Assisting recovery from the scars of torture and refugee trauma is a crucial component of successful refugee resettlement. The 1st Australia and New Zealand Refugee Trauma Recovery in Resettlement Conference in Sydney, Australia, 29-31 March 2017, Sydney, Australia, will explore the complementary role and challenges of specialist torture and trauma agencies, health services, settlement services, English and employment programs, education institutions, the community sector and policy makers, in promoting trauma recovery and successful cultural transition and integration in the context of high income Western countries.

Innovative individual and community based refugee trauma recovery interventions will be showcased by presenters from around Australia, New Zealand and the world, in plenary and 7 themed oral paper presentation sessions, and 10 pre-conference workshops. The unique conference format will also give delegates the opportunity to discuss important issues with expert panels in 7 themed round table discussions focused around key topics of interest, and hear from people from refugee backgrounds who have rebuilt their lives in a resettlement country. The conference will conclude with a plenary panel of star national and international experts.

Thank you to all of the keynote speakers, oral and poster presenters, panellists, chairs and moderators for sharing your expertise and passion. Thank you to the conference organising team at STARTTS, the FASSTT steering committee, the abstract reviewers and everyone else who contributed to making this conference happen. Thank you to our sponsors and supporters for their generous support of the conference. And finally we’d like to thank our clients who continually inspire us with their courage and resilience.

We pay our respect and acknowledge Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of this land which we live and work on.
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**WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2017**

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**Social event**

- Free networking event with canapés, wine and music
- Welcome by Jorge Aroche, CEO, STARTTS NSW
- MC: Priscilla Bul, Australian National University, South Sudanese Community

**A few words by:**
- Carmen Lazar, Centre Manager, Assyrian Australian Association – Assyrian Resource Centre, NSW
- Professor Derrick Silove AM, Foundation University of New South Wales Professor of Psychiatry, Liverpool Hospital, NSW
- Victor Madrigal-Borloz, Secretary-General, International Council for the Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (IRCT), Denmark
- Paris Aristotle AM, CEO Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC

**Arthouse Hotel, Graffiti Restaurant, 1st floor, 275 Pitt St Sydney**
PROGRAM: DAY TWO
THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 2017

8.00am-9.00am
Foyer
Registration
Complimentary tea and coffee on arrival

9.00-10.30am
Plenary 1
Wesley theatre
International, regional and national perspective on refugee trauma recovery and resettlement

Welcome by Jorge Aroche, CEO STARTTS, NSW
Keynote speakers:
- Suzanne Jabbour, Director, Restart Center for Victims of Violence and Torture, Lebanon
- Professor Derrick Silove AM, Foundation University of New South Wales Professor of Psychiatry, Liverpool Hospital, NSW
- Paris Aristotle AM, CEO Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC

MC: Victor Madrigal-Borloz, Secretary-General, International Council for the Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (IRCT), Denmark

10.30-11.00am
Foyer
Smith room
Morning tea - complimentary

Concurrent sessions – Oral paper presentations

11.00am-12.30pm
A1. Neuroscience
Green room
Chair: April Pearman, ASeTTS, WA
11.00-11.20am
Building an evidence based practice: Use of brain imaging in clinical assessment and evaluation of treatment outcomes
Mirjana Askovic, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

11.20-11.40am
Event-related potential in trauma-affected refugees
Dr Jessica Carlsson, Competence Centre for Transcultural Psychiatry, Denmark

11.40am-12.00pm
The impact of torture of the fear processing in the brain
Dr Belinda Liddell, UNSW Australia/Refugee Trauma and Recovery Program, NSW

12.00-12.20pm
The use of neurofeedback as a clinical intervention for refugee children and adolescents
Trix Harvey, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

11.00am-12.30pm
A2. Clinical – Children and Young People
Lyceum room
Chair: Nooria Mehraby, STARTTS, NSW
11.00-11.20am
Supporting children’s recovery from refugee trauma: Systemic and holistic work with children, families and schools
Dr Esme Dark, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (VFST), VIC

11.20-11.40am
Giving yourself a “brain freeze”- reducing self-harming behaviour in refugee children and young people with complex trauma presentations
Sarah Kristensen, Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT), QLD

11.40am-12.00pm
Strengthening cultural relationships and improving emotional regulation through drumming
Mehak Khandeparkar, Survivors of Torture and Trauma Assistance and Rehabilitation Service (STTARS, Adelaide), SA

