Rethinking the ‘Regional’ in Refugee Law and Policy

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**1230–1345  Lunch**

**1345–1530  Panel Session II**

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

*Bedford Room*

Chair: **Sophie Capicchiano Young** (School of Advanced Study, UK)

- “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?**

*Woburn Suite*

Chair: **Dr Ruvi Ziegler** (University of Reading, UK)

- ‘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 Pacifico, 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 Externalization**

*Beveridge Hall*

Chair: **Dr Christina Oelgemoller** (Loughborough University, UK)

- ‘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  Beveridge Hall

• ‘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  Macmillan Hall

• ‘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  Beveridge Hall

Chair: Dr Izabella Majcher (Global Detention Project)

• ‘Associated to Common Standards?’ – Dr Nula Frei (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)
• ‘The Border Wizards’ – Dr Constantin Hruschka (MPI for Social Law and Social Policy, Germany)
• ‘German Hyperactivity’ - Tim Rohmann (MPI for Social Law and Social Policy, Germany)
• ‘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 Context  Woburn Suite

Chair: Naoko Hashimoto (University of Sussex, UK)

• ‘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  Humanitarian Responses to Refugee Crises  Bedford Room

Chair: Bethan Mathias (RLI)

• ‘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)

• ‘What Protection? Alternative Legal Pathways for Venezuelan Refugees in Colombia’ – Joakim Daun (RLI)

1045–1115 Coffee

1115–1300 Panel Session IV

Stream 1 Framing the ‘Regional’ in Refugee Law

Bedford Room

Chair: Professor Jaya Ramji-Nogales (Temple University, USA)

• ‘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)

• ‘Caravans, Forced Migration and Regional Responses in Central America and Mexico’ – Dr Vickie Knox (RLI)

Stream 2 The Middle East and Refugee Protection: Emergent Regionalism or Regional Emergency?

Beveridge Hall

Chair: Noemi Magugliani (National University of Ireland Galway)

• ‘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 Refugees

Woburn Suite

Chair: Gillian Kane (Queen’s University Belfast, UK)

• ‘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

Macmillan Hall
1430-1615 Panel Session V

Stream 1 Refugees in the Middle East and North Africa: Responses and Implications

Chair: Eric Fripp (Lamb Building, UK)

- ‘Protecting Refugees in the Arab Middle East States not Party to Convention: the Kefala System in the Gulf’ – Dr Kristin Kamoy (Griffith University, Australia)
- ‘The Rightlessness of Refugees in Libya as an Anomaly in Refugee Law’ – Adel-Naim Reyhani (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Vienna)
- ‘Understanding Refuge for Protecting Refugees’ – Dr Samir Djelti (Mascara University, Algeria) authored with (not attending) Dr Hadjer Belghoul (Mostaganem University, Algeria)
- ‘Carrying a Burden, Negotiating National Identity: Lebanese Responses to Syrian Refugees’ – Dr Yasemin Ipek (George Mason University, USA)

Stream 2 Regional Institutions in Europe

Chair: Katharine Weatherhead (Queen Mary University of London, UK)

- ‘The CEAS: An Increasingly Frayed Fig Leaf’ – Alan Desmond (University of Leicester, 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 Displacement

Chair: Dr Dana Schmalz (University of Bremen, Germany)

- ‘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

Bedford Room (closed)

Optional – open to RLI staff, research affiliates, senior researchers, fellows and MA in Refugee Protection students

1630–1800 Film Screening: ‘The Staging Post’

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Optional – open to all conference attendees
1800–1900  Inaugural Professorial Lecture (public)  
Beveridge Hall
- ‘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)  
Macmillan Hall
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Day 3 – Wednesday 5 June 2019

0915–1100  Panel Session VI

Stream 1  The Role of the “Regional”: Shoring Up Refugee Rights?  
Beveridge Hall
Chair: Dr Evangelia (Lilian) Tsourdi (University of Oxford, UK)
- ‘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 Development of Asylum Legislations in Latin America: Early Findings from the new Regional IMPALA, 1990 – 2018’ – 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 Migration  
Woburn Suite
Chair: Stephen Philips (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)
- ‘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, Refugees  
Gordon Room
Chair: Dr Constantin Hruschka (MPI for Social Law and Social Policy, Germany)
- ‘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)
- ‘Non-penalization of Refugees for Irregular Entry or Presence and Restrictions on Movement’ – Dr Cornelis (Kees) Wouters (UNHCR, Geneva)
- ‘The Multiplying Immigration Mechanisms for Legal and Physical Exclusion from the U.S. Asylum Process’ – Professor Denise Gilman (University of Texas, USA)
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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 Blaszczyzk*
- ‘Modern Migration and the Integration Challenges’ – *Anja Illic* (University of Belgrade, Serbia)
- ‘Survival migration: A Study of Central American Trans Women’s Decision to Flee’ – *Cristina de Nicolás Izquierdo* (MA in Refugee Protection, RLI)
- ‘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*
- ‘In the Name of the Law: Are Trump-era Immigration Policies a State Crime?’ – *Selina March* (MA in Refugee Protection, RLI)
- ‘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)
- ‘Building and Dismantling a “Surrogate State” for Refugees in Greece’ – *Manos Moschopoulos* (MA in Refugee Protection, RLI)
- ‘Refugees in Central Asia and Russia: Concentration, Contrasts and Regional Law Practices’ – *Shakhnoza Sultanova* (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)