



'Rethinking the "Regional" in Refugee Law and Policy'
4th Annual Conference, Refugee Law Initiative
3-5 June 2019

DRAFT PROGRAMME*

The Refugee Law Initiative Annual Conference offers a dedicated annual forum to share and debate latest research and cutting-edge developments in refugee law and protection.

This year's special theme – *'Rethinking the "Regional" in Refugee Law and Policy?'* - reflects on how a host of 'regional' questions loom large for the dynamics of refugee protection in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Middle East during 2019 and beyond. It asks participants to reflect on the construction of 'regions' and 'regional responses' to refugee challenges and rethink the changing role of both law and policy in these processes.

Key to Panel Sessions:

- Stream 1** Thematic: Regional Concepts and Themes in Refugee Protection
Stream 2 Thematic: Comparative Refugee Protection across Regions
Stream 3 Open: Topical Debates in Refugee Law

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* Note: All sessions, speakers, chairs, titles and times as advertised are provisional and may be subject to change or cancellation at short notice due to circumstances outside the control of the organisers.

Day 1 – Monday 3 June 2019**0845-0930 Registration****0930-0945 Opening**

- *Professor David Cantor* (Refugee Law Initiative)

0945-1045 Distinguished Keynote – Plenary Session

- ‘The Common European Asylum System 20 Years after the Tampere Summit: From Cooperation to Crisis?’
Professor Vincent Chetail (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)

1045-1230 Panel Session I**Stream 1 – Human Rights and the Refugee Convention in Asia: Nationality, States and “Regionalism”**Chair: *Professor Susan Kneebone* (University of Melbourne, Australia)

- ‘International Human Rights Law and Refugee Protection in Asia: A study of the Hong Kong Unified Screening Mechanism’ – *Dr Kelley Loper* (University of Hong Kong)
- ‘Nationality in a Divided State: The Legal Status of North Korean Escapees in South Korea and Implications for Refugee Law’ – *Dr Andrew Wolman* (City University of London, UK)
- ‘Why Did Japan Accede to the Refugee Convention in 1981, while Many Other Asian countries Have Not?’ -
Naoko Hashimoto (University of Sussex, UK)
- ‘Refugee Law in South-East Asia in the Post-Colonial Era’ – *Natasha Yacoub* (UNSW, Australia)

Stream 2 – Regional Trends in the Pursuit of Durable Solutions in Eastern AfricaChair: *Nicholas Maple* (RLI)

- ‘Uganda’s ‘Model’ Refugee Policies?’ - *Dr Lucy Hovil* (International Refugee Rights Initiative)
- ‘Conceptualizing Local Integration as Refugee Inclusion in Malawi: Bridging the Gap between Refugee Protection and Solutions in Refugee Law and Policy’ – *Sylvester Chapotera* (UNHCR, Switzerland)
- ‘Good Camp, Bad Camp: Opposing Representations of UNHCR Operations in Kenya’s Kakuma and Dadaab Camps’ - *Dr Cory Rodgers* (University of Oxford, UK)
- ‘The Politics of Practice and the Emerging Regional Convergence towards Refugee Policy in East of Africa’ –
Alexander Ray (SOAS, UK)

Stream 3 - Humanitarian Responses to Refugee CrisesChair: *tbc*

- ‘The Gap between Theory and Practice: Implementing Effective Accountability and Evaluation Mechanisms in Fluid Environments’ - *Dr Josiah Kaplan* (Save the Children International, UK)
- ‘When Refugees Care for Refugees - Locating Syrian Health Providers’ Response in Lebanon in the Humanitarian “evidence arena”’ – *Dr Diane Duclos* (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK)
- ‘Legal Perspectives on the Accountability of Humanitarian Actors in Displacement Crises’ – *Dr Sarah Singer* (RLI)
- ‘Whither Accountability? Alternative Pathways to International Protection for Venezuelan Refugees in Colombia and Brazil’ – *Joakim Daun* (RLI)

