

'Inequality and Fairness in Refugee Protection'**7th Annual Conference, Refugee Law Initiative, University of London****21-23 June 2023****DRAFT PROGRAMME***

The 7th Annual Conference of the Refugee Law Initiative (RLI) will be held in-person on Wednesday 21st June to Friday 23rd June 2023 at Senate House, University of London.

The RLI Annual Conference offers a dedicated annual forum internationally to share and debate the latest research and cutting-edge developments in refugee protection. This conference builds on previous annual conferences by uniting academics, practitioners, policy-makers and students to consider pressing challenges in refugee law and policy.

This year's dedicated conference theme – *'Inequality and Fairness in Refugee Protection'* – asks how law and policy can address the profound challenges of inequality and unfairness experienced by refugees and other displaced persons in many parts of the world.

Key to Panel Sessions:

- Stream 1** Thematic: Inequality and Fairness in Refugee Protection
Stream 2 Thematic: Inequality and Fairness in Refugee Protection
Stream 3 Open: Law and Policy on Refugees and Displaced Persons

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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. *Revised: 17 May 2023*

Day 1 – Wednesday 21 June 2023

0900-1000 Registration

1000-1015 Opening

- *Prof. Sarah Singer* (Refugee Law Initiative)

1015-1200 Panel Session I

Stream 1 - Evolutions in International Refugee Law: Addressing or Reinforcing Inequality?

Chair: *Dr Jesper Lindholm* (Aalborg University, Denmark)

- ‘Refugee Law: Equality, Fairness and International Law Principles of Treaty Interpretation’ - *Dr Tamara Wood* (University of New South Wales, Australia)
- ‘The Concept of International Protection at the Centre of Refugee Law: Promoting Inclusion and Equality or Undermining Refugee Protection’ - *Dr Cornelis (Kees) Wouters* (UNHCR headquarters)
- ‘Promoting Equality in the Interpretation and Application of Regional Refugee Law’ - *Cleo Hansen-Lohrey* (University of Tasmania, Australia)
- ‘Extending International Protection Obligations to Non-State Actors: Can and Should This Be Achieved?’ - *Gabrielle Gee* (International Criminal Court, Netherlands)

Stream 2 - Nationality-based Differentiation in Refugee Law Practice

Chair: *Dr Katja Swider* (Free University Amsterdam, Netherlands)

- ‘Analysis of Inequalities in the Asylum Reception System in Spain and Discrimination in Asylum Application Procedures’ - *Silvia Talavera Lodos* (Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy)
- ‘A Comparison of International Protection Statuses under Turkish Law through the Examination of the Protection Granted to Ukrainian Asylum Seekers in Turkey’ - *Meltem Ece Oba* (Koç University, Turkey)
- ‘Why is Syria a War but Not Afghanistan? Nationality-based Aid and Protection in Turkey’s Syria Refugee Response’ - *Shaddin Almasri* (Danube University Krems, Austria)

Stream 3 - Codification of Key Elements of the Refugee Definition: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Chair: *Prof. David Cantor* (Refugee Law Initiative)

- ‘Codification and the Search for an “International Meaning”’ - *Dr Hugo Storey* (International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges, UK)
- ‘UNHCR and Codification of the Convention Definition’ – *Dr Madeline Garlick* (UNHCR headquarters)
- ‘Codification of the Refugee Definition: A UK Perspective’ – *Raza Husain KC* (Matrix Chambers, UK)
- ‘(Suspected) Criminality and the Asylum Seeker: Codification of Exclusion from Protection on Criminality and National Security Grounds in the Global South’ – *Prof. Sarah Singer* (Refugee Law Initiative, UK)

1200-1330 Lunch

1330-1515 Panel Session II

Stream 1 - Inequality and Fairness in Family Reunification for Refugees

Chair: *Denise Baruch-Kotulla* (UNHCR headquarters)

- ‘Equality and Fairness in the Family Reunification Rights of Persons with and without International Protection’ - *Ahmad Wali Ahmad-Yar* (Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium)
- ‘The Right to Family Reunification of Children Seeking International Protection under the Convention on the Rights of the Child: Misplaced Reliance on *Travaux?*’ - *Dr Yulia Ioffe* (UCL, London)
- ‘Family Reunification: A Key Safeguard for the Protection of Children on the Move’ - *Kirsty Thomson* (Kids in Need of Defense, Belgium)
- ‘The Right to Family Reunification for Beneficiaries of Refugee Status and Subsidiary Protection’ - *Dr Mark Klaassen* (Leiden University, Netherlands)

Stream 2 - The Impact of Law Clinics on Inequality and Fairness in National Refugee Protection

