

SUMMER COURSE 2024 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Please note this schedule is preliminary and subject to change as we confirm with our speakers

We are curating a lively course that will bring together leading policy makers, adjudicators, researchers, refugees, and NGO actors together from across the world, to share varied perspectives and encourage course participants to share their experiences throughout our week together.

June 3rd: Day 1

INTRODUCTION AND STATE OF THE FIELD

MORNING

9:00-10:30am: Welcome and introductions!

[Simon Wallace](#), Refugee Lawyer and PhD Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School

[Petra Molnar](#), Associate Director, Refugee Law Lab and Faculty Associate, Berkman Klein Center, Harvard

9:30 – 10:30am: Year in Review: Migration trends globally

[Ethel Tungohan](#), York University

Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:15pm: Year in Review: Border Technologies

[Lucia Nalbandian](#), Research Affiliate CERC In Migration and Integration, Toronto Metropolitan University

Lunch

AFTERNOON

1:15-2:45pm: Interactive session

Discussion in small groups the two “state of the union talks” and present back on developments in your field

3:00-4:30pm Interactive session: Intro to machine learning and AI

[Simon Wallace](#), Refugee Lawyer and PhD Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School

5:00-6:30pm Evening Keynote 1 and Reception: Texas House of Representatives Mary Gonzales

[Representative Mary E. González](#) is currently serving her sixth term in the Texas House of Representatives, where she was elected in November 2012, to represent House District 75 — an area that encompasses much of eastern El Paso County. Mary has authored numerous bills to improve public schools, increase economic development, and support agriculture in District 75 and throughout Texas. She is Vice Chair of the House Appropriations Committee and serves on the House Higher Education Committee. Mary chairs the Texas House LGBTQ Caucus and is Treasurer of the Information Technology Caucus.

June 4th: Day 2

THE SHARP EDGES: Border Technologies, Spyware, and Digital Discrimination

MORNING

9:00-10:30am: “Nothing About Us Without Us:” Panel with the [Migration and Technology Monitor Fellows](#)

Wael Qarssifi, Syrian journalist examining surveillance of migrants in Malaysia
Nery Santaella, Venezuelan refugee and the Director of Voices Of Venezuela
Simon Drotti, a Data Analysis, Graphics and UX Designer, and a refugee in Uganda
Rajendra Paudel, a returnee migrant worker from Saudi Arabia and UAE
Veronica Martinez, multimedia reporter from the frontier of the US/Mexico border
In conversation with [Petra Molnar](#)

Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:15pm: Panel on tech-in-use and discriminatory impacts in the Majority World

Mariam Jamal, lawyer and project officer with [Haki na Sheria](#), Kenya
Mona Shtaya, researcher with the [Middle East Institute](#)
[Apti Institute](#), Bengaluru, India

AFTERNOON

1:15-2:45pm: Panel on border surveillance and regulation

Mizue Aizeki, [Surveillance Resistance Lab](#)
Santiago Narvaez, [R3D](#)
Laura Bingham, [Temple University, Institute for Law, Innovation and Technology](#)
[Derya Ozkul](#), Warwick University and Oxford University

3:00-4:30pm: Panel on spyware and targeting of human rights defenders

[Nana Mgbechikwere Nwachukwu](#), lawyer and Affiliate with Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society, Harvard
[Florian Schmitz](#), journalist with Deutsche Welle
In conversation with [Petra Molnar](#)

5:00-6:30pm Evening Keynote 2 and Reception: Nanjala Nyabola

Nanjala Nyabola is a political analyst, activist, and writer based in Nairobi, Kenya, including books such as *Travelling While Black: Essays Inspired by a Life on the Move*. Ms Nyabola writes extensively about African society and politics, technology, international law, and feminism. She recently authored a report called [Digital Identities and Border Cultures](#) with the Atlantic Council

June 5th: Day Three

DOWNTOWN SITE VISITS

We will start this day slightly later to accommodate travel downtown

We are currently formalizing in-person visits to leading organizations who work on the intersection of spyware and human rights, and the [FCJ Refugee Centre](#), a leading migrant justice and service provision organization in Canada.

We will have the chance to visit these spaces and will have lunch together in downtown Toronto.

June 6th: Day Four

HELPING TOOLS: How can technologies strengthen refugee protection?

MORNING

9:00-10:30am: Government representatives and reflections from various jurisdictions

Coffee

10:45 – 12:15pm: Perspectives from the UN's High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) [Hovig Etyemezian](#), Head of Innovation Service · UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency
[Rebeca Moreno Jimenez](#), Innovation Officer and Lead Data Scientist, UNHCR

Lunch

AFTERNOON

1:15-2:45pm: Tools for critical research in migration and tech

[Sean Rehaag](#), Director of the Centre for Refugee Studies and the Refugee Law Lab
Asta Sofie Stage Jarlner, PhD student, [University of Copenhagen](#)

Coffee

3:00

Evening (Downtown Toronto): Book Launch and discussion for [The Walls Have Eyes: Surviving Migration in the Age of Artificial Intelligence](#) by Petra Molnar (May 2024)

June 7th: Day 5

FUTURES: How Do We Build a Different World?

MORNING

9:00-10:30am: Panel on how new technologies can deliver services to refugees and people-on-the-move

Craig Damian Smith, [Parity](#)

[Jen McIntyre](#), Canada-US Border Rights Clinic

Elisa Ertl, [Re:Match Project](#), Germany and Canada, using algorithms for refugee resettlement

Coffee

10:45 – 12:15pm Panel: Data Governance and Law Making

[Younes Ahouga](#), research fellow, CERC in Migration and Integration, TMY

[Zainab Ziaie](#), lawyer specializing in algorithmic decision-making in Canada's immigration system

[Will Tao](#), lawyer specializing in algorithmic decision-making in Canada's immigration system

Lunch

AFTERNOON

Coffee

1:15-2:45pm: Interactive wrap up session and visioning

Led by [Petra Molnar](#)