

‘Improving the Global Refugee Regime: From Theory to Practice?’
6th Annual Conference, Refugee Law Initiative (online)

PROGRAMME: 29 June – 1 July 2022

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DAY 1 - Wednesday 29 June

Time (UK)	Session		
12.30–12.45	Plenary - Opening Welcome Professor David Cantor, Director of the Refugee Law Initiative		
12.45-13.15	Plenary - Launch of RLI Declaration on Externalisation and Access to Asylum		
13.15–13.20	Set-up		
13.20–14.40	<p>Session 1A - Improving the Refugee Regime – Framing the Issues (THEMATIC) Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Solutions are in the Eye of the Beholder’: The Political-economy of State Interests and Global Humanitarian response to Refugees”</i> – Brian Gorlick, Refugee Law Initiative, UK • <i>“From Policy back to Principles? Refugee Protection under International Law & State (Non)-Compliance”</i> – Prof. Hannah R. Garry, University of Southern California, USA • <i>“It’s Not All about Law: Questioning the Origin Story</i> 	<p>Session 1B - Agents of Change in the International Refugee Regime(THEMATIC) Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Refugees as Agents of Development: the Case of Burmese Political Refugee Returnees”</i> – Dr Jae Hyun Park, University of Sussex, UK • <i>“Improving Responsibility-Sharing through Ground Up Approaches”</i> - Brian Barbour, University of New South Wales, Australia • <i>“The Council of Europe as a Change Factor for the Global Refugee Regime: From Human Rights Theory to Refugee Protection”</i> – Dr Christos Tsevas, Democritus 	<p>Session 1C - The Complementary Role of Other Legal Approaches in Protecting Refugees (THEMATIC) Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Humanitarian Visas in Latin America: Improving Refugee Protection?”</i> – Prof. Liliana Lyra Jubilut and Catherine de Souza Santos, Universidade Católica de Santos, Brazil • <i>“Enhancing Refugee Protection: Why We Need to Talk about Anti-Trafficking Law”</i> – Dr Gillian Kane, Queen’s University Belfast, Ireland • <i>“The War in Ukraine and the Temporary Protection Directive: Lex Specialis or a Surreptitious Innovation of</i>

	<p><i>of the Global Refugee Regime</i>” – Dr Philip Burton and Dr Kathryn Allinson, University of Bristol, UK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Protecting by Origin? Origins, Causes and Impacts of Nationality-based Differentiation in Refugee Protection and Aid Policy”</i> - Shaddin Almasri and Prof. Albert Kraler, University for Continuing Education Krems, Austria 	<p>University of Thrace, Greece</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Citizen Assemblies and the Evolving Psyche of Refugee Law in Europe and Globally”</i> - Dr Magdalena Smieszek, Independent Researcher, Canada 	<p><i>Refugee Law?</i>” - Francesca Romana Partipilo, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Asylum, Return or Circular Migration: What’s Next when Labour Migration Fails to Provide a Durable Solution for Refugees?”</i> - Dr Zvezda Vankova, Lund University, Sweden
14.40–15.00	Coffee break		
15.00–16.20	<p>Session 2A – National Approaches to Refugee Law Implementation (OPEN) Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“RSD Transition from UNHCR to Non-Party States: A Mirage of Enhanced Protection for Refugees?”</i> - Jittawadee Chotinukul, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland • <i>“Risk and the Reasonable Refugee: Exploring a Key Credibility Inference in Canadian Refugee Status Determination”</i> - Hilary Evans Cameron, Ryerson University, Canada • <i>“Refugee Rights between National Sovereignty and International Standards: The Situation in the German-Speaking Countries”</i> - Dr Constantin Hruschka, Max Planck Institute, Germany • <i>“The Constitutionalization of Human Rights Law in the Global South: A New Means of Refugee Rights Protection”</i> – Prof. Stephen Meili, University of Minnesota, USA 	<p>Session 2B – Reassessing Vulnerability in contexts of Displacement (OPEN) Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Incorporating the Accompanied Child in Child Protection: A Case Study on Returns”</i> - Mackenzie Seaman and Dr Nassim Majidi, Samuel Hall Consultants, USA • <i>“Addressing Stigmatisation: IDPs Who “Never had Shoes” Require Improved Protection”</i> - Sarah Edgcumbe, St Andrews University, UK • <i>“Addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in the Third Phase of the Refugee Cycle from an Intersectional Standpoint: Rethinking Tensions which Reinforce Vulnerability”</i> - Tatiana Morais, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal 	<p>Session 2C - “Surrogacy and the Refugee Definition – Key? Minor? Irrelevant? Distraction?” (OPEN) Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The Role of ‘Surrogacy’ in the Determination of Refugee Status”</i> – Prof. Guy Goodwin-Gill, All Souls College Oxford, UK • <i>“Surrogacy and the Refugee Definition”</i> - Dr Madeline Garlick, UNHCR • <i>“In Defence of Surrogacy”</i> – Dr Hugo Storey, International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges, UK
16.20–16.30	Set-up		
16.30–17.30	<p>Plenary – Distinguished Keynote</p> <p><i>“The ‘Arc of Protection’ and the Future Shape of the Global Refugee Regime”</i> Professor Alex Aleinikoff, Director of the Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility The New School, New York, USA</p>		

