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I am a researcher specialised in migration studies, with a background in project management, architecture, and team leadership. My target is to bridge the gap between research and policy and to translate knowledge into policy recommendations leading to significant social, economic, and urban improvement in vulnerable national and global contexts.

EXPERIENCE/SKILLS

Research

- Recognized expertise in international migration, forced displacement, refugee hosting policies, and refugee spaces
- Expertise in disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and emergency preparedness and response
- Context-based knowledge transfer bridging the gap between research and policy/practice
- Peer reviewed publishing and media communications
- Public speaking in international settings
- Primary research and fieldwork, independently and with teams of associates
- Editing in peer reviewed academic journals

Project management

- Management of a private architecture and contracting firm
- Design, management, and implementation of more than 60 projects in different sectors — retail stores, restaurants, offices, exhibit spaces, and residential spaces — in Lebanon and the Gulf countries (including technical and commercial bid analysis, quotes, and shop drawings)
- Team building; management of multidisciplinary and multi-ethnic teams of architects, designers, and construction experts.

Academic

- Former University professor
- Developing courses, leading workshops on humanitarian architecture targeting architects and urban planners in international post-conflict settings

LANGUAGES: Fluency in English, French, and Arabic; notions in Italian

CITIZENSHIP: Canadian

GENDER: F.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 – to date | Researcher in the [CÉRSÉ](#) (Centre d'Étude en Responsabilité Sociale et Écocitoyenneté), QC, Canada

2021 – to date | Board member and coordinator – Migration and Disasters Work Group, Architecture Without Borders International ([ASF-Int](#))

2020 – to date | Associate researcher, [Observatoire Canadien sur les crises et l'action humanitaires](#) (OCCA), axe populations réfugiées et déplacées

2022 – to date | Member of the editorial board, [Disaster Prevention and Management](#)

2021 – to date | Membre du comité consultatif interdisciplinaire de projet de recherche sur l'architecture et l'itinérance, **Architecture Sans Frontières Québec** ([ASFQ](#)).

2020 – 2022 | Editor, evaluator, and reviewer of case studies produced by academic peers for the [Adapto](#) project, Climate Change Adaptation in Informal Settings: Understanding and Reinforcing Bottom-Up Initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean, led by Œuvre Durable and funded by the IDRC

2020 – 2022 | Chercheure associée, [Terres en devenir: Conversions des usages des sols et production de la ville dans les Suds](#), **Laboratoire de recherche géographies-cités**, Financé par le comité technique "foncier et développement" présidé par l'Agence Française de Développement (AFD) et le Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Européennes et Étrangères (MEAE)

2014 – 2021 | Researcher in the disaster resilience and sustainable reconstruction research alliance (**Œuvre Durable**), Université de Montréal, QC, Canada

2015 – 2016 | Lecturer, School of Urban Planning, **McGill University**, QC, Canada

2013 – 2014 | Adjunct Professor, **Académie Libanaise des Beaux-Arts** (ALBA), Lebanon

2001 – 2014 | Adjunct Professor, **Lebanese American University** (LAU), Lebanon

2004 – 2010 | Adjunct Professor, **American University of Science and Technology** (AUST), Lebanon

1995 – 2014 | **Owner and manager of a private architecture firm**

- Project management
- Leadership and management of a team of architects, designers, and construction experts
- Conceptual design and shop drawings of architecture and design projects
- Technical and commercial bid analysis
- Project implementation, execution, and site supervision
- Hiring, supervision, and motivation of staff; management of budgets — Portfolio upon request

EDUCATION

2014 – 2020 | **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D. – Thesis rated exceptional), Refugee spaces and hosting policies**, Université de Montréal, Faculté de l'Aménagement, QC, Canada

Thesis: **Hostipitality, place identity and appropriation of refugee spaces: the case of Syrian refugees in Lebanon**

Supervisors: Prof. Gonzalo Lizarralde (Université de Montréal) and Prof. François Crépeau (McGill University)

1989 – 1993 | **Valedictorian in Masters & Bachelor in Interior Architecture** – Académie Libanaise des Beaux-Arts (ALBA), Lebanon

FUNDING & GRANTS (selected)

2022 | Conseil de Recherches en Sciences Naturelles et en Génie du Canada (CRSNG). Fonds d'Innovation Sociale destinés aux Collèges et aux Communautés. « L'intégration des populations défavorisées dans les parcs à Montréal : enjeux de gouvernance et d'appropriation de l'espace ». Chercheure principale, **Can\$ 300,000**

2022 | Fonds de Recherche Nature et Technologie (FRNT). Ecoles de Technologie Supérieure (ETS). « Carte carbone de Montréal pour la mobilité ». Cochercheure, **Can\$ 380,000**

