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Special Workshop: 'Revitalising IDP Research'

20 Years of the UN
Guiding Principles on
Internal Displacement

Refugee Law Initiative,
University of London

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DRAFT PROGRAMME*

This year, the 20th anniversary of the creation of the 1998 Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement offers a unique opportunity to consider the global state of academic and practitioner research on internal displacement and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

This IDP Workshop provides a forum for academics, practitioners, policy-makers, students and other interested parties to come together to present, debate and reflect on this field and future of IDP research. The overall objective is to work towards developing new research and policy agendas and collaborations through presentations from established and early-career academic and practitioner researchers on IDPs, leading the ensuing debate and discussion on the state of the art and new ways to engage with this field.

A methodology for the workshop will be circulated closer to the event.

Key to Breakout Sessions:

- Stream 1** Law, norms and justice
- Stream 2** Displacement and response dynamics
- Stream 3** Future problems and solutions

Information on [RLI Annual Conference](#) (18-19 July).

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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.

0900-0930 Registration**0930-0945 Opening and Workshop Methodology – Plenary Session**

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

0945-1030 Keynote: Introducing the Issues – Plenary Session

- 'IDP Protection and Research: 20 Years after the Guiding Principles' (title tbc)
Cecilia Jimenez-Damary (UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs)

1030-1215 Breakout Session I**Stream 1: The Guiding Principles at 20: Evaluating IDP Norms**

- 'Patterns of Commitment with the Guiding Principles and Regional Mechanisms of Norm Diffusion' – *Dr Gabriel Cardona-Fox* (John Hopkins University, Italy)
- 'Internal Displacement Norms: Reassessing Practice and Interpretation by Non-State Armed Groups' – *Dr Annyssa Bellal* (Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Switzerland)
- 'Doing Better in Protecting the Internally Displaced: The Tension between State Instruments and Practices' – *Ileana Nicolau* (European University Institute, Italy)
- 'Identity Crisis: Access and Barriers to Legal and Civil Documentation for Internally Displaced Persons and the Role of Non-State Actors' – *Sarah Adamczyk* (independent researcher)

Stream 2: Contemporary Trends: Framing Internal Displacement and IDP Dynamics

- 'Framing the issue of Internal Displacement: A Historical Perspective' – *Dr Jeff Crisp* (Chatham House, UK)
- 'The Strategic Logic of Internal Displacement in Civil Wars' – *Adam G. Lichtenheld* (University of California Berkeley, USA)
- 'Reconceptualising Internal Displacement caused by Criminal Violence in Central America' – *Dr Vickie Knox* (Refugee Law Initiative, UK)
- 'Democracy and Displacement in Colombia's Civil War' – *Dr Abbey Steele* (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)

Stream 3: Urban and other Non-encamped IDPs: Thinking outside the Camp

- 'The Experience of IDPs in Urban Settings and the Challenges to Develop an Adequate Humanitarian Response' – *Dr Angela Cotroneo* and *Dr Catherine Lune Grayson* (ICRC)
- 'Towards a Holistic Framework on Internal Displacement in Cities' – *Melissa Weihmayer* (JIPS)
- 'The Missing Link: The Relational Dimension of Durable Solutions to Protracted Urban Internal Displacement' – *Patricia García Amado* (Universidad de Deusto, Spain)
- 'Livelihood Strategies by Non-Encamped IDPs in the Democratic Republic of Congo' – *Dr Fraser Murray* (University College London, UK)

1215-1315 Lunch and Poster Session

Poster presentations will be displayed and discussed during this working lunch, including:

- 'Addressing Internal Displacement through National Application of the Guiding Principles' – *Naziye Dirikgil* (Aberystwyth University, UK)
- 'The Law of IDP Returns' – *Ben Hudson* (Lincoln University, UK)

- 'Learning from Experiences of Internal Displacement in Iraq: Implementation of Innovative Crisis-Response Solutions by RNVDO' – *Aleksandra K. Wiśniewska* (University of Oxford, UK)

1315-1500 Breakout Session II**Stream 1: Regional Protection of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa**