12.00-12.20pm
Sandplay Therapy with Young Refugees
Chiara Ridaift, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

11.00-12.00pm
A3. Clinical Assessment and Screening
Pacific room
Chair: Gordana Hol-Radicic, STARTTS NSW
11.00-11.20am
A screening tool for identifying mental disorders in asylum-seekers and new refugees: The STAR-MH
Dr Debbie Hocking, Cabrini Institute, VIC

11.20-11.40am
Adversity and resilience amongst resettling Western Australian paediatric refugees
Dr Gemma Hanes, Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, WA

11.40am-12.00pm
Development and validation of a computerised self-report assessment platform at STARTTS
Jorge Aroche, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

12.00-12.20pm
The use of TOVA test in the clinical practice with refugee children
Sejla Murdoch, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW
Concurrent sessions – Oral paper presentations

11.00am-12.30pm

A4. Asylum Seekers
Wesley theatre

Chair: Ann Hood, RASNZ, Auckland

11.00-11.20am
Attachment-based group work for asylum seeker parents: the role of Torture and Trauma Services
Helen McDonald, Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT), QLD

11.20-11.40am
Making meaning through storytelling: Working with asylum seekers in South Australia
Teresa Puvimanasinghe, Survivors of Torture and Trauma Assistance and Rehabilitation Service (STTARS, Adelaide), SA

11.40am-12.00pm
Uncharted waters: assisting asylum seekers in the era of sovereign borders
Dr Ida Kaplan, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC

12.00-12.20pm
Complex Trauma, dissociation, delusion: Presentation of symptoms of an asylum seeker and role of a psychologist in clarifying it with the legal system
Frozan Esmati, Refugees As Survivors New Zealand (RASNZ), Auckland

Chair: Paula Peterson, FASSTT, Australia

11.00-11.20am
Working therapeutically in an educational and employment setting - using a holistic inter-services approach
Letitia Casagrande, Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT), QLD

11.20-11.40am
Ucan2 – an integrated approach to supporting recovery from trauma and resettlement
Gillian Kerr, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (VFST), VIC

11.40am-12.00pm
Putting the HeART in Language Learning
Anne Ooms, TAFE Queensland, QLD

A6. Community Interventions
Pollard room

Chair: Elise Barton, QPASTT, QLD

11.00-11.20am
Performing for healing or healing for performance - Mapping the seemingly competing intersectionality of healing practices and community development involving the arts with performance outcomes in relation to the rigours of theatre performance
Jiva Parthipan, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

11.20-11.40am
Women’s story-telling in The Third Space: A means for empowerment and a model for practice
Dr Paula Abood, The Third Space, NSW

11.40am-12.00pm
Iraqi youth dance project
Lina Ishu, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

12.00-12.20pm
Meaningful being: The experiences of young South Sudanese Australians
Dr Susannah Tipping, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC

A7. Service Delivery
Greaterex room

Chair: Susan Maddrell, STARTTS, NSW

11.00-11.20am
A memoir of making a Complex Care Clinic with refugee families in mind
Dr Anita Datta, Liverpool-Fairfield CAMHS, NSW

11.20-11.40am
Toward an integrated service system for refugee and asylum seeker mental health
Tanya Sofra, HealthWest Partnership, VIC

11.40am-12.00pm
Resettlement experiences and support needs of people living with disabilities from refugee backgrounds
Assunta Hunter, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC

12.00-12.20pm
The impacts of adversity: Understanding the complex social and psychological reasons for asylum seekers and refugees attendance at primary health care services
Dr Christine Phillips, Companion House and Australian National University, ACT
PROGRAM: DAY TWO
THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 2017

12.30pm-1.30pm Break

Concurrent sessions – Expert panel discussions

1.30-2.30pm Panel 1: What makes for a successful resettlement program?
Moderator: Victor Madrigal-Borloz, Secretary-General IRCT, Denmark
Panellists:
- Paris Aristotle AM, CEO, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC
- Abdullah Alikhil, Afghan Pashtun Community, Executive Producer, SBS Radio Pashto Program
- Violet Roumeliotis, CEO, Settlement Services International, NSW
- Jamila Padhee, Deputy CEO, MDA QLD, QLD
- Mary Willems, Coordinator, Anglicare, NT

