### ‘Ageing Gracefully? The 1951 Refugee Convention at 70’

5th Annual Conference, Refugee Law Initiative (RLI)

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#### DAY 1 - Wednesday 9 June

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Professor David Cantor, Director of the Refugee Law Initiative |
| 13.15–13.20   | Set-up                                                                                      |
| 13.20–14.40   | **Session 1A - “Injecting New Life into International Refugee Law”**  
Moderator: Jean-François Durieux, Refugee Law Initiative, France  
• “Soft Law and Hard Questions: The Role of Soft Law in Developing International Refugee Law” - Gillian Triggs and Dr Madeline Garlick, UNHCR, Switzerland  
• “The 1951 Convention Needs Fresh Optional Protocols” - Jean-François Durieux, Refugee Law Initiative, France  
• *The UNHCR Handbook: White Elephant or Eternal* |
|               | **Session 1B - “Non-Signatory States and the Refugee Convention: Snapshots from the Middle East and South Asia”**  
Moderator: Professor Maja Janmyr, University of Oslo, Norway  
• “Bangladesh’s Judicial Encounter with the 1951 Refugee Convention” - Dr M Sanjeeb Hossain, University of Oslo, Norway  
• “Ad-hoc Protection Norms: India’s Antidote to the Eurocentrism of the 1951 Convention”, Jay Ramasubramanyam, Carleton University, Canada |
|               | **Session 1C - “Under-explored obligations and accountability mechanisms in the externalisation of asylum policies”**  
Moderator: Maja Grundler, Queen Mary University of London, UK  
• “Migration Deals seen through the Lens of the ICESCR” – Dr Annick Pijnenburg, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands  
• “Externalisation after Arrival? Challenges to ESC Rights in Territorial Asylum” - Stephen Phillips, Åbo Akademi University, Finland |
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<td>“Different Systems, Similar Responses: Recent Policy Reforms on Asylum-Seekers’ and Refugees’ Access to Health Care in Germany and Sweden” - Dr Mechthild Roos, Augsburg University, USA</td>
<td>“Why Crossing an International Frontier Changes the Nature of Displacement? Questioning the Magic Power of International Borders” - Dr Leticia Calderón Chelius, Instituto Mora, Mexico</td>
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<td>“‘Otherness’ in the Labour Market: A Closer Look at Economic Inclusion within the Refugee Context” – Dr Tamara A. Kool, Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Netherlands</td>
<td>“Reducing IDPs’ Identity through the Legal Framework” - Andree Viana Garcés, Independent Researcher and Council of State Auxiliary Judge, Colombia</td>
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<td>“Surrogate Judicialization of Refugee Law: The Formation of Pathways between Nordic Asylum Authorities and UN Treaty Bodies” – Sarah Scott Ford, University of Copenhagen, Denmark</td>
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| 09.00–09.05 | Plenary – Welcome back  
Professor David Cantor, Director of the Refugee Law Initiative |
| 09.05–09.10 | Set-up |
| 09.10–10.30 | Session 3A - More than its Constituent Parts? How to Understand the Refugee Convention  
Moderator: tbc  
- “Protection Not Prevention: Exploring the Absence of a Prohibition of Displacement within the 1951 Refugee Convention” – Dr Kathryn Lucy Allinson, University of Bristol, UK  
- “Getting Wiser with Age? Article 1D Jurisprudence: From Stuck in the Past to Pointing the Way Forward” – Dr Kate Ogg, Australian National University, Australia  
- “Non-discrimination as the Rationale of the CSR” – Professor David Cantor, Refugee Law Initiative, UK  
- “The Temporal Scope of Refugee Protection from Armed Conflict in Australia and the United Kingdom” – Professor Hélène Lambert, University of Technology Sydney, Australia |
| 10.30–11.50 | Session 3B - “Externalisation, Responsibility Sharing, and the Global Compact on Refugees”  