1230-1345 Lunch**1345-1530 Panel Session II**

Stream 1 – Law, Practice and Knowledge: Ethnographic Insights on How the EU Asylum System FunctionsChair: *tbc*

- “‘It Was a Very Cold Court Atmosphere... They Were Ready to Refuse’’: Discretion, Atmosphere, Norms and the Challenges of a Regional Asylum Policy’ – *Professor Nick Gill and Dr Nicole Hoellerer* (University of Exeter, UK), authored with [not attending] *Dr Daniel Fisher* (University of Exeter, UK)
- ‘Migrants as Users or Targets of Legal Information?’ – *Katharine Weatherhead* (Queen Mary University of London, UK)
- ‘Inherent Contradictions of the Case Worker and the Welcoming System for Asylum Seekers: An Ethnographic Study of the Autonomous Province of Trento, Italy’ – *Elena Giacomelli* (University of Bologna, Italy)

Stream 2 – The Crisis of Refugee Protection in Latin America: Time for New Approaches?Chair: *tbc*

- ‘Expanded Refugee Protection for Some: Understanding the Application Patterns of the Cartagena Refugee Definition to Asylum Seekers in Mexico’ - *Felipe Sánchez Nájera* (Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico), authored with [not attending] *Dr Luisa Feline Freier* (Universidad del Pacífico, Peru)
- ‘Architecture and Current Challenges of Refugee Protection in Latin America’ – *Dr Marcia Vera-Espinoza* (QMUL) and *Dr Gabriela Mezzanotti* (University of South-Eastern Norway), authored with [not attending] *Professor Liliana Lyra Jubilut* (Universidade Católica de Santos, Brazil)
- ‘Constitutionalized Human Rights Law in Latin America: New Hope for Refugees?’ – *Professor Stephen Meili* (University of Minnesota Law School, USA)
- ‘Protecting Cross-border Environmentally Displaced in Latin America: the Haitian Case’ – *Dr Beatriz Eugenia Sánchez-Mojica* (independent researcher, Colombia)

Stream 3 - Border ExternalizationChair: *tbc*

- ‘Refuge beyond Reach: How Rich Democracies Repel Asylum Seekers’ – *Professor David Scott FitzGerald* (University of California, San Diego, USA)
- ‘Contesting the externalisation of borders: migrant perspectives on EU practices of governing migration’ – *Dr Vicki Squire* (University of Warwick, UK)
- ‘The Transformation of Frontex and EASO into the EBCG and the EUAA: Business as Usual?’ – *Dr David Fernández-Rojo* (Universidad de Deusto, Spain)
- ‘Stemming Refugee Flows to Europe through ‘Contactless’ Migration Controls beyond Borders: What Responsibility for European States?’ – *Dr Mariagiulia Giuffré* (Edge Hill University, UK)

1530-1600 Coffee**1600-1700 Distinguished Keynote – Plenary Session**

- ‘After 50 Years of the 1969 OAU Convention: Whither the Refugee Labyrinth in Africa?’ *George Okoth-Obbo* (Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees – Operations, UNHCR)

1700-1900 Conference Drinks Reception and Poster Session

- For all registered conference participants
- Please see List of Posters at the end of this programme

Day 2 – Tuesday 4 June 2019**0900-1045 Panel Session III****Stream 1 – National Sovereignty or Regional Protection? How the Perceived Loss of Control Stands in the Way of a Functioning European Protection System**Chair: *tbc*

- ‘Associated to Common Standards?’ – *Dr Nula Frei* (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)
- ‘The Border Wizards’ – *Dr Constantin Hruschka* (MPI for Social Law and Social Policy, Munich)
- ‘German Hyperactivity’ - *Tim Rohmann* (MPI for Social Law and Social Policy, Munich)
- ‘The European Courts in the Political Crisis on Migration’ – *Dr Madalina Moraru* (Masaryk University, Czech Republic)

