

WAR CRIMES AND REFUGEE STATUS CONFERENCE

Centre for Refugee Studies

Tuesday, August 16th, 2011

Room 280N York Lanes

York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Light Breakfast

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Welcome Address

**Professor Barbara Crow, Associate Dean (Research),
Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York
University;**

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

**Professor Emeritus Howard Adelman, York University,
Chairperson of the “War Crimes and Refugee Status
Conference” and founding Director, Centre for Refugee
Studies, York University**

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

The War Crimes and Refugee Status Research Project

**Kate Jastram, Lecturer in Residence and Senior Fellow,
Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law,
University of California, Berkeley, School of Law.**

**James C. Simeon, Deputy Director, Centre for Refugee
Studies and Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy
and Administration, York University**

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Networking Break

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Recent Jurisprudential Trends on Article 1F(a)

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

Nancy Weisman, Legal Counsel, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Central Region, Toronto, Canada

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

UNHCR Guidelines on the Application and Interpretation of Article 1F(a)

Jennifer Bond, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Networking Break

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

The Future of Article 1F(a)?

Dominic Laferriere, Manager, Security and Intelligence Section, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA);

Ward Lutin, Programme Officer, Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees – IGC, Geneva, Switzerland;

Afke Siezen, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, Migration Policy Department, The Netherlands

4:30 PM – 4:45 PM

Final Reflections & Closing Remarks

Howard Adelman, Professor Emeritus, York University, Chairperson of the “War Crimes and Refugee Status Conference”

James C. Simeon, Deputy Director, Centre for Refugee Studies, Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy and Administration, York University