

## A Refugee Law Reader Conference Asylum and Refugee Law Education in Europe New Challenges – New responses?



Hungarian Helsinki Committee



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### 8-9 December 2011 Budapest, Hungary

#### Background of the project:

*“A comprehensive project, which aims to harmonise the asylum regulation”*

The European Union has created the most complex legal regime for refugees in the world but the harmonisation process of this wide-reaching Community legislation has been arduously slow. This is largely due to the fact that Member States have not been properly prepared to transpose these instruments into their national system and more importantly, into their practice. The project entitled “Knowledge-based harmonisation of European asylum practices” is coordinated by the Hungarian Helsinki Committee.

#### The closing of the project is a Conference on “Asylum and refugee law education in Europe”:

The conference will discuss current developments and challenges in European asylum law and practices, with particular emphasis on access to protection and the extension of protection regimes beyond refugee status. The organisers wish to strengthen refugee law education throughout the EU, among others through publicising innovative teaching methods and tools, as well as focusing on crucial new issues.

#### Who should attend?

Refugee law professors or lecturers  
PhD students  
Refugee law legal clinic coordinators  
Editors of the Refugee Law Reader  
Refugee law trainers (including practitioners involved in training)

#### Speakers include:

**Maryellen Fullerton** – Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School  
**Madeline Garlick** – Senior EU Affairs Officer with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees  
**Elsbeth Guild** – Associate Senior Research Fellow, Professor of European Migration Law in London  
**Christopher Hein** – Director, Italian Refugee Council  
**Maria Hennessy** – Senior Legal Officer at the European Council of Refugees and Exiles.  
**Vikram Kolmannskog** – Lecturer in Immigration Law at the University of Oslo  
**Boldizsár Nagy** – Professor of International Law, Central European University, University of ELTE  
**Valeria Ilareva** – Lawyer, Coordinator of Refugee Law Clinic, Bulgaria  
**Fadela Novak** – Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR  
**Jens Vedsted-Hansen** – Professor of Law, University of Aarhus  
**Júlia Iván** – Legal officer, Hungarian Helsinki Committee  
**Gábor Gyulai** – Refugee programme coordinator, Hungarian Helsinki Committee  
**Luis Peral** – Research Fellow at the EU Institute for Security Studies  
**Jeff Handmaker** – Assistant Professor in Law, Human Rights and Development

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## Programme

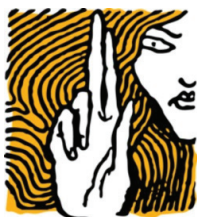
8-9 December Art'Otel, Budapest

8 December		
9.00-9.30	Opening, welcome	Gottfried Koefner (UNHCR); Gábor Gyulai (HHC); Maryellen Fullerton
9.30-10.45	The Arab spring and its impact on migratory tendencies and asylum in Europe	Keynote speaker: – Luis Peral Comments: Jeff Handmaker, Madeline Garlick Q&A
10.45-11.15	Coffee break	
11.15-12.45	<b>Access to protection at Europe's borders I:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access denied: the false presumption of safety</li> <li>• Access denied: the case of Italy</li> </ul>	Panel discussion, chair: Elspeth Guild Introductory thoughts by chair Júlia Iván Christopher Hein Q&A
12.45-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.15	<b>Access to protection in Europe II:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The implications of the MSS judgment for and beyond the Dublin system</li> </ul>	Panel discussion, chair: Elspeth Guild Jens Vedsted-Hansen Maria Hennessy Closing remarks by chair Q&A
15.15-15.45	Coffee break	
15.45-17.15	<b>Extending the scope of protection I:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subsidiary protection in Europe after the Elgafaji judgment (introductory thoughts)</li> <li>• "Safe at last" – the application of Article 15 (c) of the Qualification Directive in practice (UNHCR study)</li> <li>• Beyond EU-harmonised protection statuses – an overview</li> <li>• Brief introduction to "new" areas of protection: environmentally displaced persons, victims of trafficking, statelessness</li> </ul>	Panel discussion, chair: Jens Vedsted-Hansen Introductory thoughts by chair Madeline Garlick Gábor Gyulai Vikram Kolmannskog, Fabela Novak, Gábor Gyulai Q&A
19.00-21.30	Social dinner	On a boat on the Danube

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9.30-10.45	<b>Extending the scope of protection II – Parallel interactive workshops in smaller groups:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmentally displaced persons</li> <li>• Victims of trafficking</li> <li>• Statelessness</li> </ul>	Vikram Kolmannskog Fadela Novak Gábor Gyulai
10.45-11.15	Coffee break	
11.15-12.45	<b>New challenges and new responses in refugee law education and training:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The European Asylum Curriculum (EAC)</li> <li>• The Refugee Law Reader</li> <li>• The legal clinic methodology</li> </ul>	Panel discussion, chair: Boldizsár Nagy Introductory thoughts by chair EAC representative Anikó Bakonyi Valeria Ilareva Closing remarks by chair Q&A
12.45-13.00	Closing	Gábor Gyulai, Maryellen Fullerton
13.00-	Lunch	

### Venue and Accommodation

The Art'Otel

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1011 Budapest, Hungary

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