1.30-2.30pm Panel 2: What happens when people are unable to resettle? Challenges of supporting asylum seekers and TPV holders
Moderator: Professor Zachary Steel, St John of God Professorial Chair of Trauma and Mental Health, NSW
Panellists:
- Joseph Szwarc, Manager Research and Policy Program, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC
- Bernadette McGrath, CEO, Overseas Service for Survivors of Torture and Trauma, Nauru and Manus Island
- Thomas Albrecht, Regional Representative Canberra, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Asia Pacific
- Shukufa Tahiri, Afghan Hazara Community, Policy Assistant, Refugee Council of Australia, Refugee Communities Advocacy Network
- David Manne, Human Rights Lawyer, Executive Director, Refugee Legal, VIC

1.30-2.30pm Panel 3: Advances in refugee trauma interventions and research: Where to from here?
Moderator: Dr Stuart Turner, Psychiatrist, Trauma Clinic UK
Panellists:
- Mariano Coello, Clinical and Research Coordinator, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW
- April Pearman, Clinical Development and Research Manager, Association for Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors (ASeTTS), WA
- Dr Fatin Shabbar, Research and Teaching Academic, University of South Australia, SA
- Professor Richard Bryant, Director Traumatic Stress Clinic, Westmead Millennium Institute, NSW

1.30-2.30pm Panel 4: Refugee communities
Moderator: Susan Elliot, Refugee Practitioner and Lecturer, New Zealand
Panellists:
- Jasmina Bajraktarevic Hayward, Community Services Coordinator, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW
- Fernanda Torresi, Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT), QLD
- Esta Paschalides, Government and Manager Relations Manager, Settlement Services International, NSW
- Om Dhungel, Association of Bhutanese in Australia
- Representative from the NSW Police

1.30-2.30pm Panel 5: How can health, mental health and refugee trauma services best work together to assist individuals and families with complex needs?
Moderator: A/Prof Roger Gurr, Former Director of Mental Health, Western Sydney Area Health Service, Clinical Director Headspace Youth Early Psychosis Program, NSW
Panellists:
- Dr Ida Kaplan, Direct Services Manager, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC
- Dr Christine Phillips, Medical Director, Companion House, ACT
- Dr Mitchell Smith, NSW Refugee Health Service, NSW
- Raphael Manirakiza, Burundian Community, Clinical Psychologist, NSW
- Representative of a mental health service

1.30-2.30pm Panel 6: Children and the school environment: How do we ensure interventions are trauma and attachment informed?
Moderator: Elisabeth Pickering, School Counsellor, NSW Department of Education, NSW
Panellists:
- Samantha McGuffie, Coordinator Schools Support Program, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC
- Naomi Brown, Children’s and Youth Coordinator, Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT), QLD
- Mikhail Kallon, Sierra Leonean Community, School Learning Support Officer, NSW Department of Education, NSW
- Kim De Decker, School Counsellor/Psychologist, Refugee Student Support Team, NSW Department of Education, NSW
- Stephen Siaid, Head of Student Wellbeing and Pastoral Care, Sydney Catholic Schools, NSW

1.30-2.30pm Panel 7: How can health, mental health and refugee trauma services best work together to assist individuals and families with complex needs?
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Panel 7: English acquisition and employment: How does knowledge of the impact of trauma on the brain inform service delivery?
Moderator: Jorge Aroche, CEO, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW
Panellists:
- Sejla Murdoch, Neurofeedback Counsellor, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW
- Reverend John Jegasothy, Tamil Community, Vaucluse and Tamil Uniting Church, NSW
- Belinda Liddell, Neuroimaging Program Director, Refugee Trauma and Recovery Program, University of NSW, NSW
- Felix Ryan, Director, Training for Change, NSW
- Navitas NSW representative

Poster presentations – Exhibition Hall
2.30-3.30pm
Smith room

Afternoon tea - complimentary
3.00-3.30pm
Foyer
Smith room

Clinical perspectives on refugee trauma recovery and resettlement
3.30-5.00pm
Plenary 2
Wesley theatre

Keynote speakers:
- Jorge Aroche, CEO NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW
- Dr Angela Nickerson, Senior Lecturer and Director Masters of Psychology (Clinical) Program, University of NSW, NSW
- Dr Stuart Turner, Psychiatrist, Trauma Clinic London UK

