

# OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

## ***THE Awards 2019 – Research Project of the Year: Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences***

Institution/Nominee	Oxford Brookes University
Title	Being a father and a refugee: Comparing men’s fatherhood and family ‘integration’ experiences in the UK and Sweden.
Key personnel	Professor Tina Miller, Oxford Brookes University Professor Esther Dermott, University of Bristol Dr Therése Wissö, University of Gothenburg
Submission	<p>Large-scale forced migration to Europe resulting from the Syrian war hit its peak in 2015-2016. Media reporting typically portrayed the male migrants as being a risk to society; however, this ignored the fact that many were also fathers with caring and family responsibilities.</p> <p>Professor Tina Miller’s research has uniquely focused on the missing voices and experiences of Syrian refugee fathers and their family’s experiences of integration. This has contributed a more nuanced understanding of ideas of refugee and migrant ‘integration’ and cultural ideas of ‘good’ fatherhood. The findings will inform policies related to supporting everyday family practices.</p> <p>The delicate research entails creative international collaboration between colleagues in the UK and Sweden – including Syrian research assistants – to examine how experiences differ between the countries.</p> <p>Insight is being shared across various arenas including with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and provides a critical missing perspective from the viewpoint of fathers.</p>