Stream 2 – Protection of Refugees in Southeast Asia: Indonesia’s Laws and Policies in Regional ContextChair: *tbc*

- ‘The Dark Side Of ‘Regional Cooperation’: Australia, Indonesia and IOM Cooperation on Migration Control’ – *Asher Hirsch* (Monash University, Australia)
- ‘The Normative Value of Indonesia’s Constitutional Right to Asylum: Indonesia and the Regional Response to the Rohingya Refugee Crisis’ – *Professor Susan Kneebone* (University of Melbourne, Australia)
- ‘Municipal Protection for Stranded Refugees versus National Exclusion: Is Makassar, Indonesia, a “Sanctuary City”?’ – *Dr Antje Missbach* (Monash University, Australia)
- ‘The Reception and Legitimacy of the International Refugee Regime in Southeast Asia’ – *Carly Gordyn* (Australian National University)

Stream 3 - ‘Vulnerability’, Human Rights and the State Response to Refugees and MigrantsChair: *Christel Querton* (Newcastle University, UK)

- ‘Violence Against Women, Migration Control and “Due Diligence”: Establishing Accountability for Violations of Women’s Human Rights’ – *Catherine Briddick* (University of Oxford, UK)
- ‘State-created Vulnerability as a Deterrent: The Case of Single Male Asylum Seekers’ – *Stephen Philips* (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)
- ‘“Enabling” Non-refoulement: Towards a Disability-sensitive Interpretation for Migrants with Psychosocial Disabilities’ – *Nicolette Busuttil* (Queen Mary University of London, UK)
- ‘Guardianship Systems for Unaccompanied Migrant Minors in Europe’ – *Patrizia Rinaldi* (Comillas Pontifical University, Spain)

1045-1115 Coffee**1115-1300 Panel Session IV****Stream 1 – Framing the ‘Regional’ in Refugee Law**Chair: *tbc*

- ‘Regional Refugee Frameworks, Conflict and Disaster, and Refugee Status Determination’ – *Sanjula Weerasinghe* (independent and affiliate UNSW, Australia)
- ‘Regionalism as a Concept Increasingly Operationalised via Bilateral Agreements’ – *Natalie Ozer* (Monash University, Australia) authored with [not attending] *Dr Maria O’Sullivan* (Monash University, Australia)
- ‘From Regional to Transnational: Refugee Protections in the context of US-Mexico Migration Governance Policies’ – *Alma Stankovic* (University of Graz, Austria)

Stream 2 – The Middle East and Refugee Protection: Emergent Regionalism or Regional Emergency?Chair: *tbc*

- ‘Refugees and the Arab Middle East: Protection in States Not Party to the Refugee Convention’ - *Professor Maja Janmyr* (University of Oslo, Norway)
- ‘Refugees and the Production of Space: a Regional Perspective on Syrians in Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq’ - *Dr Filippo Dionigi* (University of Bristol, UK)
- ‘Resilience, Temporality and the Humanitarian System in the Protection of Syrian Refugees in Turkey: A View from Gaziantep’ - *Irem Sengul* (University of Warwick, UK)
- ‘Humanitarianism, Development Aid, Response Plans, Compacts: The New Refugee Regionalism of the Middle East?’ - *Professor Dallal Stevens* (University of Warwick, UK)

Stream 3 - Integration and other Solutions for RefugeesChair: *tbc*

- ‘Refugee Naturalisation and Integration’ – *Dr Ruvi Ziegler* (University of Reading, UK)
- ‘Enhancing Access to Decent Work for Refugees’ - *Samarie Wijekoon Lofvendahl* (UNHCR, Switzerland)
- ‘Educational Programs as Hubs for Social Integration and Regional Cooperation for Refugee Children: Multiple Case Studies from Istanbul’ – *Dr Munirah M. Alaboudi* (Ibn Haldun University, Turkey)
- ‘Revisiting the Law of Refugee Resettlement’ – *Amanda Cellini* (University of Oslo, Norway)