Chair: *Dr Loren Treisman* (Sam and Bella Sebba Charitable Foundation, UK)

- ‘Mapping the Gaps and Imagining Solutions’ - *Jo Wilding* (Sussex Migration Clinic, UK)
- ‘Refugee Law Clinics: Restricted Space, Expanded Outcomes’ - *Susan Reardon-Smith* (University of London Refugee Law Clinic, UK)
- ‘Balancing Pedagogical and Service Goals in Asylum Clinic Design’ – *Dr Nina Rabin* (Immigrant Family Legal Clinic/UCLA, US)
- ‘Legal Clinics, Justice and Care: a Case from Italy’ - *Dr Carlo Caprioglio* (Roma Tre University Legal Clinic on Migration and Asylum, Italy)

Stream 3 - Temporariness in Refugee Protection

Chair: *Dr Rama Sahtout* (Exeter University, UK)

- ‘Temporary Protection: Concept, Principle, Practice?’ - *Dr Jessica Schultz* (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway)
- ‘Same Same, or Different? The EU Reception of Protection Seekers during Mass Influx’ - *Dr Julia Kienast* (Aarhus University, Denmark)
- ‘Perceptions of (In)Equality in the EU Responses to Refugees from Ukraine and Other Countries in 2022’ - *Dr Lidia Kuzemska* (Forum Transregionale Studien, Germany)
- ‘The Integration for Temporary Protection Holders as a Legal Oxymoron’ - *Emiliya Bratanova van Harten* (Lund University, Sweden)

1515-1600 Coffee

1600-1700 Distinguished Keynote – Plenary Session

- ‘When is Inequality in Asylum and Migration Practices Unfair?’
Prof. Cathryn Costello (University of Oxford, UK and Hertie School, Germany)

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 – Thursday 22 June 2023

0900-1045 Panel Session III

Stream 1 - Gender Inequality and Unfairness in Refugee Protection: the Power of Feminist Engagement

Chair: *Dr Janna Wessels* (Free University Amsterdam, Netherlands)

- ‘Implementation of the Istanbul Convention in the UK: A Turning Point in the Adjudication of Gender-sensitive Asylum Claims or Status Quo?’ – *Dr Ayse Gunes* (Cankiri Karatekin University, Turkiye)
- ‘CEDAW Committee: Champion of Refugee Women’s Rights or Maintaining the Status Quo?’ - *Madeline Gleeson* (University of New South Wales, Australia)
- ‘A Feminist Approach to the Adequate Protection of Victims of Trafficking: From Human Rights to International Protection’ – *Dr Silvia Morgades-Gil* (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain)
- ‘Voluntary Repatriation: Solution to Refuge or Cycle of Oppression for Women?’ - *Natasha Yacoub* (UNSW, Australia; Chair, RLI Working Group on Feminist Theory)

Stream 2 - Equality and Fairness in Asylum Procedures

Chair: *Dr Michal Agmon Gonen* (Tel Aviv District Court, Israel)

- ‘Procedural Inequalities: ‘Safe’ Countries of Origin, Narratives and Prejudices towards Applicants’ - *Franziska Herrmann* (University of Potsdam, Germany)
- ‘Unrecognizing Refugees: The Inadmissibility Scheme Replacing Article 1F Decisions in Canada’ - *Dr Didem Dođar* (Tilburg University, Netherlands)
- ‘Safe Country of Origin Concept: Institutional Safeguards and Inequality in Czechia’ - *Karolina Michková* (Masaryk University, Czechia)
- ‘Refugees Ante EU Portas: A Human Rights Scarcity Crisis in Greece’ - *Ifigeneia Intzipeoglou* and *Athanasios Mavroulis* (EU Asylum Authority)

Stream 3 - Resettlement Practices in a Changed World

Chair: *Dr Nick Maple* (Refugee Law Initiative)

- ‘“Resettled into Poverty”: Structural Violence, Trauma, and the Labor Market Incorporation of Refugees in the United States’ – *Dr Molly Fee* (University of Oxford, UK)
- ‘When Displacement Becomes an Opportunity: Refugee Preference for Third Country Resettlement Revisited’ – *Dr Samuel K. M. Agblorti* (University of Cape Coast, Ghana)
- ‘Communitising the State: Refugee Resettlement in an Inner-London Borough’ – *Bo Bottomley* (University of East Anglia, UK)
- ‘Refugee Policy Under the Radar: A Study of Japanese Resettlement of North Korean Escapees’ - *Dr Andrew Wolman* (City, University of London, UK)

