

**2011 Critical Issues in International Refugee Law Research Workshop**  
**Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto, Canada**  
**April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**Marshall A. Cohen Governance Room, 524 York Research Tower**

**PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday, April 26th**

**8:30 AM – 9:00 AM                      Light Breakfast<sup>1</sup>**

**9:00 AM – 9:30 AM                      Greetings and Welcome**

**York University President Professor Mamdouh Shoukri;**

**Professor David Dewitt, Associate Vice-President Research and Innovation;**

**Professor Susan McGrath, Director, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University;**

**Opening Remarks of the Chairperson of the Research Workshop, The Honourable Allan Lutfy, Chief Justice, Federal Court (Canada)**

**9:30 AM – 10:30 AM                      Official Opening Address**

**Keynote Speaker: *Professor James C. Hathaway, Faculty of Law, University of Michigan, United States***

**Questions and Answer Session**

**10:30 AM – 10:45 AM                      Break**

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**10:45 AM – 11:30 AM**

**“The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, Retrospective Analysis and Prospective Vision: The Future of International Protection for the Stateless and those who Fear Persecution.”**

*Dr. Agnes Hurwitz, Senior Research Officer, Department of International Development, UNHCR, Geneva, Switzerland*

**Judicial Commentary**

**Justice Harold Dörig, Supreme Administrative Court, Federal Republic of Germany, Honorary Professor of the Friedrich-Schiller University Jena, Leipzig, Germany**

**Justice Robert Barnes, Federal Court (Canada), Ottawa, Ontario**

**11:30 AM – 12:00 Noon**

**Roundtable Discussion**

**12:00 Noon – 12:15 PM**

**Academic Commentator’s Observations and Summary Remarks**

**Professor Maryellen Fullerton, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York, United States**

**12:15 PM – 1:15 PM**

**Lunch (Conference Room, 519 York Research Tower)<sup>2</sup>**

**1:15 PM – 1:30 PM**

**Group Photo with all the Participants**

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**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

**The Interface Between “Soft Law” and “Hard Law” in International Refugee Law and Practice**

*Professor Satvinder Juss, School of Law, King’s College London, Deputy Judge of the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber), United Kingdom, Panel of Arbitrators of the Indian Council of Arbitration and Life Member.*

**Judicial and UNHCR Commentary**

**Justice Tony North, Federal Court of Australia, Melbourne, Australia, and Immediate-Past President of the International Association of Refugee Law Judges (IARLJ)**

**UNHCR – Rana Khan, Legal Counsel, UNHCR Canada**

**2:30 PM – 2:45 PM**

**Break**

**2:45 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Roundtable Discussion**

**4:00 PM – 4:15 PM**

**Academic Commentator’s Observations and Summary Remarks**

**Professor Audrey Macklin, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

**4:15 PM – 4:30 PM**

**Overall Observations and Commentary on the Day’s Presentations and Discussions:**

*Professor James C. Hathaway, Faculty of Law, University of Michigan, USA*

*Chairperson’s Remarks. Chief Justice, Allan Lutfy, Federal Court (Canada)*

**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

***Reception and Dinner, Executive Dining Room,  
Schulich School of Business***

**Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 AM – 9:00 AM**

**Light Breakfast<sup>3</sup>**

**9:00 AM – 9:15 AM**

**Chairperson's Opening Remarks, Chief Justice  
Allan Lutfy, Federal Court (Canada)**

**9:15 AM – 10:45 AM**

**The Intersection of International Refugee Law,  
International Humanitarian Law and  
International Criminal Law**

***Professor Hélène Lambert, School of Law, Department of Advanced Legal  
Studies, University of Westminster, United Kingdom***

***Dr. Agnes Hurwitz, Senior Research Officer, Department of International  
Development, UNHCR, Geneva, Switzerland***

**Judicial and UNHCR Commentaries**

**Dr. Hugo Storey, Senior Immigration Judge, Upper Tribunal (Immigration  
and Asylum Chamber), United Kingdom.**

**Brian Goodman, Chairperson, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada  
(IRB)**

**10:45 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Break**

**11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

**Roundtable Discussion**

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**12:00 Noon – 12:15 PM                      Academic Commentator's Observations and Summary Remarks**

**Joseph Rikhof, Senior Legal Counsel, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Unit, Justice Canada**

**12:15 PM – 1:30 PM                      Lunch (Conference Room 519, York Research Tower) <sup>4</sup>**

**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM                      Security Issues and Special Procedures**

***Professor Sharryn Aiken, Associate Dean (Graduate Studies and Research) and Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Queen's University***

**Judicial and UNHCR Commentary**

**Justice Esme Chombo, High Court of Malawi, Lilongwe, Malawi**

**Judge President Bernard Ngoepe, Transvaal Division Court, High Court of the Republic of South Africa and Justice of the African Court of Human and People's Rights, Arusha, Tanzania.**

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**2:45 PM – 4:00 PM                      Roundtable Discussion**

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**4:00 PM – 4:15 PM**

**Academic Commentator's Observations and  
Summary Remarks**

**Professor Obiora Okafor, Faculty of Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, York  
University, Toronto, Canada**

**4:15 PM – 4:30 PM**

**Overall Observations and Commentary on the  
Day's Presentations and Discussions:**

***Professor James C. Hathaway, Faculty of Law, University of Michigan, USA***

***Chairperson's Closing Remarks for the Research Workshop, Chief Justice Allan  
Lutfy, Federal Court (Canada)***