1300-1430 Lunch**1430-1615 Panel Session V****Stream 1 – Legal Responses to Refugees in the Middle East**Chair: *tbc*

- ‘Protecting Refugees in the Arab Middle East States not Party to Convention: the Kefala System in the Gulf’ – *Dr Kristin Kamoy* (Griffith University, Australia)
- ‘Rethinking the Approach to Palestine Refugees in Law and Practice: A Bold Proposal for the Arab Region’ – *Francesca Albanese* (Georgetown University, USA)
- ‘The Rightlessness of Refugees in Libya as an Anomaly in Refugee Law’ – *Adel-Naim Reyhani* (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Vienna)

Stream 2 – Regional Institutions in EuropeChair: *Katharine Weatherhead* (Queen Mary University of London, UK)

- ‘The CEAS: An Increasingly Frayed Fig Leaf – *Alan Desmond* (University of Leicester, UK)
- ‘Asylum Decision-making through Mixed Administrative Proceedings: Holding the European Asylum Support Office Accountable’ – *Dr Evangelia (Lilian) Tsoardi* (University of Oxford, UK)
- ‘Border Control as the EU Regional Response: Frontex and the Nexus of Responsibilities’ – *Mariana Gkliati* (Leiden University, Netherlands)
- ‘Strasbourg’s Asylum Predicament: A Regional Court facing a Global Task’ – *Dr Janna Wessels* (University of Giessen, Germany)

Stream 3 - State Responsibility to Respond to Forced DisplacementChair: *tbc*

- 'Establishing State Responsibility for Forced Displacement: What Role for Causation?' – *Kathryn Allinson* (Queen Mary University of London, UK)
- 'Understanding the UK's Responsibility to Protect Syrian Refugees' – *Dr Chloë Gilgan* (York University, UK)
- 'The "Right to Remain" in International Human Rights Law' – *Dr Bríd Ní Ghráinne* (Masaryk University, Czech Republic)
- 'State Responsibility for Causing Displacement: Judicial and Non-judicial Precedents, and Gaps in Application' – *Sophie Capicchiano Young* (School of Advanced Study, UK)

1615-1800 RLI Research Affiliates and Students Network Meeting (closed)

- Optional – open to RLI staff, research affiliates, senior researchers, fellows and students

1800-1900 Inaugural Professorial Lecture (public)

- 'Are Refugees Special (and, if so, Why)?'
Professor David Cantor (Refugee Law Initiative)
- Optional – separate registration required by those wishing to attend

1900-2000 Drinks Reception (public)

- Optional - separate registration required by those wishing to attend

Day 3 – Wednesday 5 June 2019**0915-1100 Panel Session VI****Stream 1 - The Role of the “Regional”: Shoring Up Refugee Rights?**Chair: *tbc*

- ‘Ad hoc, Temporary Residence Permits, the Mercosur Residence Agreement and the Cartagena Declaration in South America’ – *Dr Diego Acosta* (Bristol University, UK)
- ‘Refugees’ Rights in the EU under Scrutiny of the Rule of Law and Human Rights Standards’ – *Professor Iris Goldner Lang* (University of Zagreb, Croatia)
- ‘The Politics of Asylum Generosity: The Determinants of Refugee Policies in the Reception of Colombians in Ecuador and Venezuela’ – *Omar Hammoud Gallego* (London School of Economics, UK)
- ‘Regional Efforts to Protect Refugees Against the Trump Administration’ – *Professor Jaya Ramji-Nogales* (Temple University, USA)

Stream 2 – European Union Regional Strategies on Asylum and MigrationChair: *tbc*

