



21st Annual Student Human Rights Conference
Friday 13 March 2020 – University of Nottingham

Great Hall, Trent Building

**Forced to flee: when migration is the only
alternative**

Programme

9:15 Welcome refreshments and registration *Great Hall, Trent Building*

9:45 Conference opening by **Professor Todd Landman, Pro-Vice Chancellor**
Great Hall, Trent Building

10:00 Morning session chaired by **Professor Aoife Nolan, HRLC Co-Director**

The first Global Refugee Forum: Outcomes and Post-Forum Perspectives
Rossella Pagliuchi-Lor, Representative of UNHCR in the UK

The Global Refugee Compact
Professor Geoff Gilbert, Professor of International Human Rights & Humanitarian Law,
University of Essex

11:00 Refreshments *Great Hall, Trent Building*

11:15 Delegates choose between two student-led discussion groups, which will run simultaneously:

Panel 1: Forced migration and responsibility-sharing

Great Hall, Trent Building, Chaired by Rebecca Cox

Towards a globalised system of responsibility-sharing: lessons to be learnt from the regional implementations of refugee protection initiatives

Tom Welch, PhD 3rd Year, University of Lincoln

Migration from Honduras and Canada's responsibility: the case of the "migrant caravan"

Natasha Sofia Martinez, PhD 1st Year, York University (Canada)

Doing our Part? Responsibility Sharing by the Americas in the Venezuelan Exodus

Nancy Robb, MA Public Policy, York University (Canada)

Panel 2: Borders and barriers in 2020

Council Room, Trent Building, Chaired by Tasnim Zaki

Internal and External Barriers to Movement: Why there is no preemptive movement from rising sea levels

Brady Podloski, MA Disaster and Emergency Management, York University (Canada)

So far from God, so close to the United States: the tangles web of Central America, forced migration, and the United States

Lesley Nash, LLM Public International Law, University of Nottingham



12.15 *Lunch / Networking* *Great Hall, Trent Building*

13.15 Afternoon session chaired by **Emeritus Professor David Harris, HRLC Co-Director**
Great Hall, Trent Building
The European Union's response to forced migration in the central Mediterranean
Matteo de Bellis, Researcher at Amnesty International

The asylum process in the United Kingdom
Deirdre Sheahan, Director at Paragon Solicitors

14:30 *Refreshments* *Great Hall, Trent Building*

14:45 Delegates choose between two student-led discussion groups, which will run simultaneously:

Panel 3: Challenging current refugee narratives
Great Hall, Trent Building, Chaired by Valeria Miglio

The EU non-entry regime and the construction of migration as a problematic phenomenon
Celine Hocquet, PhD, University of Birmingham

A Feminist Approach to the EU's Common Asylum System
Megan Fraser, LL.M International Law and Politics, University of Christchurch (NZ)

Forced migration from a Third World Approach to International Law perspective
Ryoko Arakawa, LL.M International Human Rights Law, University of Essex

Panel 4: Challenges in host countries
Council Room, Trent Building, Chaired by Katie Alexander

The de-construction of credibility assessments in the asylum procedures – an ethnographic study at the administrative court of Berlin
Leonie Thies, MA Social Sciences, Humboldt University of Berlin

What are the impacts of sexual violence amongst migrants, refugees and asylum seekers entering EU through Libya?
Imogen Kemp, PgDip, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Combining forces to improve detention conditions for asylum seekers and refugees globally: the complementary mandates of UNHCR and OPCAT mechanisms
Sophia Soares, PhD 1st Year, University of Bristol

15:45 Closing Remarks from **Emeritus Professor David Harris, HRLC Co-Director**
Great Hall, Trent Building

16:00 Conference close.