

‘Ageing Gracefully? The 1951 Refugee Convention at 70’

5th Annual Conference, Refugee Law Initiative (RLI)

PROGRAMME: 9-11 June 2021

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DAY 1 - Wednesday 9 June

Time (BST)	Session		
13.00–13.15	Plenary - Opening Welcome 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Migration Deals seen through the Lens of the ICESCR” – Dr Annick Pijenburg, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands • “Externalisation after Arrival? Challenges to ESC Rights in Territorial Asylum” - Stephen Phillips, Åbo Akademi University, Finland

	<i>Flame?</i> – Dr Hugo Storey, UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"The Rafha Refugee Camp and the Establishment of UNHCR in Saudi Arabia"</i> - Dr Charlotte Lysa, University of Oslo, Norway • <i>"One Foot In: The Relationship between the Refugee regime and the UAE and Kuwait as Non-signatory States"</i> - Dr Jinan Bastaki, UAE University, United Arab Emirates • Discussant: Professor Dallal Stevens, University of Warwick, UK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"Pushing EU Borders into Africa: Frontex, Human Rights and Neocolonialism in the Sahel"</i> - Jane Kilpatrick, Statewatch, and Mariana Gkliati, Leiden University, Netherlands • <i>"New Trends in Responsibility Shifting to the Borders of Europe and Implications of the New EU Pact for Greece"</i> – Dr Eleni Koutsouraki, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Greece
14.40–15.00	Coffee break		
15.00–16.20	Session 2A - Refugees, the Convention and Access to Work and Health Moderator: tbc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"Showing its Age: the 1951 Convention and the Right to Work"</i> – Dr Diana Alberghini, Independent Researcher, USA • <i>"Empowerment or Extraction? Refugees' Economic Rights and the Legacy of the 1951 Convention"</i> - Emily E. Arnold-Fernández and Gabriella Kallas, Asylum Access, USA / Mexico • <i>"Different Systems, Similar Responses: Recent Policy Reforms on Asylum-Seekers' and Refugees' Access to Health Care in Germany and Sweden"</i> - Dr Mechthild Roos, Augsburg University, USA • <i>"'Otherness' in the Labour Market: A Closer Look at Economic Inclusion within the Refugee Context"</i> – Dr Tamara A. Kool, Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Netherlands 	Session 2B - New Pathways for Implementing the Refugee Convention – the Role of International Institutions Moderator: tbc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"Interpretation of the Refugee Convention – Opinions of the Advocate General of the CJEU as between 'judicial decision' and 'doctrine'"</i> - Janja Simentić Popović, University of Belgrade, Serbia • <i>"The Global Pledge Mobilizing the Legal Community to Address Asylum-Seekers' Unmet Legal Needs: Forging New Institutional Collaborations to Ensure the Implementation of the 1951 Refugee Convention"</i> – Stacy Topouzova, Oxford University, UK • <i>"The Global Compact on Refugees and the Evolution of the Architecture of Solutions"</i> - Dr Jerome Elie, Independent Researcher, Switzerland • <i>"Surrogate Judicialization of Refugee Law: The Formation of Pathways between Nordic Asylum Authorities and UN Treaty Bodies"</i> - Sarah Scott Ford, University of Copenhagen, Denmark 	Session 2C - "What does "internal displacement" mean? Opening Pandora's Box. An analysis from the Latin American Network on Internal Displacement (LANID)" Moderator: tbc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"Control and Protect: The tensions within the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement. Is this Instrument Really Focused on Protecting those Forced to Fle or is Avoiding Mass Exodus its Main Aim?"</i> - Dr Beatriz Eugenia Sánchez-Mojica, Independent researcher and LANID coordinator, Colombia • <i>"Law's Blind Side: The Inability of the Legal System to Understand and Attend to the Complex Nature of Internal Displacement"</i> - Dr Clara Inés Atehortúa Arredondo, Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia • <i>"Why Crossing an International Frontier Changes the Nature of Displacement? Questioning the Magic Power of International Borders"</i> - Dr Leticia Calderón Chelius, Instituto Mora, Mexico • <i>"Reducing IDPs' Identity through the Legal Framework"</i> - Andree Viana Garcés, Independent Researcher and Council of State Auxiliary Judge, Colombia
16.20–	Set-up		