1045-1115 Coffee

1115-1300 Panel Session IV

Stream 1 - Inter-State Relations, Equality and Refugee Protection

Chair: *Brian Gorlick* (Refugee Law Initiative)

- ‘Legal Responsibility Attribution based on EU-Third Country Arrangements’ – *Dr Gamze Ovacık* (University of Gothenburg, Sweden), written with Dr Eleni Karageorgiou (University of Lund, Sweden) and Prof. Gregor Noll (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
- ‘Un-equal Partners: Externalisation Cooperation and the Dynamics of Development’ - *Dr Mariana Gkliati* (Tilburg University, Netherlands)
- ‘An African Agenda on Migration. Morocco’s Forced Migration Discourse, Protection Policies and Migration Diplomacy in Africa’ – *Dr Ruben Wissing* (Ghent University, Belgium)
- ‘Differential Deterrence at the EU’s Eastern Border: Finland and Poland’ - *Stephen Phillips* (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)

Stream 2 - Decolonial Perspectives on Inequalities in Refugee Protection

Chair: *Dr Lidia Kuzemska* (Forum Transregionale Studien, Germany)

- ‘Disharmony in the Kingdom: Inequalities in Refugee Protection in Aruba and Curaçao’ – *Dr Natalie Dietrich Jones* (University of the West Indies, Jamaica)
- ‘“Trinidad & Tobago Is Not a Refugee Camp!” The Enigma of Refugee Protection in a Small Island Developing State - *Vidya Mungal-Bissessar* (University of the West Indies, Trinidad)
- ‘Gender Stereotypes in Human Mobility: Reflections and Challenges from Argentina’ – *Dr María Luz Espiro* (National Scientific and Technical Research Council, Argentina) and *Sabrina P. Vecchioni* (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- ‘Turkish Courts’ Engagement with International Refugee Law’ – *Dr Özlem Gürakar Skribeland* (University of Oslo, Norway)

Stream 3 - Solutions to Refugee Situations

Chair: *Arafat Jamal* (UNHCR headquarters)

- ‘Shunning Solidarity: Durable Solutions in a Fluid Era’ – *Prof. Loren B. Landau* (University of Oxford, UK)
- ‘State Capture: The Myth of Durable Solutions’ - *Dr Lucy Hovil* and *Dr Nicholas Maple* (Refugee Law Initiative, UK)
- ‘Mobility as a Way to Protect Yourself’ – *Dr Christina Oelgemoller* (Loughborough University, UK)
- ‘“Local Solutions” to Refugee Situations: A Critique of a New Concept’ – *Dr Jeff Crisp* (Oxford University, UK)

1300-1430 Lunch

1430-1615 Panel Session V

Stream 1 - Group-based Discrimination and Refugee Status

Chair: *Dr Kathryn Allinson* (Bristol University, UK)

- ‘Are All LGBT+ Asylum-Seekers Created Equal?’ - *Dr Reuven (Ruvi) Ziegler* (University of Reading, UK)
- ‘Refuge for War Resisters: A Case Study of Soldiers in the Ukraine’ – *Prof. Martin Jones* (University of York, UK)
- ‘Palestinians are Refugees but Our Law Has Yet to Consider Them as Such: Applicability of Article 1 (D) of the 1951 Refugee Convention in Turkey’ – *Dr Hasan Basri Bülbül* (Bogazici University, Turkey)
- ‘Are All Afghan Women and Girls Refugees? Arguments under the 1951 Convention and Past and Emerging State Practice’ - *Dr Nikolas Feith Tan* (Danish Institute of Human Rights, Denmark), written with Dr Meltem İneli Cığır

Stream 2 - Equality and the Meaningful Participation of Refugees

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

- ‘Meaningful Refugee Participation and Access to Justice: The Call for a “Refugee-Centred Legal Ecosystem” Approach’ - *Jasmine Simperingham* (PILnet, Hong Kong)
- ‘Participation and Political Rights of Refugees’ - *Prof. Thomas Gammeltoft Hansen and Dr Will Jones* (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
- ‘Race, Racialized Narratives and UNHCR Refugee Status Determination in Egypt’ – *Dr Suraj Girijashanker* (Jindal Global Law School, India)
- ‘How Do Axes of Social Divisions Influence the Refugee-Lawyer Relationship in the Context of Asylum Procedures’ - *Charlotte Dahin* (University of Ottawa, Canada)

Stream 3 - Vulnerability and Migration in the Refugee Context

Chair: *Dr Ben Hudson* (University of Exeter, UK)