- ‘The EU Building Borders: West Africa, Western Balkans and the Mediterranean’ – *Dr Eleni Karageorgiou* (Lund University, Sweden)
- ‘Regional Disembarkation Platforms: Past Lessons for Current Times’ – *Margarita Fourer* (Danube University, Austria), *Dr Yusuf Ciftci* (University of Southampton, UK) and *Dr Natalie Dietrich Jones* (University of the West Indies)
- ‘EU Engagement with Libya on Migration Flows: Drivers, Tensions and Outcomes’ – *Noemi Magugliani* (National University of Ireland Galway)
- ‘The EU Returns Directive and its Recast: Effectiveness of Expulsion vs Fundamental Rights in Europe’ – *Dr Izabella Majcher* (Global Detention Project)

Stream 3 - Migration, Rights, RefugeesChair: *tbc*

- ‘Distant Claimants and the Political Function of Fundamental Rights Adjudication: Revisiting the Debate about Migrants’ “Right to Have Rights”’ – *Dr Dana Schmalz* (University of Bremen, Germany)
- ‘Sovereignty, Regional Legislation and the Role of Judges in Migrant Rights Claims’ – *Aishah Namukasa* (University of Kassel, Germany)
- ‘Non-penalization of Refugees for Irregular Entry or Presence and Restrictions on Movement’ – *Dr Cornelis (Kees) Wouters* (UNHCR, Geneva)

1100-1130 Coffee**1130-1230 Distinguished Keynote – Plenary Session**

- ‘South-South Approaches to Refugee Protection’ (title *tbc*)
Professor Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh (University College London)

1230-1245 Closing

- *Dr Sarah Singer* (Refugee Law Initiative)

Day 1 Poster Session – Sample of Posters

- ‘The Northern Triangle of Central America and Regional Systems for Refugee Protection in the Americas’ – *Dr Ruth Alminas* (Fort Lewis College, USA)
- ‘Building the Polish Diaspora in the UK: The Polish Resettlement Act (1947) and the Experience of the Refugee Law and Policy’ – *Agata Blaszczyk*
- ‘Modern Migration and the Integration Challenges’ – *Anja Ilic*
- ‘Migration Detention in the Americas: An Analysis of the Draft of the Inter-American Principles’ – *Felipe Augusto Lopes Carvalho* (ANAJURE, Brazil) authored with [not attending] *Uziel Santana dos Santos*
- ‘A Regional Perspective of Women’s Experience of RSD - The Impact of Administrative Insulation on Women's Experience of RSD in the EU’ - *Meadhbha Monaghan, Louisa Yasukawa and Camilla Ioli* (University of Oxford, UK)
- ‘Could the CPA for Indochinese Refugees Offer a Roadmap for International Cooperation in Response to “Regional” Refugee Situations?’ – *Riona Moodley* (UNSW, Australia)
- ‘Forced displacement and Human Trafficking: The case of Hydropower development in Laos’ - *Anouk Malboeuf* (MA in Refugee Protection, RLI)
- ‘Building and Dismantling a “Surrogate State” for Refugees in Greece’ – *Manos Moschopoulos* (MA in Refugee Protection, RLI)
- ‘Survival migration: A study of Central American Trans women’s decision to flee’ – *Cristina de Nicolás Izquierdo* MA in Refugee Protection, RLI)
- ‘Risk perceptions in the Irregular Migration Legal and Policy Frameworks of the United Kingdom and Australia’ – *Dean Thompson* (School of Advanced Study, UK)
- ‘State Response to the Massive Arrival of Venezuelans in Argentina’ –*Sabrina Vecchioni* (Federal Public Defender’s Office, Argentina) authored with [not attending] *Valeria Llamas* (National Commission for Refugees, Argentina)
- ‘Unveiling the Menace of Hidden Hunger in Refugee Camps: Nutritional Status among Refugees, State Responsibility and Key African Strategies on Migration and Nutrition’ – *Franck Maxime Yankam Lemdjo* (Pretoria University, South Africa)
- ‘Understanding Refuge for Protecting Refugees’ – *Dr Samir Djelti* (Mascara University, Algeria) and *Dr Hadjer Belghoul* (Mostaganem University, Algeria)