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16.30– 17.30	<p>Plenary – Distinguished Keynote</p> <p><i>“Is ‘Ageing Gracefully?’ an Ageist Critique?”</i></p> <p>Professor James C. Hathaway, James E. and Sarah A. Degan Professor of Law University of Michigan, USA</p>

DAY 2 - Thursday 10 June

Time (BST)	Session		
09.00– 09.05	<p>Plenary – Welcome back</p> <p>Professor David Cantor, Director of the Refugee Law Initiative</p>		
09.05– 09.10	<p>Set-up</p>		
09.10– 10.30	<p>Session 3A - More than its Constituent Parts? How to Understand the Refugee Convention</p> <p>Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Protection Not Prevention: Exploring the Absence of a Prohibition of Displacement within the 1951 Refugee Convention”</i> – Dr Kathryn Lucy Allinson, University of Bristol, UK • <i>“Getting Wiser with Age? Article 1D Jurisprudence: From Stuck in the Past to Pointing the Way Forward”</i> – Dr Kate Ogg, Australian National University, Australia • <i>“Non-discrimination as the Rationale of the CSR”</i> – Professor David Cantor, Refugee Law Initiative, UK • <i>“The Temporal Scope of Refugee Protection from Armed Conflict in Australia and the United Kingdom”</i> – Professor H�el�ene Lambert, University of Technology Sydney, Australia 	<p>Session 3B - “Externalisation, Responsibility Sharing, and the Global Compact on Refugees”</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Madeline Garlick, UNHCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The Right to Leave (to Seek Asylum) and the Global Compact on Refugees”</i> - Emilie McDonnell, University of Oxford, UK • <i>“Fair Responsibility Sharing, Responsibility by Capability, and the Global Compact on Refugees”</i> - Dr Elizabeth Mavropoulou, University of Westminster, UK • <i>“Rethinking ‘Regional Processing’ under the Global Compacts – The Indochinese CPA as a Roadmap for International Cooperation”</i> - Riona Moodley, University of New South Wales, Australia • <i>“The Global Compact on Refugees and the Rohingya Refugee Crisis – A Comparative Analysis of Externalisation Practices in Australia and Bangladesh”</i> 	<p>Session 3C - Migrants, Refugees, Law and Borders</p> <p>Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The Migration and Refugee ‘Crisis’ as a Crisis of International Law”</i> - Professor Ralph Wilde, University College London, UK • <i>“Pandemic Borders: “Othering” Forced Migrants as Anti-life Towards a Post-biopolitical Paradigm”</i> - Dr Violeta Moreno-Lax, Queen Mary University of London, UK • <i>“Maritime Autonomous Vehicles and International Laws on Boat Migration: Lessons from the Use of Drones in the Mediterranean”</i> – Natalie Klein, UNSW Sydney, Australia • <i>“Refugee Protection for Irregular Migrants? – Harm Experienced During Dangerous Migratory Journeys as the Basis for Asylum”</i> - Maja Grundler, Queen Mary

		- Sreetapa Chakrabarty, Rabindra Bharati University, India	University of London, UK
10.30–11.00	Coffee break		
11.00–12.20	<p>Session 4A - “Application of the Refugee Convention’s Cessation Provisions - New Practices of Temporary Protection?” Moderator: Dr Cornelis (Kees) Wouters, UNHCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “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 	<p>Session 4B - Refugee Policy and Politics Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “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 	<p>Session 4C - “Practices of Refugee Legal Aid in Middle Eastern Protection Contexts” Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “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	<p>Plenary – Distinguished Keynote</p> <p>“The 1951 Convention at 70: A Postcolonial Perspective” Professor B.S. Chimni, Distinguished Professor of International Law O.O. Jindal Global University, India</p>		