MC: Professor Zachary Steel, St John of God Professorial Chair of Mental Health, School of Psychiatry, University of NSW, NSW

Social event

Conference dinner and party
7.00pm-12.00am
Conference dinner
The Dockside, Cockle Bay Wharf, Darling Harbour

MC: Priscilla Bul, Australian National University, South Sudanese Community

Speeches:
- Peter Shergold AC, Chancellor, Western Sydney University, NSW Coordinator-General for Refugee Resettlement on behalf of the NSW Premier
- Associate Professor Munjed Al-Muderis, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Former Asylum Seeker from Iraq, Author and Human Rights Activist

Entertainment:
- Afrodisiaq – African drumming, dancing and acrobatic troupe
- Divine Danse Orientale – Traditional Iraqi and Syrian dancing
- Faith Band featuring Albert Yonan – Exciting Arabic beats
- Los Pibes Band – Gypsy Ruma Stylings
- DJ Don Bear – to keep you dancing until the lights come on!
PROGRAM: DAY THREE
FRIDAY, 31 MARCH 2017

8.00-9.00am
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Complimentary tea and coffee on arrival

9.00-10.30am
Plenary 3
Wesley theatre
Community perspectives on refugee trauma recovery and resettlement
Keynote speakers:
• Tracy Worrall, Chief Executive, Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT), QLD
• Susan Elliot, Refugee Practitioner and Lecturer, New Zealand
• Dr Alison Strang, Research Fellow and Psychologist, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
MC: Honorary Adjunct Associate Professor Eileen Pittaway, University of NSW

10.30-11.00am
Foyer
Smith room
Morning tea - complimentary

Concurrent sessions – Oral paper presentations

11.00am-12.30pm
B1. Post traumatic stress
Wesley theatre
Chair: Anne O’Connor, VFST, VIC
11.00-11.20am
The effects of torture controllability on symptom severity of posttraumatic stress disorder, depression and anger in refugees and asylum seekers: A path analysis
Lillian Le, University of New South Wales, NSW

11.20-11.40am
Predictors of positive treatment outcomes for trauma-affected refugees - results from two randomised trials
Dr Charlotte Sonne, Competence Centre for Transcultural Psychiatry, Denmark

11.40am-12.00pm
Applications of EMDR and EEG in treatment of clients suffering from PTSD
Gordana Hol-Radicic, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

12.00-12.20pm
Moral injury appraisals in traumatised refugees
Joel Colbourne-Hoffman, Refugee Trauma Recovery Program, University of NSW, NSW

11.00am-12.30pm
B2. Expressive therapies
Lyceum room
Chair: Robyn Smythe, STTARS, SA
11.00-11.20am
‘Tekoon bede’: Cross cultural applications of expressive therapies with families from Iran
Chanelle Burns, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC

11.20-11.40am
Developing an on-line intervention targeting mental health stigma in refugee men
Dr Yulisha Byrow, University of New South Wales, NSW

11.40am-12.00pm
Treehouse Theatre Projects: The magic of performance in youth trauma recovery
Catherine Maguire-Donvito, NSW Department of Education, NSW

12.00-12.20pm
Building a renewed sense of purpose and agency after trauma
Viviana Rodriguez Carreon, University of Sydney, NSW

11.00am-12.30pm
B3. Early childhood
Greaterex room
Chair: Assunta Hunter, VFST, VIC
11.00-11.20am
Facilitating participation in quality early childhood programs for families from refugee backgrounds
Cherie Lamb, University of New England, QLD

11.20-11.40am
The Early Years – supporting families with young children
Donna Chesters, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC

11.40am-12.00pm
Complexities, challenges and joys of early childhood work with refugee families
Rosemary Signorelli, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

12.00-12.20pm
The use of the neuromodulation techniques in treatment of preschool age children from refugee like backgrounds
Sejla Murdoch, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW
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Concurrent sessions – Oral paper presentations

12.30-1.30pm Break

1.30-3.00pm
C1. Supporting clinicians and others
Pendlebury room

Chair: Andrea Breen, Phoenix Centre, TAS

1.30-1.50pm
The role of the clinical supervisor in managing vicarious trauma and fostering vicarious post traumatic growth
Stephanie Long, Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT), QLD