2018 | Faculté de l'Aménagement, Bourse de rayonnement, **Can\$ 3,000**

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2017 | Winner of the first prize of the online debate organized by Œuvre Durable, **Can\$ 1,000**

2016 | Doctoral Scholarship SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier, **Can\$ 105,000**

2016 | Doctoral Scholarship FRQSC, **Can\$ 75,000**

2015 | Winner of the first prize for the thesis presentation, Observatoire Ivanhoé Cambridge, **Can\$ 250**

EDITORIAL ROLE

Gaillard, J.C., Kikano, F., Erika Go, C., Rodriguez Alarçon, M.N., (Eds.). (2022 ongoing). Oxford Research Encyclopedias: Natural Hazard Science. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Martins, N., Fayazi, M., Kikano, F. & Hobeica, L., (Eds.). (2020). *Enhancing disaster preparedness: From humanitarian architecture to community resilience*. Lisbon: Elsevier.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

Journal articles

Kikano, F., Fauveaud, G., & Lizarralde, G. (2021). Policies of exclusion: The case of Syrian refugees in Lebanon. *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 34(1), 422-452. doi:10.1093/jrs/feaa058

Book chapters

Kikano, F. (2020). Confinement, power, and permanence: Syrian refugees in Lebanon. In T. Scott-Smith & M. E. Breeze (Eds.), *Structures of Protection? : Rethinking refugee shelter* (Vol. 39, pp. 263-275). New York: Berghahn Books.

Kikano, F. (2020). Informality versus short-term regularization of the Syrian refugees' situation in Lebanon. In N. Martins, M. Fayazi, F. Kikano, & L. Hobeica (Eds.), [Enhancing disaster preparedness: From humanitarian architecture to community resilience](#). Lisbon: Elsevier.

Kikano, F., & Lizarralde, G. (2018). Settlement policies for Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan: An analysis of the benefits and drawbacks of organized camps. In A. Asgary (Ed.), *Resettlement challenges for displaced populations and refugees*. Toronto: Springer.

Kikano, F. (2018). Informal settlements as social places of life. In M. Fawaz, A. Gharbieh, M. Harb, & D. Salamé (Eds.), [Refugees as city-makers](#). Beirut: Issam Fares Institute for Public Policies and International Affairs, American University of Beirut.

Kikano, F., Labbé, D., & Lizarralde, G. (2017). Physical variables affecting space appropriation in places of refuge. In R. Bologna (Ed.), *New cities and migration*. Firenze: DIDA Press.

Lizarralde, G., Fayazi, M., Kikano, F., & Thomas, I. (2016). Meta-patterns in post disaster housing reconstruction and recovery. In A. Sapat & A.-M. Esnard (Eds.), *Coming home after disaster* (pp. 229-244). Florida: CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group.

Conference proceedings

Kikano, F., Fayazi, M., & Lizarralde, G. (2015). [Understanding forms of sheltering by \(and for\) Syrian refugees in Lebanon](#). Paper presented at the 7th iRec International Conference: Reconstruction and recovery in urban contexts, University College London, London.

Fayazi, M., Kikano, F., & Lizarralde, G. (2015). [The impacts of post-disaster reconstruction policies on different categories of households in Bam, Iran](#). Paper presented at the 7th iRec International Conference: Reconstruction and recovery in urban contexts, University College London, London.

CONFERENCES – ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES (selected)

Kikano, F. (2022, Upcoming). Podcast *Espaces migratoires*. [L'Envers des Catastrophes](#). **Auckland University of Technology**.

Kikano, F. (2021, May 26). [Policies of exclusion: The invisible disasters affecting Syrian refugees in Lebanon](#). Presented at From Crisis to Crisis: Syrian Refugees in Lebanon, **Metropolis international**.

Kikano, F. (2021, April 21). *The freedom to settle, a poisoned gift: The case of Syrian refugees in Lebanon* (Main speaker). Presented at Trajectories, settlements and narratives of Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan, **Institut français du Proche Orient (ifpo)**, Beirut, Lebanon.

Kikano, F. (2018, November 14-16). *Beyond the camp/No-camp paradigm. The case of Syrian refugees in Lebanon*. Presented at the 8th International Conference on Building Resilience, **University of Lisbon**, Lisbon.

Kikano, F. (2018, July 18-20). *A Comparative study of two types of sheltering forms for Syrian refugees in Lebanon*. Presented at Structures of protection: Rethinking refugee shelter, **Refugee Study Center, University of Oxford**, Oxford.

Kikano, F. (2018, June 21). [From spaces of exception to places of life: The case of Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan](#). Presented at the Design for Humanity Summit, **The Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs (IIHA), Fordham University**, New York.