DAY 2 - Thursday 30 June

Time (UK)	Session		
09.00–09.05	Plenary – Welcome back Professor David Cantor, Director of the Refugee Law Initiative		
09.05–10.05	Plenary – Distinguished Keynote <i>“Moving Beyond Refugee Law: Putting Principles on Climate Mobility into Practice”</i> Professor Jane McAdam, Director of the Director of the Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law University of New South Wales, Australia		
10.05–10.10	Set-up		
10.10–11.30	Session 3A – “External Processing’: Regional Approaches, Responsibility Sharing and Pathways to Protection” (THEMATIC) Moderator: Dr Madeline Garlick, UNHCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Regional Processing’: Pathways to Protection through International Cooperation and Responsibility Sharing”</i> - Riona Moodley, University of New South Wales, Australia • <i>“UNHCR View on Regional Processing”</i> - Cameron Shilton, UNHCR • <i>“Three Forms of ‘External Processing’ in Law and Practice”</i> - Dr Nikolas Feith Tan, Danish Institute for Human Rights, Denmark • <i>“Extraterritorial Asylum Processing: the Libya-Niger Emergency Transit Mechanism”</i> - Laura Lambert, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany 	Session 3B – “Non-Penalisation and a Building Block for Reform of Refugee Protection” (THEMATIC) Moderator: Prof. Cathryn Costello, Hertie School, Germany <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Non-penalization of Refugees and other Migrants for Illegal Entry or Presence as a General Principle of Law?”</i> - Dr Yulia Ioffe, UCL, UK • <i>“UNHCR on Article 31 and Non-penalisation”</i> - Dr Kees Wouters, UNHCR • <i>“The Nationality and Borders Bill as Flagrant Penalisation of Refugees”</i> - Raza Husain QC, Matrix Chambers, UK 	Session 3C – “The Role of Community Sponsorship for Refugee Resettlement in Australia: Whither State Responsibility?” (THEMATIC) Moderator: tbc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“At What Cost? Private Sponsorship of Humanitarian Entrants in Australia”</i> – Dr Anthea Vogl, University of Technology Sydney, Australia • <i>“Lessons from history: The Community Refugee Settlement Scheme (CRSS)”</i> - Khanh Hoang, University of New South Wales, Australia • <i>“Alternative Framings of Community, Partnerships and Protection in Refugee Sponsorship Programs”</i> – Prof. Susan Kneebone, Melbourne University, Australia • <i>“Community Sponsorship Literature from the Perspective of Refugee Law Scholarship: What is Missing?”</i> – Dr Kate Ogg, Australian National University, Australia
11.30–12.00	Coffee break		