- ‘(Re)constructing ‘Vulnerabilities’ in Crisis: How the Legal Category of ‘Vulnerability’ is Being Defined in the EU’s Response to the So-Called Refugee “Crisis” - *Ellen Allde* (Queen Mary University of London, UK)
- ‘The Link between Vulnerability and Integration among Afghan Migrants in Germany’ - *Dr Constantin Hruschka* (Max Planck Institute, Germany)
- ‘From Re-trafficking to Irregular Re-migration: Socio-Economic Factors as Indicators of Risk’ - *Dr Maja Grundler* (Royal Holloway University of London, UK)
- ‘The “Instrumentalisation” Paradigm Reconsidered: Accessing Asylum during the EU-Belarus Border Crisis’ - *Dr Aleksandra Jolkina* (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands)

1615-1715 Distinguished Keynote – Plenary Session

- ‘#WomenEqualityAsylum: How Far Has Equality Been Achieved in Realizing a Woman’s Right to Seek and Enjoy Asylum from Persecution?’
Dr Alice Edwards (UN Special Rapporteur on Torture)

Day 3 – Friday 23 June 2023**0915-1100 Panel Session VI****Stream 1 - European Human Rights Law, Inequality and Protection Seekers**Chair: *Prof. Sarah Singer* (Refugee Law Initiative)

- ‘Vulnerability in the Real Risk Assessment under Article 3 ECHR: A Contribution to More Fairness and Equality in Decisions on International Protection? An Austrian Case Study’ – *Dr Margit Ammer* and *Dr Monika Mayrhofer* (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute, Austria)
- ‘Exploring Judicial Activism’s Arguments of the ECtHR in respect of Systemic Inequalities to Access Refugee Protection: The Impact of the “Procedural Turn”’ – *Dr Giulia Santomauro* (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Germany)
- ‘Equality and Fairness for All? An Analysis of Racialized Considerations in the Access to Refugee Protection by the European Court of Human Rights’ - *Dr Lena Riemer* (Yale University, USA)
- ‘The Unfairness of the Absence of Analysis of Discrimination by the European Court of Human Rights and its impact on Children’ – *Prof. Cecilia M. Bailliet* (University of Oslo, Norway)

Stream 2 - Asylum Practice and Inequality in the United KingdomChair: *Dr Reuven (Ruvi) Ziegler* (University of Reading, UK)

- ‘Fairness in the Historical Context of UK Asylum Law’ - *Dr Emma Borland* (Swansea University, UK)
- ‘The Treatment of Refugees in the UK and the Wrong of Discrimination in International Law: Recognition and Rights following the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 and Illegal Migration Bill’ - *Dr Catherine Briddick* (University of Warwick, UK)
- ‘Fairness Out of Reach? Logics of Deportation and Visions of a Fairer Asylum System’ - *Gianna Eckert* (University of Bristol, UK)
- ‘Wales Nation of Sanctuary: Realities and Prospects for Refugees’ - *Dr Hanin Abou Salem* (Cardiff University, UK)

Stream 3 - Internal Displacement, Law and PolicyChair: *Melissa Wehmayer* (London School of Economics, UK)

- ‘Equality and Internal Displacement’ - *Dr Ben Hudson* (University of Exeter, UK)
- ‘Conflict and Disaster as Triggers Of Internal Displacement: Do Different Causes Mean Different Responses?’ - *Dr Beatriz Eugenia Sánchez-Mojica* (IE University, Spain)
- ‘Forced Displacement Linked to Corruption and Impunity in Megaprojects: Conceptualising Emerging Characteristics of Displacement in Honduras and Mexico’ - *Dr Vickie Knox* (independent researcher, UK)
- ‘The Role of Security Sector Reform (SSR) Policies in Exacerbating Inequality in Protection of Displaced Populations – Evidence from South Sudan’ - *Leena Azzam* (School of Oriental and African Studies, UK)

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

- ‘The UK’s Changing Asylum Landscape: IS This a Watershed Moment?’
Enver Solomon (CEO, British Refugee Council, UK)

1230-1245 Closing

- *Prof. David Cantor* (Refugee Law Initiative)

Day 1 Poster Session – Sample of Posters (alphabetical by author surname)

