

## ACADEMIC BULLETIN "REFUGEES: TODAY AND TOMORROW"

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publishes for the first time the results of a survey revealing myths about and among refugees, conducted by the UNHCR founded Refugee Advisory Board (RAB). The issue also contains results from the survey "Access to the Labour Market in Bulgaria for Third Country Nationals" of CITUB. The futher tells the story of Freddie and Linda, who come to Bulgaria from Iraq, and the campaign of Multi Kulti Collective about their burned house just before Christmas. The traditional feature "Countries of Origin" reveals the history of ancient Iraq. The feature "The Voice have the Practitioners" shares the expertise of the colleagues from the "Mission Wings" Foundation working in Harmanli and the region. This time, the "Legal Expert" section focuses on alternatives to immigration detention, analyzing the relevant measures provided by law and the possibility of their actual implementation. The good practice from Europe in the academic field this time comes from Dublin and tells about the Master's program "Integration of Refugees" at the Dublin City University. As a transition to the student section is the story made by intern who was part of the UNHCR practicum, organized for the second year for Arabic Studies students. The Student section includes two interviews with experts, one with a lecturer and one reveals the personal story and struggles of a refugee.

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