12.00– 13.20	<p>Session 4A - Emerging Dynamics of Contemporary Internal Displacement Contexts (OPEN) Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Crossing Paths: New Prevention and Protection Challenges when Violence and Disasters Intersect to drive Internal Displacement?”</i> - Dr Beatriz Eugenia Sánchez-Mojica, IE University, Spain • <i>“Forced Displacement linked to Corruption and Impunity in Megaprojects: Conceptualising Emerging Characteristics of Development-induced Displacement in Honduras and Mexico”</i> - Dr Vickie Knox, independent researcher, UK • <i>“Borderization Practices at the Georgian-Abkhaz Administrative Boundary Line: Impact on the Everyday Lives of Internally Displaced Persons in Bordering Areas”</i> - Philomène Franssen, Researching Internal Displacement, Spain • <i>“Unpacking Human Mobility in the context of the Current Climate Regime”</i> – Dr Ana Mosneaga, Ritsumeikan University, Japan, Prof. Carolien Jacobs, Leiden University, Netherlands, and Brian Aycock, International Christian University, Japan 	<p>Session 4B – “Rewriting Jurisprudence: Centring Refugee and Migrant Lived Experience” (OPEN) Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rewrite 2018 Federal Court decision of EWR18 v Minister for Home Affairs</i> – Dr Saba Vasefi (with Sara Dehm) • <i>Rewrite two landmark relocation cases: Randhawa v. The Minister for Immigration Local Government and Ethnic Affairs and Januzi v Secretary of State for the Home Department & Ors to better reflect the lived experience of refugees in post-conflict situations</i> - Sitarah Mohammadi (with Maria O’Sullivan) • <i>Rewrite R (on the application of Begum) v Secretary of State for the Home Department</i> - Ayesha Riaz • <i>Rewrite a judgment on the experience of women from Saudi who have sought asylum</i> - K. Alhussain (with Kate Ogg) 	<p>Session 4C - “Climate, Disasters and Displacement: Asia-Pacific Perspectives” (OPEN) Moderator: tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“International Obligations and Regulating Displacement in Asia Pacific”</i> – Prof. Cosmin Correndea, OP Jindal Global University, India • <i>“Climate- or Disaster-induced Displacement: Knowledge and Empirical Gaps from South Asia”</i> – Prof. Sneha Krishnan, OP Jindal Global University, India • <i>“Planned Relocation in India: Critical Evaluation of the Existing Legal Framework”</i> – Prof. Chhaya Bharadwaj, OP Jindal Global University, India • <i>“Any Port in a Storm? Climate, Mobility and Choice in Pacific Small Island Developing States”</i> – Dr Robert Oakes, UNU-EHS, Germany
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DAY 3 - Friday 1 July

Time (UK)	Session
13.00– 13.05	<p>Plenary - Welcome back Professor David Cantor, Director of the Refugee Law Initiative</p>

