-director of the Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies at the Faculty of Education and Social Work, University of Auckland to be launched in January 2020. Her latest publication is Access to Higher Education, Refugees’ Stories from Malaysia co-authored with Lucy Bailey and published by Routledge in 2018.

