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MEDIA RELEASE

Robert Fisk brings on-the-ground perspective of refugee crisis to SFU Public Square's 2017 Community Summit

March 07, 2017

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With an estimated 21.3 million refugees around the world, Canadians are being forced to think about our responsibilities as global citizens.

WHAT:

Robert Fisk, an award winning Middle East correspondent for The Independent, will provide an on-the-ground perspective of events in the Middle East and the origins of the refugee crisis. He will be joined onstage by filmmaker, Nelofer Pazira, and Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations, Catherine Boura. The evening will be moderated by CBC correspondent Bal Brach.

WHEN:

- Tuesday, March 7, 2017
- 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE:

- Vancouver Playhouse Theatre
- 600 Hamilton Street, Vancouver

WHY:

- Canada has resettled 40,081 Syrian refugees as of January 29, 2017
- More than 7,000 refugee applicants entered Canada in 2016 through land ports of entry from the United States
- According to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Canada will welcome between 280,000 to 320,000 new permanent residents in 2017

ABOUT SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY:

As Canada's engaged university, SFU is defined by its dynamic integration of innovative education, cutting-edge research and far-reaching community engagement. SFU was founded more than 50 years ago with a mission to be a different kind of university—to bring an interdisciplinary approach to learning, embrace bold initiatives, and engage with communities near and far. Today, SFU is Canada's leading comprehensive research university and is ranked one of the top universities in the world. With campuses in British Columbia's three largest cities – Vancouver, Burnaby and Surrey – SFU has eight faculties, delivers almost 150 programs to over 35,000 students, and boasts more than 145,000 alumni in 130 countries around the world.

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