13.05– 14.05	Plenary – Distinguished Keynote “Refugee Leadership and the Future of the Global Refugee Regime” Sana Mustafa, Director of Partnership and Engagement Asylum Access		
14.05– 14.10	Set-up		
14.10– 15.30	Session 5A - “Afghan Evacuations: Mixed Outcomes for the Global Refugee Regime?” (THEMATIC) Moderator: Ahmad Shuja Jamal, researcher and former Afghan civil servant now in exile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Unregulated, Elitist, and Fragmented? Tentative Findings from Afghan Evacuations to Four Major Donor Countries”</i> - Dr Naoko Hashimoto, Hitotsubashi University, Japan • <i>“In-country Processing: Questions about the Scope and Content of Human Rights Obligations for Implementing States”</i> - Dr Claire Higgins, Alice Pailthorpe and Prof. Guy Goodwin-Gill, University of New South Wales, Australia • <i>“A Shifting Geopolitics of Vulnerability. Is the Protection of Skilled Afghan Women a Turning Point in Resettlement?”</i> - Prof. Adèle Garnier, Université Laval, Canada (with Prof Kristin Bergtora Sandvik, Dr Ingunn Bjørkhaug, and Dr Astrid Espegren) 	Session 5B - “Improving the Global Refugee Regime with Feminist Theory” (THEMATIC) Moderator: tbc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“An Intersectional Examination of Syrian Refugee Women’s Experiences with Intimate Partner Violence in Jordan”</i> - Nour Daoud, University of Padova, Italy • <i>“The Praxis of Human Rights: Deconstructing Legal Norms and Human Rights Knowledge from the Ground Up for Displaced Women in Colombia”</i> - Claudia Blandon, University of Plymouth, UK • <i>“‘It’s Complicated’: Unravelling the relationship between Human Rights and the Refugee Definition through a Queer Theory Lens”</i> – Dr Janna Wessels, Free University Amsterdam, Netherlands • <i>“Unprincipled and Unrealised: CEDAW and Discrimination Experienced in the Context of Migration Control”</i> – Dr Catherine Briddick, University of Oxford, UK 	Session 5C - “The Future of Complementary Pathways” (THEMATIC) Moderator: Dr Vladislava Stoyanova, Lund University, Sweden Discussant: Anna Gekht, Senior Resettlement and Complementary Pathways Officer, UNHCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Whose Pathways are They Anyway? The Top-down/Bottom-up Conundrum of Complementary Pathways for Refugees”</i> - Dr Joanne van Selm, Eurasyllum, UK • <i>“Challenging the Concept of Complementary Pathways”</i> - Prof. Marjoleine Zieck, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands • <i>“Complementary Pathways as ‘Effective Access to Means of Legal Entry’ in the Reasoning of the ECtHR: Legal and Practical Implications”</i> - Emiliya Bratanova van Harten, Lund University, Sweden • <i>“Community-driven Humanitarian Corridors as Community Sponsorship Models: the Obligation to Protect the Vulnerable vs State Deterrence”</i> - Prof. Carola Ricci, University of Pavia, Italy
15.30– 16.00	Coffee break		
16.00– 17.20	Session 6A – “Asylum in a Late Sovereign World: The Application of Refugee Law in Overseas and Dependent Territories” (OPEN) Moderator: tbc	Session 6B - “Chain-Externalisation of EU Migration Management Policies” (OPEN) Moderator: tbc	Session 6C – “Alternative Forms of Protection in Africa” (OPEN) Moderator: Prof. Jo Vearey, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Arctic Asylum: The Legal Regulation of Asylum-Seekers and Refugees in Greenland and Svalbard”</i> – Prof. Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark • <i>“The EU’s External Border with Gibraltar and Refugee Protection”</i> – Prof. María-Teresa GilBazo, University of Navarra, Spain • <i>“Asylum in the Dutch Caribbean: The Legal Regulation of Venezuelan Refugees in Curaçao, Aruba and Bonaire”</i> – Dr Maarten den Heijer, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“EU-Tunisia Cooperation on Border Management and Rescue at Sea: Assessing Tunisia as a ‘Place of Safety’ and a ‘Safe Country’”</i> – Dr Mariagiulia Giuffre, Edge Hill University, UK • <i>“Chain-Externalisation of Migration Policies in the Context of EU-Turkey Relations”</i> – Gamze Ovacik, University of Gothenburg, Germany • <i>“West Africa: The Missing Link of Chain Externalisation”</i> – Dr Mariana Gkliati, Leiden University, Netherlands • <i>“Chain-Externalisation within Libya: The Legal Responsibility of Local Armed Groups”</i> – Adel-Naim Reyhani, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights, Austria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Negotiating Pathways to Justice: Migrants, Asylum-Seekers, Refugees and Access to Justice in Johannesburg, South Africa”</i> - Knowledge Mabhena, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa • <i>“The Search for Safe Spaces for Education within the Insecurity of the Urban: South Sudanese Refugees and Community Schools in Cairo”</i> - Elena Habersky and Amira Hetaba, American University in Cairo, Egypt • <i>“Borders and Boundaries in the Daily Urban Practices of Refugees from African Countries in Bellville, South Africa”</i> - Tamuka Chekero, University of Cape Town, South Africa • <i>“Alternative Forms of Protection In Africa: A Case Study of Mobility and Connectivity as Solutions to Protracted Refugee Situations in Tanzania”</i> - Janemary Ruhundwa, DIGNITY Kwanza, Tanzania
<p>17.20– 17.30</p>	<p>Plenary – Closing Dr Sarah Singer, Refugee Law Initiative</p>		