



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 – '*Refugee Protection in a Hostile World?*' - reflects on an apparent strengthening of long-standing currents of anti-refugee feeling and other forms of instability in the world. This trend raises urgent questions about its present and future impact on refugee protection globally, as well as interactions between global politics and refugee law.

Key to Panel Sessions:

- Stream 1** Thematic: Refugee Protection in a Hostile World
- Stream 2** Open: New Regional and Inter-State Perspectives on Refugee Law
- Stream 3** Open: Topical Issues in Refugee Law

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Day 1 – Wednesday 18 July 2018**0900-0930 Registration****0930-0945 Opening**

- *Dr David James Cantor* (Refugee Law Initiative)

0945-1045 Distinguished Keynote – Plenary Session

- ‘Refugees, Intolerance and Racism: Contemporary Reflections’
E. Tendayi Achiume (UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance)

1045-1230 Panel Session I**Stream 1 – ‘Hostility’ towards Refugees: National Law and Developments**Chair: *tbc*

- ‘A U-turn and a Wrong Turn? On Recent Developments in Swedish Asylum Law’ – *Professor Rebecca Stern* (Uppsala University)
- ‘Stratification of Rights and Entitlements among Various Categories of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Japan’ – *Naoko Hashimoto* (University of Sussex)
- ‘Seeking Legal Venue to Enforce Refugee Norms: The Case of Turkish Asylum Policy-Making’ – *Yusuf Ciftci* (University of Southampton)
- ‘De Facto Hostility? Explaining Non-accession to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its Impact on the Development of Refugee Policy Frameworks and Institutions in the Caribbean’ – *Dr Natalie Dietrich Jones* (University of the West Indies, Mona)

Stream 2 – Responding to Displacement Crises: Regional PerspectivesChair: *Dr Ruvi Ziegler* (University of Reading)

- ‘Adding Fuel to the Fire: How Emergency-drive Solidarity Constructed an EU “Asylum Crisis” - *Dr Evangelia (Lilian) Tsourdi* (University of Oxford)
- ‘Regime-shifting in Southern Africa and the Global Refugee Regime’ – *Nick Maple* (RLI)
- ‘The Bali Process: A Help or Hindrance to Refugee Protection?’ – *Carly Gordyn* (Australian National University)
- ‘The Venezuelan Exodus: Latin America’s New Migration or Refugee Crisis?’ – *Dr Luisa Feline Freier* (Universidad del Pacífico) – authored with *Isabel Berganza Setién* (Universidad Antonio Ruiz de Montoya) and *Cécile Blouin* (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú)

Stream 3 - Human Rights Law and Refugee ProtectionChair: *tbc*

- ‘Going, Going, Gone – The Refugee Definition and the Human Rights Paradigm?’ – *Dr Hugo Storey* (International Association of Refugee Law Judges)
- ‘Complementary Protection and Encampment: A Critical Analysis’ – *Dr Bríd Ní Ghráinne* (University of Sheffield)
- ‘Beyond the Vulnerability Hype: A Tool for Protection or an Instrument of Exclusion of Migrants and Refugees’ – *Dr Ana Beduschi* (University of Exeter)
- ‘A Recalibrated Human Rights-Based Approach to the Refugee Definition’ – *Matthew Scott* (Lund University)

1230-1330 **Lunch**

1330-1515 **Panel Session II**

Stream 1 – **Fighting Against Regression: Views from International Law**

Chair: *Dr Lilian Tsourdi* (University of Oxford)

- ‘A Paradigm Shift-in-Waiting: Refugee Status for Persons with Disabilities’ – *Dr Stephanie Motz* (University of Lucerne)
- ‘“New Wars” Refugees in a Hostile World: Revisiting the Refugee Convention to Engender International Protection in the European Union’ – *Christel Querton* (Newcastle University)
- ‘Persistent Protracted Armed Conflict: Advancing Refugee Protection through the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and International Humanitarian and Criminal Law’ – *Dr James C. Simeon* (York University, Canada)
- ‘Common but Differentiated Responsibilities in International Responsibility-Sharing for Refugees: Fit for Purpose?’ – *Elizabeth Mavropoulou* (University of Westminster)

Stream 2 – **The Evolving Law of State Obligations towards Refugees and other Non-Citizens**

