



Adjudicating Refugee Claims in Practice: Advocacy and Experience at Asylum Court Appeals

30 June – 2 July 2021; Virtual (Zoom)

Programme Overview

(6 July 2021 – subject to minor changes)

**REC – Presentation via a pre-recorded video*

Day 1 – Wednesday, 30 June 2021

Time (BST)	Event
9:30 – 10:15	Opening & Welcome by the ASYFAIR team (N. Gill & N. Hoellerer)



<p>10:30 - 12:15</p>	<p>SESSION 1A - International Experiences of Refugee Status Determination</p> <p>Chair: John R. Campbell</p> <p>‘Legal literacy and the refugee asylum experience: Developed vis-a-vis developing countries’ - <i>Annie Margaret Ihoreere Wagana</i></p> <p>‘South Africa has no camps: The attitude of judges in refugee claims adjudications concerning the policy of encampment in other Southern African states’ - <i>Cristiano d’Orsi</i></p> <p>‘BANGLASTORIES: An introduction to the Bangladeshi community in Palermo through their legal experience of the asylum application’ - <i>Valentina Grillo</i></p>		<p>SESSION 1B - Credibility I: Credibility Assessments and Discretion</p> <p>Chair: Sule Tomkinson</p> <p>‘Spaces of discretion in asylum adjudication: An insight into Italian tribunals specialised in asylum’ - <i>Alice Lacchei</i></p> <p>‘Interviewing asylum-seekers in the courtroom: The experience of a French judge in light of scholarly insights’ - <i>Fabrice Langrognet</i></p> <p>‘The fiction of credibility assessments: How poor interpretation and transcription undermine adjudication procedures in Italy’ - <i>Lorenzo Vianelli</i></p>
<p>12:15 - 13:15</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>		
<p>13:15 - 15:00</p>	<p>SESSION 2A - Legal Representation, Legal Aid and Information</p> <p>Chair: Jo Hynes</p> <p>‘Evidence over legal argument: The advantages of the pro bono refugee law clinic model’ - <i>Susan Reardon-Smith, Isabela Rodrigues Nahssen, Ram Sabaratnam and Adithi Shenava</i></p> <p>‘Legal representation in 2nd instance asylum cases before the Greek Appeals Committees’ [REC] - <i>Maria Basdeki, and Martha Chatziantoniou</i></p>	<p>SESSION 2B - Credibility II: Religious Conversion Asylum Cases</p> <p>Chair: Nicole Hoellerer</p> <p>‘Finding the true convert: Tensions between church and state in asylum appeal hearings based on conversion to Christianity’ - <i>Lena Rose</i></p> <p>‘Sur place religious conversion in the asylum process: What kind of view on religion guides the Finnish state official’s credibility assessment of conversion?’ - <i>Ilona Silvola</i></p>	<p>SESSION 2C - The Challenges of Asylum Adjudication in Italy: Perspectives from the Field</p> <p>Chair: Lorenzo Vianelli Discussant: Barbara Sorgoni</p> <p>‘The international protection before the judge: A study on the decisions of the Tribunal of Bologna’ - <i>Alessandro Fiorini</i></p> <p>‘Adjudicating refugee cases in Italy: Insights from a judge’ - <i>Matilde Betti</i></p>

	'Are asylum outcomes really luck of the draw? Reconsidering the relationship between access to legal advice and structural injustice' - <i>Emma Marshall</i>	'Fragmented truths in narratives of converted Iranians in a diaspora [REC]' - <i>Zahra Abedinezhad-Mehrabadi</i>	'The asylum waltz: Private feelings and public statements' - <i>Maurizio Veglio</i>
15:15 - 17:00	Keynote: Dr. Nick Gill (PI ASYFAIR, University of Exeter, UK) - 'Inside Europe's Asylum Appeals'		

Day 2 – Thursday, 1 July 2021

Time (BST)	Event	
09:30 - 11:15	<p>SESSION 3A - Vulnerability I: Vulnerability in Refugee Status Determination</p> <p>Chair: Ben Hudson</p> <p>'The burden of vulnerability: Legal and social perspectives on asylum claims submitted in Italy' - <i>Dany Carnassale</i></p> <p>'Asylum seekers in disused military barracks: How the UK's first refugee camps harm residents' health' - <i>Jennifer Blair, Cornelius Katona and Yusuf Ciftci</i></p> <p>'Examining policies and priorities of the Indonesian government in fulfilling the rights of refugees amid the COVID-19 pandemic' [REC] - <i>Desi Yunitasari and Devi Yusvitasari</i></p>	<p>SESSION 3B - Asylum in Europe and the Common European Asylum System (CEAS)</p> <p>Chair: Ana Beduschi</p> <p>'Heterogeneous judicial models for the asylum claims at national level: Which consequences for the Common European Asylum System?' - <i>Cristina Dallara, Alice Lacchei and Madalina Moraru</i></p> <p>'The co-constitution of the normativity of protection in Nordic asylum appeal systems' - <i>William Hamilton Byrne and Sarah Scott Ford</i></p> <p>'Exploring inconsistencies in refugee status determination in Europe: Operational perspectives on asylum appeal adjudication in practice' - <i>ASYFAIR</i></p>