Kikano, F., Al-Salem, R., & Sinanoğlu, S. (2018, March 16). *On spaces and rights: Refugee hosting and settlement policies in Lebanon and Turkey*. Presented at Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, Chancellor Day Hall, Faculty of Law, **McGill University**, Montreal.

Kikano, F. (2017, February 2). *Policy recommendations for the Syrian refugees' situation in Lebanon*. **IDRC**, Ottawa.

Kikano, F. (2017, March 24). Photo Exhibition: *Camps that are becoming cities, cities that are becoming camps*. Chaire Hans et Tamar Oppenheimer, New Conference Day Hall, **Faculty of Law, McGill University**, Montreal.

Kikano, F. (2017, June 01-02). *Settlement policies for the Syrians refugees in Lebanon and Jordan: An analysis of the benefits and the drawbacks of refugee camps*. Presented at 8th iRec International Conference: The Reconstruction and Recovery for Displaced Populations and Refugees, **York University**, Toronto.

Kikano, F. (2016, September 12-19). *Physical variables affecting space appropriation in places of refuge*. Presented at New Cities and Migration, **Università degli studi Firenze**, Dipartimento di Architettura (DiDA), Firenze.

Kikano, F. (2016, July 10). *Camps or No Camps. The Case of the Syrian Refugees*. Presented at **the International Summer School in Forced Migration 2016, Refugee Study Center, University of Oxford**, Oxford.

Kikano, F. (December 2015) *Camps or no camps: Housing and sheltering solutions for/by Syrian refugees in Lebanon*. Presented at Refuge from Syria, **Refugee Study Center, University of Oxford**, Oxford.

COURSE DEVELOPMENT – LECTURES

Kikano, F. (2022, March 21) Thesis presentation. PhD Talks, **Universidade Lusofona do Porto**.

Kikano, F. (2016, April 12-11) Lectures and workshops for Syrian architects and urban planners – Permanent and temporary reconstruction after conflicts and disasters. [Tahdir program](#), Ila Souria, **Syrian Popular University & Arab Reform Initiative, Gaziantep, Turkey**.

Fayazi, M., Kikano, F., Oliver, A. (2015, August) Housing and community reconstruction after disasters. Master's Program (URBP625), School of Urban Planning, **McGill University**, Montreal.

Kikano, F. (2015, July) [Lecture series and humanitarian design workshops for Syrian refugees: Reconstruction and participation of civil society](#). Ila Souria, **Syrian Popular University & Arab Reform Initiative, Zaatari Camp, Jordan**.

MEDIA (selected)

Kikano, F. (2022, March 4). Interview. [Guerre en Ukraine : Bilan de l'aide humanitaire en Europe](#). *Y a pas deux matins pareils*. **Radio Canada**.

Kikano, F. (2020). La pandémie à l'avantage du sans-abrisme à Montréal? **La Presse**. <https://www.lapresse.ca/debats/opinions/2020-12-27/la-pandemie-a-l-avantage-du-sans-abrisme-a-montreal.php>, Montreal.

Kikano, F. ([2019, June 28](#); [2019, January 18](#); [2018, January 14](#); [2018, July 19](#); [2018, March 30](#); [2018, March 7](#); [2017, November 17](#); [2017, November 12](#)) Filmed interviews (Online viewing) in Arabic and in French/Interviewer: M. Jobin, M. Abou Saab, F. Harouni. **Radio Canada International**, Montreal.

Kikano, F. (2017). [Déplacés syriens : le Liban ne doit pas devenir un incubateur de radicalisation](#). **L'Orient Le Jour**.

Dadour, S., & Kikano, F. (2017, March). [De l'invisibilité des réfugiés syriens: Le rôle des états en France et au Liban](#). **d'architecture**, 251.

MEMBER OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES (selected)

2021 | Member, **Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS / ACERMF)**.

2021 | Reviewer for the UN Global Assessment Report 2022, **the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)**.

2019 | Reviewer, 1st Latin American Scientific Seminar on Risk, Resilience, Humanitarian Architecture, and Gender. **The Marielle Franco Community Design Award # 2nd edition**.

2019 | Reviewer, **International Migration**, Wiley online.

2018 | Jury committee member, **Building 4Humanity Resilient Design Competition**, 8th International Conference on Building Resilience, University of Lisbon, Lisbon.

2018 | Jury committee member, **The Marielle Franco Community-Design Award**, 8th International Conference on Building Resilience, University of Lisbon, Lisbon.

2017 | Jury committee member, **The 8th iRec International Student Competition**, York University, Toronto.

ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

2018 – 2020 | [Online Debates](#), Vulnerability, Resilience, and Post-Disaster Reconstruction International Debates

2018 – 2020 | The 9th i-Rec International Student Competition, Florida

2018 – 2020 | Œuvre Durable Seminars, Montréal