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## Session One: October 28th - 4pm Challenging Responses: Issues of Ethnicity

Chair: Avril Bell

**Luke Gahan, Barbara Masser, Cecilia Mwangi, Rachel Thorpe, Tanya Davison**

**Facilitators and Barriers to Ethnic Minority Blood Donation: Perspectives from Polynesian/Melanesian, sub-Saharan African, and East/South-East Asian Blood Donors in Australia.**

With the increasing ethnic diversity of the Australian population there has been a growing number of patients requiring transfusions of rarer blood types. People from ethnic minority groups are generally less likely to donate blood and this can lead to shortages for some patients from these communities. In this presentation we report the findings of a qualitative study with ethnic minority donors by the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood. The study aimed to address gaps in knowledge on the barriers/facilitators to the recruitment/retention of ethnic minority blood donors in Australia – in particular, Polynesian/Melanesian, sub-Saharan African, or East/South East Asian peoples. Participants facilitators and barriers to blood donation were enmeshed with, and shaped by, their culture and/or minority status. The findings demonstrate the multifaceted and interrelated nature of the motivators and barriers experienced by ethnic minorities to become and remain a blood donor in Australia. We discuss the implication.

**Luiz Guilherme Natalio de Mello - Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná**

**Humanitarian Visa and Environmentally Induced Population Displacement: Brazil's and New Zealand's responses**

After the 2010 Haiti Earthquake, many Haitian migrants began arriving in Brazil. Likewise, the environmental impacts of rising sea levels in the Pacific islands countries are motivating Pacific Islanders to migrate to New Zealand. Such issues made the governments of Brazil and New Zealand propose to create humanitarian visas to respond to environmentally induced migration. By using a qualitative document analysis research, this study investigates the discussions and government deliberations in Brazil and New Zealand over the implementation of a humanitarian visa scheme for Haitian and Pacific Islanders, respectively. The results reveal that the arrival of Haitian immigrants encouraged the Government of Brazil to grant humanitarian visas to Haitian citizens due to the 2010 Haiti Earthquake. Despite the initial plan, the New Zealand Government has not implemented the humanitarian visa yet. Instead, the Government is proposing to modify specific immigration policies, such as the Pacific Access Category (PAC) and the Samoan Quota (SQ) to approach climate change migration in the Pacific islands region.