



As part of our popular Lunch Talk series McLaughlin College Proudly Presents:

“Is it the End for Refugee Protection?”



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International Lecture

Presented by

David James Cantor

The global refugee protection regime is under attack as no longer ‘fit for ‘purpose’. Implicit in some of the more trenchant critiques is the contention that the underlying structure of refugee law has outlived its utility in articulating a shared vision of the fundamentals of refugee protection. Are we looking at the ‘end days’ of refugee law? The lecture offers a perspective on this topical question from a longstanding practitioner in this field. It begins by assessing several of the more critiques of the legal framework underpinning the refugee protection regime. It then asks whether the field of refugee law is itself well-placed to help in articulating a new shared global vision of refugee protection.

Professor DAVID JAMES CANTOR, PhD, is founder and Director of the [Refugee Law Initiative](#), School of Advanced Study, University of London, UK.

David researches on the legal and practical protection of refugees and IDPs and has published widely in books and peer-review journals. His extensive field research across Latin America, including in Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico, won the *Times Higher Education* Research of the Year Award in 2017-18. He has advised and trained governments from Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe and Latin America, and was seconded to the UNHCR Americas Bureau as its Principal Advisor in 2018. David is current Editor-in-Chief of the [Refugee Survey Quarterly](#) journal and the Brill [International Refugee Law book series](#). He also co-founded the first and only distance-learning [MA in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies](#), with over 300 students from humanitarian practice all over the world. He established and chairs the University of London Refugee Law Clinic.

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2:30 – 3:30 pm Via Zoom

Registration: <https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtcu-rpJORG9Hl5wkGza2Fv0wnkbPWvyBc>

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