- 'The Legal Protection of IDPs in Africa: The Kampala Convention' – *Romola Adeola* (African Centre for Migration and Society, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa)
- 'African Union Model Law for the Implementation of the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa' – *Adewale Iyanda* (African Union Commission on International Law, Ethiopia) (tbc)
- 'Climate Change Displacement and the Protection of Indigenous Peoples in Africa' – *Jegade Ademola Oluborode* (University of Venda, South Africa)
- 'The World Bank, Development Approaches and IDPs in East Africa' - *Dr Sarah Deardorff Miller* (Columbia University, USA)

Stream 2: The Invisible Majority: Understanding the relationship between Internal Displacement and Cross-border Movements of Refugees and Migrants

Chair: *Dr Bina Desai* (IDMC)

- 'Drivers and Tipping Points for Internal Displacement, Cross-border Movements and Returns: New Findings from Syria and Iraq' - *Elizabeth Rushing* (IDMC)
- 'Root Causes of Forced Displacement and the Role of Access to Information in Shaping Internal and Cross-border Migration' – *Dr Charles Martin-Schiels* (German Development Institute, GDI-DIE)
- 'Challenges in the Relationship between the Protection of Internally Displaced Persons and International Refugee Law' – *Dr Bríd Ní Ghráinne* (University of Sheffield, UK)
- 'Development, Forced Displacement and Migration: Global Drivers and Impacts' – *Dr Michael Clemens* (Centre for Global Development, USA) (tbc)

Stream 3: Present and Future Danger? Environmental and Disaster Displacement

- 'A Human Rights-Based Approach to Disaster Displacement in Asia Pacific: Preliminary Insights from a Ten-Country Research Initiative' – *Matthew Scott* (Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Sweden)
- 'Assessing Sovereign and Non-Sovereign Small Island Developing States' Capacity to Respond to Internally Displaced Populations: The Case of the Anglophone Caribbean' – *Dr Natalie Dietrich Jones* (University of the West Indies (Mona), Jamaica)
- 'Displacement and Technological Disasters: Fukushima as a "Living Example"' – *Dr Ana Mosneaga* (Japan Platform, Japan)
- 'Re-evaluating the Relationship between Disaster and Conflict Displacement: A Colombian Case study' – *Dr Beatriz Sánchez* (independent researcher, Spain)

1500-1530 Coffee**1530-1715 Breakout Session III****Stream 1: Internal Displacement and (Access to) Justice**

- 'Hand in Hand or at Arm's Length? The Displacement Reparations Case Law of International Human Rights Mechanisms, Twenty Years after the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement' – *Deborah Casalin* (University of Antwerp, Belgium)
- 'IDPs from the Perspective of Transitional Justice: Opportunities, Risks and Lessons from Colombia' – *Félix Torres Penagos* (University of Nottingham, UK / Constitutional Court, Colombia)
- 'Justice and Security for Internally Displaced Persons in the DRC: The Case of Bukavu in the DRC' - *Dr Carolien Jacobs* (Leiden University, Netherlands)
- 'Litigating IDP Protection in Africa: The Case of the Endorois and Ogiek Communities' – *Donald Deya* (Pan-African Lawyers Union)

Stream 2: Internal Displacement as a Humanitarian Challenge

- 'IDPs as a Humanitarian Concern' (tbc) - *Professor Elizabeth Ferris* (Georgetown University, USA)
- 'IDPs and Public Health' – *Professor Bayard Roberts* (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK)
- 'Be Near a Road: Humanitarian Practice and Displaced Persons in North Kivu' – *Sandrine Tiller* (Médecins Sans Frontières) [with Sean Healy]
- 'Redefining Protection Intervention in Humanitarian Aid for IDPs through External Factors: A Case Study of Niger and Pakistan' – *Valerie Svobodova* (UNHCR, Niger)

Stream 3: Solutions, Development and the 'End of Displacement'

Chair: *Natalia Baal* (JIPS)

- 'Breaking the Impasse: Reducing Protracted Internal Displacement as a Collective Outcome' – *Professor Walter Kälin* (University of Bern, Switzerland)
- 'The Challenges of Pursuing Solutions on the Ground' – *Liz Eyster* (IDP Unit, UNHCR)
- 'Innovation for Solutions' - *Kathrine Starup* (Danish Refugee Council, Denmark)
- 'Measuring Progress towards Durable Solutions' – *Khadra Elmi* (JIPS)

1715-1800 Closing Review and Next Steps - Plenary Session

- Discussion of research gaps and opportunities, developing a network and future research links
Professor Walter Kälin (University of Bern, Switzerland)