Chair: *tbc*

- ‘Diplomatic Asylum and the Julian Assange Case: A Latin American Custom Goes Global’ - *Dr Ralph Wilde* (University College London)
- ‘Temporary Stay, Permanence and Durability of Refugee Protection’ – *Dr Maria O’Sullivan* (Monash University)
- ‘The Obligation to Grant Nationality to Stateless Children Born in a State’ – *William Thomas Worster* (Hague University of Applied Sciences)

Stream 3 - **Articulating National, Region and Universal Standards in Refugee Protection**

Chair: *tbc*

- ‘The Shortcomings of the Universal Refugee Law Framework to Prevent Undermining Regionalisation Processes’ – *Giulia Vicini* (University of Milan)
- ‘Curtailling Access to Refugee Status Determination Procedures for Unaccompanied Minors Seeking Legal Protection at the Gateway of the European Union’ – *Stacy Topouzova* (University of Oxford)
- ‘The Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework: An Opportunity to Improve Malawi’s Refugee Status Determination Process’ – *Jocelyn Perry* (Fulbright Public Policy Fellow, Malawi)

1515-1545 **Coffee**

1545-1730 **Panel Session III**

Stream 1 – **Refugee Protection: Trends in Securitisation, Criminalisation and Exclusion**

Chair: *tbc*

- ‘The Securitization of Humanitarian Space: Assessing the Growing Influence of Counter-Terrorism and Preventing/Countering Violent Extremisms Measures on Refugee Protection’ – *Sarah Adamczyk* (independent researcher)
- ‘Politicizing Legal Interpretations of the Exclusion Clauses of the Refugee Convention’ – *Professor Fatma E. Marouf* (Texas A&M University)
- ‘The Impact of the “Securitisation of Migration” on Refugee Law: The Role and Scope of Article 1F’ – *Likim Ng* (Australian National University)

- 'Refugees and the Misuse of Criminal Law' – *Dr Yewa Holiday* (University of Chester)

Stream 2 – Resettlement: Legal and Political Visions

Chair: *tbc*

- 'Sovereignty, Vulnerability and Martyrdom: Towards a Political Theology of Refugee Resettlement in a Hostile World' – *Professor Matthew Zagor* (Australian National University)
- 'A Comparative Analysis of Refugee Resettlement in 22 States' – *Amanda Cellini* (University of Oslo)
- 'The Resettlement Process in Egypt: Instantiating Differential Rights to Mobility and Safe Refuge' – *Luísa Fondello* (independent researcher)
- 'Gender, Islamophobia and Refugee Exceptionalism' - *Professor Karla McKanders* (Vanderbilt University)

Stream 3 – Environmental Refugees? Climate, Disasters and Protection

Chair: *tbc*

- 'Protection under Climate Law: A Hybrid Approach' - *Dr Cosmin Corendea* (UNU)
- 'Legal Frameworks Applicable to Environment Migration' - *Alice Sironi* (IOM)
- 'The Role of UNHCR in Enhancing Legal Protection in the Climate Change Process' - *Isabelle Michal* (UNHCR)
- 'State-led, Regional, Consultative Processes: Opportunities for Developing Legal Frameworks on Disaster Displacement' - *Atle Solberg* (Platform on Disaster Displacement)

1730-1900 Conference Drinks Reception and Poster Session

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

Day 2 – Thursday 19 July 2018**0915-1100 Panel Session IV****Stream 1 – Mixed Migration: Securitisation and its Impact on Rights of People on the Move**Chair: *Hannah Leach* (Mixed Migration Centre, Middle East)

- ‘Criminalisation and the Impact on Protection Risks for People in Mixed Flows from East Africa’ - *Danielle Botti* (Mixed Migration Centre, East Africa & Yemen)
- ‘Libya: Impact of the Criminalisation of Mixed Flows across the Sahara and along the Central Mediterranean Route’ - *Sonia Joly* (4MI, Mixed Migration Centre, North Africa)
- ‘From Afghanistan to Beyond: Criminalisation of People on the Move’ - *Linnea Lue Kessing* (Danish Refugee Council, Asia)

Stream 2 – The Role of ‘Third Countries’ in Asylum LawChair: *tbc*

- ‘Third Country Processing and the Future of Asylum Policy’ – *Nikolas Feith Tan* (Aarhus University)
- ‘The Right to an Effective Remedy in Dublin Asylum Procedures in the EU: Shaping its Contours through the Jurisprudence of the CJEU and the ECHR’ – *Dr Silvia Morgades Gil* (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona)
- ‘Challenges for Refugee Protection in Europe after the EU-Turkey Deal’ - *Dr Eleni Koutsouraki* (Panteion University)
- ‘Cooperative Migration Control Policies: Circumventing the Prohibition of *Refoulement*?’ – *Annick Pijnenburg* (Tilburg University)