Moderator: Dr Madeline Garlick, UNHCR  
- “The Right to Leave (to Seek Asylum) and the Global Compact on Refugees” - Emilie McDonnell, University of Oxford, UK  
- “Fair Responsibility Sharing, Responsibility by Capability, and the Global Compact on Refugees” - Dr Elizabeth Mavropoulou, University of Westminster, UK  
- “Rethinking ‘Regional Processing’ under the Global Compacts – The Indochinese CPA as a Roadmap for International Cooperation” - Riona Moodley, University of New South Wales, Australia  
- “The Global Compact on Refugees and the Rohingya Refugee Crisis – A Comparative Analysis of Externalisation Practices in Australia and Bangladesh” |
| 11.50–12.15 | Session 3C - Migrants, Refugees, Law and Borders  
Moderator: tbc  
- “The Migration and Refugee ‘Crisis’ as a Crisis of International Law” - Professor Ralph Wilde, University College London, UK  
- “Pandemic Borders: ‘Othering’ Forced Migrants as Anti-life Towards a Post-biopolitical Paradigm” - Dr Violeta Moreno-Lax, Queen Mary University of London, UK  
- “Maritime Autonomous Vehicles and International Laws on Boat Migration: Lessons from the Use of Drones in the Mediterranean” – Natalie Klein, UNSW Sydney, Australia  
- “Refugee Protection for Irregular Migrants? – Harm Experienced During Dangerous Migratory Journeys as the Basis for Asylum” - Maja Grundler, Queen Mary University of London, UK |
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- “Cessation and the Surrogate Role of Refugee Protection” – Dr Jessica Schultz, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway  
- “Cessation of Integrated Refugees: A Humanitarian Approach or Recognition of Social Citizenship?” - Dr Maria O’Sullivan, Monash University, Australia  
- “Cessation in the Shadow of the Convention: Complementary Protection, Integrative Links and Solutions” - Dr Nikolas Feith Tan, Danish Institute for Human Rights, Denmark  
- “Has Resettlement become a Temporary Solution? An analysis in light of the European Commission Proposal for a Regulation establishing a Union Resettlement Framework” - Dr Meltem Ineli-Ciger, Suleyman Demirel University, Turkey | Moderator: tbc  
- “Gendering the criteria for the return of refugee women: a focus on Darfur” - Natasha Yacoub, UNSW Law, Australia  
- “When All Refugees are not Equal: UNHCR’s Preferential Approach to Syrian Refugees” - Reem Alsalem, Independent Consultant, Belgium  
- “UK Refugee Law Post-Brexit” – Mark Symes, Garden Court Chambers, UK  
- “When International Refugee Law Becomes Impactful in Practice? Dissecting the Refugee Policy Process” - Zohra Akhter, Australian National University, Australia | Moderator: tbc  
- “The Past, Present and Future of Legal Empowerment of Refugees” – Dr Martin Jones, University of York, UK  
- “Digital Refugee Lawyering: Connectivity and Legal Aid Practices for Ensuring Refugee Protection in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq” - Dr Abdullah Yassen, Erbil Polytechnic University, Iraq, and Dr Mirjam Twigt, University of Oslo, Norway  
- “Challenges of Refugee Legal Aid in Egypt: Legal and Procedural Gaps” - Mohamed Farahat, Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights, Egypt  
- “Navigating Protection in Lebanon: Refugee Legal Aid in Humanitarian Operations” - Nora Milch Johnsen, University of Oslo, Norway |
| 12.20– 12.30       | Set-up                                                                                         |                                        |                                                                                  |
| 12.30– 13.30       | Plenary – Distinguished Keynote  
“The 1951 Convention at 70: A Postcolonial Perspective”  
Professor B.S. Chimni, Distinguished Professor of International Law  
O.O. Jindal Global University, India |                                        |                                                                                  |

