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### *Open Lecture*

on

## Global Refugee Crisis and the New Lexicon:

by



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#### **Abstract**

In this lecture, the speaker shall talk about the extent of the global refugee crisis, the source points, the role of Western powers and the need for revisiting the Global Humanitarian Laws. She shall draw the connect with the Indian response to the Rohingyas, the call by multi-party parliamentarians for a comprehensive refugee law. She will also throw light on the global debate going on the appropriate words for describing the crisis, refugee, migrants or people and families and the genesis of the word play. She will also shed light on what transpired at the first ever UN Global Refugee Summit and how the world leaders measured up. She will conclude with why this topic touches every one and why every thinking citizen and institutions into teaching and critical thinking, need to engage.

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