1.50-2.10pm
Reflective practice approach to supporting professionals and organisations who are working with people from refugee backgrounds
Conrad Aiken, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC

2.10-2.30pm
Clinical Supervision: Managing Unbearable Projections
Rise Becker, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

1.30-3.00pm
C2. Trauma and the body
Green room

Chair: Ana Maria Alimant Holas, STTARS, SA

1.30-1.50pm
Physiotherapy to heal the pain of trauma stuck in the body
Veena O’Sullivan, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

1.50-2.10pm
Yoga for refugees healing from torture and trauma: A mixed methods evaluation
Danielle Begg, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS) and The Vasudhara Foundation, NSW

2.10-2.30pm
“In Shape – A lifestyle modification program”
Rocio Martinez, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

2.30-2.50pm
Reconnections - Chronic pain group
Matthew Seabrook, Survivors of Torture and Trauma Assistance and Rehabilitation Service (STTARS, Adelaide), SA

1.30-3.00pm
C3. Clinical treatment approaches
Lyceum room

Chair: Bernadette McGrath, OSSTT, Nauru and Manus Island

1.30-1.50pm
Responding to refugee trauma: Explorations in narrative practices with people from refugee and asylum seeking backgrounds
Chanelle Burns, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST)

1.50-2.10pm
Results from three consecutive randomised trials on the treatment effect among trauma-affected refugees: What have we learnt and where should we go from here?
Dr Jessica Carlsson, Competence Centre for Transcultural Psychiatry, Denmark

2.10-2.30pm
Cross cultural assessment and treatment of psychological trauma and PTSD: Western conceptualisations and eastern experiences
Neeraja Sanmuhanathan, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

2.30-2.50pm
Breaking the silence through MANTRA: Empowering MAN survivors of Torture and Rape
Pearl Fernandes, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

1.30-3.00pm
C4. Families
Wesley theatre

Chair: Lisa Johnson, STTARS, SA

1.30-1.50pm
Countering parent blame with mothers from refugee backgrounds: The impact of parent-blaming discourses on parents and children settling in Australia
Emma Preece Boyd, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC

1.50-2.10pm
Mainstreaming mental health into the Families in Cultural Transition Program
Susan Cunningham, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

2.10-2.30pm
Refugee families taking strides with practical case management support and sensitive trauma informed approaches
Gail Westcott, Settlement Services International, NSW

2.30-2.50pm
Reification, silence and contradiction in Tamil refugee families: How parents and children approach past loss and trauma
Dr Lux Ratnamohan, Psychiatry Research and Teaching Unit, Liverpool Hospital, NSW
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Md Chowdhury, Auckland University of Technology (AUT), NZ

Refugee and asylum seeker children and families in Australian ‘alternate’ places of detention
Ryan Essex, University of Sydney, NSW

Responding to suicidality: Considerations for effective suicide risk management when working with asylum seekers
Dr Emma Boles, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

School’s In for Refugees: A whole school approach to supporting students and families of refugee background (VFST 2011)
Maureen O’Keefe, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST), VIC

Service efficacy: An evaluation of counselling for refugee survivors of torture and trauma
April Pearman, Association of Service for Torture and Trauma Survivors (ASeTTS), WA

STARTTS Capoeira Angola program evaluation
Dr Shakeh Momartin, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

STARTTS student’s placement and student clinic
Lucrecia Cardona, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

Syrian colloquial Arabic idioms of emotion. An assessment and therapy tool to promote cultural formulation
Ruth Wells, University of Sydney, NSW

The experience of pain among asylum seekers and temporary visa holders attending STARTTS
Dr Shakeh Momartin, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

The experience of traumatic injustice – A systematic review and meta-narrative synthesis
Haleh Abedy, University of NSW, NSW

The journey to a healed mind
Shaheen Kohsar, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

The social work response to the discourse of ‘othering’ when working with asylum seekers
Shannon White, Deakin University, VIC

Use of EEG and neurofeedback in treating trauma related symptoms in refugees
Mirjana Askovic, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW

What makes people vulnerable to developing Posttraumatic Stress Disorder? A study of the beliefs of resettled Iraqi and Afghan refugees
Dr Shameran Slewa-Younan, Mental Health, School of Medicine, Western Sydney University, NSW

Working effectively with asylum seekers on a negative pathway: Developing a best practice model
Dominica Dorning, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), NSW