<p>11:30 - 13:15</p>	<p>SESSION 4A - Vulnerability II: Children in Refugee Status Determination</p> <p>Chair: Fabrice Langrognet</p> <p>‘Effective participation of children in asylum procedures: Asylum interviews with school-aged children seeking asylum in the Netherlands’ - <i>Stephanie Rap</i></p> <p>‘Separated children and the operationalisation of credibility assessment in appeal decision-making in the Republic of Ireland’ - <i>Diego Castillo Goncalves</i></p> <p>‘Children and their rights in appellate asylum procedures in Belgium: Methodological challenges in legal-ethnographic research’ - <i>Sara Lembrechts</i></p>	<p>SESSION 4B - Asylum Determination and Adjudication in the UK</p> <p>Chair: Susan Reardon-Smith</p> <p>‘Legal silo’s and indifference: The wrongful prosecution of refugees and asylum seekers in the UK’ - <i>John R. Campbell</i></p> <p>‘Conducting disembodied online ethnographies of disembodied legal processes: Loitering with (research) intent in digital spaces’ - <i>Jo Hynes</i></p> <p>‘Imagining of the other: Home Office assertions of culture and their implications for Kurdish asylum seekers’ - <i>Kaveh Ghobadi</i></p> <p>‘Cooperation and kindness in the immigration and asylum chamber’ - <i>Susannah Paul</i></p>	<p>SESSION 4C - Country of Origin Information (COI) in Refugee Status Determination</p> <p>Chair: Anthony Good</p> <p>‘Country of Origin Information: The essential foundation for fair decision-making’ - <i>Femke Vogelaar</i></p> <p>‘“It’s not what you know, it’s how you use it”: On the application of country of origin information in judicial refugee status determination decisions’ - <i>Valentin Feneberg and Laura Scheinert</i></p> <p>‘Source assessment and the U.S. Department of State’s annual human rights reports’ - <i>Stephanie Huber</i></p>
<p>13:15 - 14:15</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>		

<p>14:15 - 16:00</p>	<p>SESSION 5A - Vulnerability III: Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation in Refugee Status Determination</p> <p>Chair: Raawiyah Rifath</p> <p>'Assessing asylum claims of trans and gender non-conforming claimants' [REC] - <i>Mariza Avgeri</i></p> <p>'Invariably "discreet"? Refugee status determination in Germany and France and the intricacies of "discretion" reasoning - <i>Janna Wessels</i></p> <p>Subjective judicial assessments of SOGI claims at German asylum courts – <i>Nicole Hoellerer</i></p>	<p>SESSION 5B - Effects on Refugee Status Determination and Asylum Adjudication</p> <p>Chair: Rebecca Hamlin</p> <p>'Asylum law, decision-making and adjudication to compare between Europe and Japan' - <i>Yukari Ando</i></p> <p>'The Italian reform of the judicial system in the asylum procedure: Speeding up the application processes or weakening refugees' rights to defence?' [REC] - <i>Francesca Di Blasi, Daniela Peruzzo and Cristiana Russo</i></p> <p>'An existing role, an emerging function? The complex process and consequences of interpreters' professionalization at the French National Court of Asylum' - <i>Maxime Maréchal</i></p>
<p>16:15 - 17:45</p>	<p>Keynote: Prof. Ashley Terlouw (Radboud University, NL) - 'The Dilemma of Discretion: Deciding by the Rules or by Heart in Asylum Cases?'</p>	

Day 3 – Friday, 2 July 2021

Time (BST)	Event	
09:30 - 11:15	<p>SESSION 6A - Case Law and Evidence</p> <p>Chair: Nick Gill</p> <p>‘Analysis of problematic legal issues in Turkish case law on asylum’- <i>Gamze Ovacik</i></p> <p>‘The role of strategic litigation in international (quasi-) adjudicating bodies in addressing border violence in the Mediterranean’ [REC] - <i>Sara Traylor</i></p> <p>‘Adjudicating asylum appeals: Internal flight alternative in Canada’ - <i>Sule Tomkinson</i></p>	<p>SESSION 6B - Fairness and Access to Justice</p> <p>Chair: Livia Johannesson</p> <p>‘Access to justice for asylum seekers staying in Poland’ - <i>Maja Łysienia</i></p> <p>‘Assessing cultures of practice in asylum decision-making: Towards an analysis of variations in refugee appeals decisions in Ireland’ - <i>Sasha Brown</i></p>
11:30 - 13:30	<p>Roundtable</p> <p>Chair: Nick Gill</p> <p>Participants: John Campbell, Cristiano D’Orsi, Tobias Eule, Livia Johannesson, Rebecca Hamlin, Anthony Good, Austin Kocher, Ashley Terlouw, Helena Wray</p>	
13:35 - 14:00	<p>Closing Remarks (ASYFAIR Team)</p>	