DAY 3 - Friday 11 June

Time (BST)	Session		
13.00–13.05	Plenary - Welcome back Professor David Cantor, Director of the Refugee Law Initiative		
13.05–14.05	Plenary –Distinguished Keynote <i>“States and the Refugee Convention: Circumventing, but not Blatantly Disregarding”</i> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Legal Pluralism and Refugee Protection: Case Study of ‘the 2015 Rohingya Refugee Crisis’ in Aceh”</i> – Fitria, University of York, UK • <i>“Law’s Making and Breaking of Refugees: Lawfare and Rohingya Refugees in India”</i> – Aman and Ishita Kumar, O.P Jindal Global University, India, and Nayantara Raja, Asia Dalit Rights Forum, India • <i>“The Possibility for Maturity? The 1951 Convention and its Protocol in Post-colonial Small States in the Dutch Caribbean”</i>, Dr Natalie Dietrich Jones, University of the West Indies, Jamaica • <i>“Appraising the 1951 Refugee Convention’s Role in the Venezuelan crisis”</i> - Daniela Segovia, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Switzerland 	Session 5B - “Empirical Approaches to Refugee Law” Moderator: tbc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Institutional Analysis of Refugee Protection Regimes”</i> - Rebecca Hamlin, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA • <i>“Data Driven Futures of International Refugee Law”</i> - William Hamilton Byrne and Professor Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark • <i>“The Contribution of Psychology Research to Refugee Status Determination”</i> – Dr Jane Herlihy, Centre for the Study of Emotion and Law, UK • <i>“Understanding the Politics of Refugee Law”</i> – 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“‘Now That Mugabe is Gone You Are Free’: Categorising and Differentiating ‘Persons of Concern’ at the Zimbabwe-South Africa Border”</i> - Dr Kudakwashe Vanyoro, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa • <i>“From Displacement to Freedom: The Free Movement and Refugee Regimes in Africa”</i> - Achieng Akena, International Refugee Rights Initiative, Uganda • <i>“Integrating Services for Host Communities and Refugees: Pathway to Local Integration for Refugees?”</i> - Noah Ssempijja, MA Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies, Refugee Law Initiative, Uganda • <i>“The Peripheral Role of the Global Refugee Regime in Shaping Refugee Reception Policies in Southern Africa”</i> - Nicholas Maple, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
15.30–16.00	Coffee break		

<p>16.00– 17.20</p>	<p>Session 6A – “The Refugee Convention in a Changing Climate” Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“UNHCR’s Legal Considerations for the Protection of People Displaced across Borders in the context of the Adverse Effects of Climate Change and Disasters”</i> - Dr Cornelis (Kees) Wouters, UNHCR, Switzerland • <i>“A Typology of Claims for Recognition of Refugee Status in the context of Disasters and Climate Change”</i> - Dr Matthew Scott, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Sweden • <i>“Addressing the Protection Gap in Austria”</i> - Dr Margit Ammer and Dr Monika Mayrhofer – Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights, Austria • <i>“Do German Courts take Environmental Disasters into account in Asylum Cases?”</i> - Judge Camilla Schloss, Administrative Court of Berlin, Germany 	<p>Session 6B - “Understanding the Role of UNHCR in Refugee Recognition” Moderator: Professor Cathryn Costello, Hertie School, Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“UNHCR in Malaysia: Mandate and Protection Obligations Explored”</i> - Dr Alice Nah, University of York, UK • <i>“Handover of Refugee Status Determination from UNHCR to States: Motivations and Outcomes”</i> - Dr Caroline Nalule and Dr Derya Ozkul, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, UK • <i>“The Role of the UNHCR in the Refugee Status Determination Procedure: Protection without Impunity?”</i> - Didem Doger, McGill University, Canada • <i>“The Determination of Refugee Status: Conceptualising beyond Binaries”</i> - Professor Cathryn Costello, Hertie School, Germany, and Professor Gregor Noll, University of Gothenburg, Sweden 	<p>Session 6C - The Role of National Legislation and Courts in Shaping Refugee Protection Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Fragility in Asylum Determination: Offloading Responsibility and Over-burdening Courts and Judges with Refugee Status Determination Decisions in Europe - Judicial Perceptions in Germany”</i> - Dr Nicole Hoellerer and Professor Nick Gill, University of Exeter, UK • <i>“Access to Effective Refugee Protection in South Africa: Legislative Commitment, Policy Realities, Judicial Rectifications?”</i> - Dr Reuven (Ruvi) Ziegler, University of Reading, UK • <i>“Refugee Reception Offices and the Limits of Class Action Litigation on behalf of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in South Africa”</i> - Dr James (Jay) G. Johnson, University of Toronto, Canada • <i>“The Refugee Convention and the US Immigration System”</i> – Professor Jill E. Family, Widener University, USA
<p>17.20– 17.30</p>	<p>Plenary – Closing Dr Sarah Singer, Refugee Law Initiative</p>		