Stream 3 - Information, Knowledge and Evidence in the Refugee Protection ContextChair: *tbc*

- ‘Against an Apolitical Conceptualisation of the Asylum Law Knowledge Environment’ – *Katharine T. Weatherhead* (Queen Mary University of London)
- ‘(Lack of) Information Provision to Asylum Seekers in Hungary – Considering Practices of an Openly Hostile Approach to Refugee Protection’ – *Agnes Simic* (Middlesex University)
- ‘Big Data and the Internalized Border: Attacks on the Freedom of Movement and the Right to Data Protection as Part of the CEAS Reform’ – *Dr Nula Frei* (University of Fribourg) and *Dr Constantin Hruschka* (Max Planck Institute)
- ‘The Impact of Syrian Refugees on a Receiving State’s Public Expenditure: Evidence from Jordan’ – *Dr Wa’ed Alshoubaki* (Tennessee State University) and *Professor Michael Harris* (College of Public Service)

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

- ‘Prospects for the Global Refugee Compact in a “Hostile World”’
Jean-François Durieux (Refugee Law Initiative)

1230-1330 Lunch**1330-1515 Panel Session V****Stream 1 – Blocking Access to Asylum across Regions: The Depth and Breadth of Extraterritorial Border Controls in a Hostile World**

Chair: *tbc*

- 'Refuge Lost: Asylum Law in an Interdependent World' - *Dr Daniel Ghezelbash* (Macquarie University)
- 'Accessing Asylum in Europe: Extraterritorial Border Controls and Refugee Rights under EU Law' - *Dr Violeta Moreno-Lax* (Queen Mary University of London)
- 'Visas and Non-Discrimination' - *Dr Maarten den Heijer* (University of Amsterdam)
- 'A New Gulag Archipelago? How the Global North is Creating Immigration Detention Islands Across the Global South' - *Dr Michael Flynn* (Global Detention Project)

Stream 2 – Are Rohingya Refugees? Protection Dilemmas in South East Asia

Chair: *tbc*

- 'Beyond the Frontier: Reimagining Refugee Law in Egypt, India, Malaysia and Hong Kong' - *Dr Martin Jones* (University of York, UK)
- 'The Rohingya Crisis: Unique Complexities of the South Asian Perspective' – *Ishita Kumar* (Migration & Asylum Project, New Delhi)
- 'Legal Protection and Indonesian Government Policy on Rohingya Refugees in Indonesia' – *Dr Manotar Tampubolon* (Indonesian Christian University, Jakarta) (*tbc*)
- 'A Model Failure: Hong Kong's Refugee Screening Mechanism and its Impact on Refugee Protection in the Region' – *Isaac Laban Shaffer* (Justice Centre Hong Kong) and *Adam Severson* (University of Wyoming)

Stream 3 - Family Reunification for Refugees: Obstacles and Advances

Chair: *tbc*

- 'The Right of Beneficiaries of International Protection to Family Life and Family Unity under International Law and Challenges Faced' - *Frances Nicholson* (independent researcher)
- 'Realising the Right to Family Reunification of Refugees in Europe' - *Dr Cathryn Costello* (University of Oxford)
- 'Family Reunification for Refugees in Switzerland' – *Dr Stephanie Motz* (University of Lucerne)
- 'Family Reunification for Beneficiaries of International Protection in Belgium' – *Dr François De Smet* (Federal Centre for Migration, Belgium)

1515-1545 Coffee

1545-1645 Distinguished Keynote – Plenary Session

- 'Refugee Law in Times of Crisis: Reflections on Academic and Political Trajectories' *Professor Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen* (Raoul Wallenberg Institute)

1645-1700 Closing

- *Dr David James Cantor* (Refugee Law Initiative)

1715-1800 RLI Research Affiliates and Students Network Meeting (*tbc*)