- ‘We are Women We Are Human We Are Refugees – Are We Safe Yet? On the Intersection between the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the CEDAW Convention and the Refugee Convention’ - *Dr Michal Agmon Gonen* (Tel Aviv University, Israel) and *Chen First* (London School of Economics, UK)
- ‘Non-point Sources of Persecution in Refugee Status Determination’ - *Tabitha Belshee* (MA Refugee Protection, USA)
- ‘How do North Korean Refugees’ Medical Use affected by Coronavirus-19 Pandemics? Using a Difference-in-Differences Model with Propensity Score Matching’ - *Yerin Cha* (National Health Insurance System, South Korea)
- ‘Health Status of North Korea Refugees and How it Changes during the Adaption Process: Using Nation-wide Big Data’ - *Mun Jeong Choi* (National Health Insurance System, South Korea)
- ‘Shortcomings of the Current Irish international Protection System’ - *Victoria Oluwatobi Isa Daniel* (Maynooth University, Ireland)
- ‘The Humanitarian Corridors: Combining Safety and Solidarity in a Solid Model of Reception’ – *Dr Federica Franzè* (Columbia University, USA)
- ‘Sudanese, Somali, and Yemeni Women as Refugee in Jordan Local Integration Experience’ - *Alexandra Gunn* (MA Refugee Protection, RLI)
- ‘Refugees in the Shadow of Irregularity – Equal Rights, Unequal Consequences?’ - *Dr Alžbeta Králová* (Masaryk University, Czechia)
- ‘Understanding the Healthcare Experiences and Needs of North Korean Refugees in South Korea: a Focus Group Approach’ - *Jung Myun Lee* (National Health Insurance System, South Korea)
- ‘Then and Now – Turning Point in Unequal Treatment of Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia’ - *Kristína Melicherová* (Tilburg University, Netherlands)
- ‘Impact of Local Government Planning on the Local Integration and Co-existence of Self-settled Refugees in Urban Host Communities’ - *Jane Nakaweesi* (MA Refugee Protection, Uganda)
- ‘Consequences of Unequal and Unfair Protection of Environmentally Displaced Persons (EDPs) in Latin America: The Brazilian Case’ – *Prof. Andrea Pacheco Pacifico* (Paraíba State University, Brazil)
- ‘From integration to exclusion: how state approaches to refugee recognition shape civic identity formation among displaced youth in Bangladesh, Jordan and Lebanon’ – *Dr Kate Pincock* (University of Oxford, UK) and *Dr Nicola Jones* (Overseas Development Institute, UK).
- ‘Identifying Inequalities in Refugee Protection in the United States: The Humanitarian Parole Program as a Poor Substitute for Refugee Processing and the Inconsistent Application of the Parole Program’ – *Prof. Henna Pithia* (University of Southern California, USA)

- ‘Managing the Influx of People fleeing the War in Ukraine’ - *Ewa Psiurska* (MA Refugee Protection, RLI)
- ‘Particular Social Group or ‘Social Identity’ as a Ground under the Refugee Convention 1951?’ – *Ayesha Riaz* (University of Greenwich, UK)
- “‘I Have Seen the Children’’: Refugee Children from Kindertransport to Today’s Unaccompanied Migrant Minors’ - *Dr Patrizia Rinaldi* (University of Granada, Spain)
- ‘Equality and Fairness for Survivors/Victims of Sexual and Gender-based Violence Navigating the Asylum Procedure in Belgium: Towards Gender-sensitive Asylum Justice’ - *Lore Roels* (Ghent University, Belgium)
- ‘Asylum in the Anthropocene: How Just Outcomes Might be Facilitated in Protection Claims where Environmental Factors are at Stake’ – *Emily Rowe* (human rights lawyer, UK)
- ‘Designing Justice for Vulnerable People such as Refugees’ - *Stefania Santilli, Giulia Sommaruga and Dr Maria Erika Bolinas* (Milano Legal Solutions Network, Italy)
- ‘The Legal+: The Holistic Approach towards Refugees’ - *Stefania Santilli, Giulia Sommaruga and Dr Maria Erika Bolinas* (Milano Legal Solutions Network, Italy)
- ‘Refugee and Asylum Seekers: Defining the Status of the Ukrainian Refugees in the EU Neighbouring Countries’ - *Dr Tatsiana Shaban* (University of Victoria, Canada)
- ‘The Effectiveness of the 1951 Refugee Convention on Combating Racial Discrimination’ – *Shahailya Stephenson* (University of Cambridge, UK)
- ‘Gender Identity Asylum Seekers in Ireland: A Critical Step for the Trans Liberation Movement’ - *Rory Sugrue* (Tilburg University, Netherlands)
- ‘Equal Access to Education, Employment and Housing for Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and International Protection? An Analysis from a Non-discrimination Perspective’ - *Roos-Marie van den Bogaard* (Ghent University, Belgium)
- ‘London Borough Council Responses to Asylum: Using Discretion for Building Local Capacity’ - *Melissa Weihmayer* (London School of Economics, UK)
- ‘Back to the Future: Power and Racialization in the Genesis of the Refugee Convention and the Digitalization of Asylum Procedures’ – *Christina Zarogianni* (University of Cyprus, Cyprus)