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| 13.05–14.05 | Plenary –Distinguished Keynote  
"States and the Refugee Convention: Circumventing, but not Blatantly Disregarding”  
Professor Fatima Khan, Director of the Refugee Rights Unit  
University of Cape Town, South Africa |
| 14.05–14.10 | Set-up |
| 14.10–15.30 | Session 5A - Diverse Scenarios - Does the Convention Matter for the Legal Protection for Refugees?  
Moderator: tbc  
• “Legal Pluralism and Refugee Protection: Case Study of the 2015 Rohingya Refugee Crisis’ in Aceh” – Fitria, University of York, UK  
• “Law’s Making and Breaking of Refugees: Lawfare and Rohingya Refugees in India” – Aman and Ishita Kumar, O.P Jindal Global University, India, and Nayantara Raja, Asia Dalit Rights Forum, India  
• “The Possibility for Maturity? The 1951 Convention and its Protocol in Post-colonial Small States in the Dutch Caribbean”, Dr Natalie Dietrich Jones, University of the West Indies, Jamaica  
• “Appraising the 1951 Refugee Convention’s Role in the Venezuelan crisis” - Daniela Segovia, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Switzerland  
Session 5B - “Empirical Approaches to Refugee Law”  
Moderator: tbc  
• “Institutional Analysis of Refugee Protection Regimes” - Rebecca Hamlin, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA  
• “Data Driven Futures of International Refugee Law” - William Hamilton Byrne and Professor Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
• “The Contribution of Psychology Research to Refugee Status Determination” – Dr Jane Herlihy, Centre for the Study of Emotion and Law, UK  
• “Understanding the Politics of Refugee Law” – Dr Daniel Ghezelbash, Macquarie University, Australia  
Session 5C - “The contemporary role of the global refugee regime in sub-Saharan Africa”  
Moderator: Professor Jo Vearey, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa  
• “‘Now That Mugabe is Gone You Are Free’: Categorising and Differentiating ‘Persons of Concern’ at the Zimbabwe-South Africa Border” - Dr Kudakwashe Vanyoro, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa  
• “From Displacement to Freedom: The Free Movement and Refugee Regimes in Africa” - Achirin Akena, International Refugee Rights Initiative, Uganda  
• “Integrating Services for Host Communities and Refugees: Pathway to Local Integration for Refugees?” - Noah Ssempijja, MA Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies, Refugee Law Initiative, Uganda  
• “The Peripheral Role of the Global Refugee Regime in Shaping Refugee Reception Policies in Southern Africa” - Nicholas Maple, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa |
| 15.30–16.00 | Coffee break |
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| 16.00– | Moderator: tbc                                            | Moderator: Professor Cathryn Costello, Hertie School,     | Moderator: tbc                                |
| 17.20  | • “UNHCR’s Legal Considerations for the Protection of People Displaced across Borders in the context of the Adverse Effects of Climate Change and Disasters” - Dr Cornelis (Kees) Wouters, UNHCR, Switzerland | Germany                                                 | • “Fragility in Asylum Determination: Offloading Responsibility and Over-burdening Courts and Judges with Refugee Status Determination Decisions in Europe - Judicial Perceptions in Germany” - Dr Nicole Hoellerer and Professor Nick Gill, University of Exeter, UK |
|        | • “A Typology of Claims for Recognition of Refugee Status in the context of Disasters and Climate Change” - Dr Matthew Scott, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Sweden | • “UNHCR in Malaysia: Mandate and Protection Obligations Explored” - Dr Alice Nah, University of York, UK | • “Access to Effective Refugee Protection in South Africa: Legislative Commitment, Policy Realities, Judicial Rectifications?” - Dr Reuven (Ruvi) Ziegler, University of Reading, UK |
|        | • “Addressing the Protection Gap in Austria” - Dr Margit Ammer and Dr Monika Mayrhofer – Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights, Austria | • “Handover of Refugee Status Determination from UNHCR to States: Motivations and Outcomes” - Dr Caroline Nalule and Dr Derya Ozkul, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, UK | • “Refugee Reception Offices and the Limits of Class Action Litigation on behalf of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in South Africa” - Dr James (Jay) G. Johnson, University of Toronto, Canada |
|        | • “Do German Courts take Environmental Disasters into account in Asylum Cases?” - Judge Camilla Schloss, Administrative Court of Berlin, Germany | • “The Role of the UNHCR in the Refugee Status Determination Procedure: Protection without Impunity?” - Didem Doger, McGill University, Canada | • “The Refugee Convention and the US Immigration System” – Professor Jill E. Family, Widener University, USA |
|        | • “The Role of the UNHCR in the Refugee Status Determination Procedure: Protection without Impunity?” - Professor Cathryn Costello, Hertie School, Germany, and Professor Gregor Noll, University of Gothenburg, Sweden | • “The Determination of Refugee Status: Conceptualising beyond Binaries” - Professor Cathryn Costello, Hertie School, Germany, and Professor Gregor Noll, University of Gothenburg, Sweden | |
| 17.20– | Plenary – Closing                                          |                                                          | |
| 17.30  | Dr Sarah Singer, Refugee Law Initiative                     |                                                          | |

**Time Slots:**
- 17.20–17.30: Plenary – Closing
- 17.30–17.45: Session 6B - “Understanding the Role of UNHCR in Refugee Recognition”
- 17.45–17.50: Session 6C - The Role of National Legislation and Courts in Shaping Refugee Protection