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

1800-2000 Conference Dinner

- Optional - separate registration required by those wishing to attend

Day 1 Poster Session – Sample of Posters

- ‘Causing Forced Displacement: A Breach of International Human Rights Law’ – *Kathryn Allinson* (Queen Mary University of London)
- ‘Money to Replace Access: An Analysis of State Contributions for the Support of Refugee Camps Outside Their Territory’ – *Jinan Bastaki* (United Arab Emirates University)
- ‘Refugee Protection in a Hostile World: The Case of South Sudanese Living in Sudan’ – *Anita Bianchi* (project manager)
- ‘The New Brazilian Refugee Law as a Vanguard Approach to Refugee Protection in face of Challenges of International Refugee Law’ – *Flávia Salum Carneiro Soares* (PUC/MG - CAPES, Brazil)
- ‘Questions of Jurisdiction in European Asylum Law: Current State Practice Post-Hirsi’ – *Sophie Capicchiano Young* (Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights)
- ‘A Camp in Calais: A Logical Consequence of British Asylum Policy?’ – *Liam Cunningham* (independent researcher)
- ‘A Critical Analysis of the Challenges of Protection of Refugees in Mixed Migration: Application of Articles 1F and 31 of the UN Refugee Convention 1951 in Africa’ – *Oghenerioborue Esther Eberechi* (University of Pretoria)
- ‘Creating Communities of Welcome: Understanding Motives to Assist Immigrants and Refugees in a Hostile Era’ – *Brenda Garcia Millan* (University of Oregon)
- ‘The New Challenges to Human Rights Protection in the light of the Fight against Migrant Smuggling: Reflections on a Possible Distinction between Migrant Smugglers and Drivers’ – *Beatrice Gornati* (University of Milan)
- ‘Article 31(1) as a Bar to the Prosecution of Refugees’ – *Dr Yewa Holiday* (University of Chester)
- ‘The Experiences of Refugee and Asylum-Seeking Women of Maternal Healthcare in the UK’ – *Imogen Horn* (St George’s University of London)
- ‘Legality of the Hotspot Approach in Greece: A Case Study from Lesbos’ – *Anna Iasmi Vallianatou* (Solidarity Now, Athens)
- ‘Globalisation: Mapping the Antinomies of Refugee Crisis and Growing Right Wing Nationalism’ – *Rabab Imam* (Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi)
- ‘The Role of National Human Rights Institutions in Promoting and Protecting the Rights of Refugees in Africa’ – *Vivian Nasaka John-Langba* (University of Cape Town)
- ‘An Interdisciplinary Approach to Bhutanese Refugees’ Access to Mental Health Services’ – *Justine Lindsey Lewis* (Binghampton University)
- ‘The Deep “Illiberal” Roots of Contemporary Authoritarianism in Refugee Interdiction: Learning from a Past Experience’ – *Helia López Zarzosa* (independent researcher)
- ‘Smear Campaign: Examining the Implications of the US Anti-Refugee Agenda’ – *Selina March* (MA in Refugee Protection, RLI)
- ‘Refugee Lives Matter? Improving the Practical Protection of Unsettled Migrants and Refugees through an Obligation to Investigate Deaths’ – *Dr Sam McIntosh* (Centre for British Studies)
- ‘Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Refugee Camps’ – *Tatiana Morais* (FDUNL/CEDIS, Lisbon)
- ‘Refugee Protection in Turkish Jurisprudence in View of International Law and Regional Policies’ – *Gamze Ovacik* (Bilkent University)
- ‘Europe’s Proposed African “Hotspots” in the Shadows of Australia’s “Pacific Solution”’ – *Stephen Phillips* (Åbo Akademi University)
- ‘The Effectiveness (and Responses) of International Law: Non-Refoulement Obligations in EU Third Country Agreements’ – *Jenny Poon* (University of Western Ontario)

- 'Indigenous Migration and the Adequacy of the Category "Refugee": The Case of the Warao' – *Germana Aguiar Ribeiro do Nascimento* (University of Valencia) [and Mércia Rejane Rangel Batista (University of Campina Grande)]
- 'The Advisory Opinion on Migrant Children of the Interamerican Court and the Case of Brazil: Challenges and Opportunities' – *Germana Aguiar Ribeiro do Nascimento* (University of Valencia) [and Marília Aguiar Ribeiro do Nascimento]
- 'Recent Migration Flows to Europe: Who Are the Incoming People?' – *Robert Stojanov* (European University Institute)
- 'Speedy Returns: The Magic Oubliette?' – *Evelien Wauters* (KU Leuven)
- 'Internal Protection Alternative in the Country of Origin as a Practical Obstacle to Refugee Status: Hostile, Restrictive or Legitimate?' – *Chao Yi* (McGill University)