

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS' SECOND EXPERT ROUNDTABLE ON ASYLUM CLAIMS BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY

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**Hosted by the Refugee Law Initiative, School of Advanced Study,
University of London**

Programme

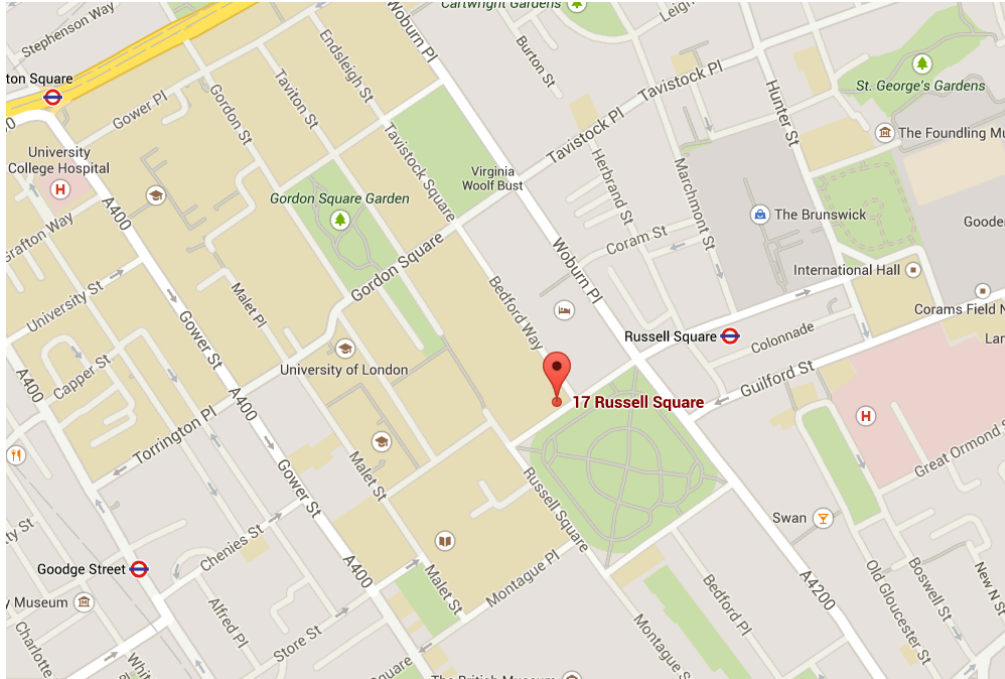
1pm – 1.45pm	Registration Lunch, coffee and tea
1.45pm – 2pm	Dr David Cantor and Livio Zilli Introductory remarks
2pm – 2.40pm	Professor James Hathaway "Membership of a Particular Social Group: How Good Intentions Made a Mess of Something Simple"
2.40pm – 3pm	Q&A
3pm – 3.30pm	Professor Deborah Anker "LGBTI Refugee Claims: 'Persecution' and Lessons from Practice"
3.30pm – 3.45pm	Q&A
3.45pm – 4pm	Coffee and tea
4pm – 4.25pm	Judge Lars Bay Larsen "Brief remarks on the case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union relevant to international protection claims based on sexual orientation or gender identity"
4.25pm – 4.35pm	Q&A
4.35pm – 5.00pm	Closing discussion

The ICJ is grateful to the Refugee Law Initiative at the Human Rights Consortium of the School of Advanced Study, University of London for kindly hosting the roundtable and, in particular, to Dr David Cantor and Mehrunnisa Yusuf for their assistance.

Practical information

Venue

The roundtable takes place in Room L103/104, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR.



WiFi

WiFi will be available. The login details will be provided at the venue.

Questionnaire

During the last coffee break, a brief questionnaire will be handed out. We would be very grateful if you could fill it out and provide your feedback on the roundtable.

Expenses

The ICJ provides a Per Diem and a contribution towards various expenses, as detailed in Annex 1.

Insurance

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Further questions

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Participants

Speakers

James C. HATHAWAY

James E. and Sarah A. Degan Professor of Law and Director, Program in Refugee and Asylum Law, University of Michigan Law School

Professor Hathaway is a leading authority on international refugee law whose work is regularly cited by the most senior courts of the common law world. He is the founding director of the University of Michigan's Program in Refugee and Asylum Law, Distinguished Visiting Professor of International Refugee Law at the University of Amsterdam, and Professorial Fellow of the University of Melbourne. Prof. Hathaway's publications include more than 70 journal articles, a leading treatise on the refugee definition (*The Law of Refugee Status*, 1991; *The Law of Refugee Status*, 2nd ed. M. Foster, co-author, Cambridge University Press, 2014), an interdisciplinary study of models for refugee law reform (*Reconceiving International Refugee Law*, 1997) and *The Rights of Refugees under International Law* (2005), winner of the American Society of International Law's Certificate of Merit.

Deborah ANKER

Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Harvard Law School Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program (HIRC)

Professor Anker is Clinical Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and Director of the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program. Author of the leading treatise, *Law of Asylum in the United States*, Professor Anker has co-drafted groundbreaking gender asylum guidelines and amicus curiae briefs. She is cited frequently by international and domestic courts and tribunals, including the United States Supreme Court. Anker is a pioneer in the development of clinical legal education in the immigration field, training students and creating a foundation for clinics at law schools across the United States. She is on the advisory board of refworld.org and is a senior researcher for the Refugee Law Initiative. Deborah has received numerous awards including the Elmer Fried Excellence in Teaching Award from the American Immigration Lawyers' Association (AILA), the AILA Founder's Award for the Women's Refugees Project, and the AILA Edith Lowenstein Memorial Award for excellence in advancing the practice of immigration law. She has also received the CARECEN Award from the Central American Refugee Center and the Massachusetts Governor's New American Appreciation Award. Anker was designated a Woman of Justice by the Massachusetts Bar Association, and in 2011, she was elected as a Fellow to the American Bar Foundation.

Lars Bay LARSEN

Judge, Court of Justice of the European Union

Lars Bay Larsen has been a judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union since 11 January 2006. Prior to his appointment to the Court in

Luxemburg, he served on Denmark's Supreme Court from 2003. Before joining the judiciary, Judge Larsen occupied a variety of leading functions within the Ministry of Justice and represented Denmark on the K-4 Committee, the Schengen Central Group and the Europol Management Board. He also taught family law, first as a lecturer and then as Associate Professor, at the University of Copenhagen, and was Head of Section at the Danish Bar Association.

Moderator

David CANTOR

Director, Refugee Law Initiative and Reader in Human Rights Law at the School of Advanced Study, University of London

David James Cantor, BA Hons (Cantab), MSc Dist, PhD is Director and founder of the Refugee Law Initiative (<http://rli.sas.ac.uk>) and a Reader in Human Rights Law at the School of Advanced Study, University of London. He is also an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Future Research Leader and the Editor-in-Chief of the 'International Refugee Law' book series published by Martinus Nijhoff.

David worked as a Legal Officer for the Refugee Legal Centre and also with UNHCR. He litigated over 500 refugee and human rights cases before the UK courts and tribunals as well as carrying out advocacy and policy work before government departments and Parliament. As an academic, he has undertaken extensive fieldwork on forced displacement in Colombia, where his work has influenced the formation and application of law and policy, as well as in other countries in the Andean region, Central America, Southern Cone and Mexico. He has trained governments from Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and the Pacific on refugee protection and participated actively in UNHCR-organised expert meetings. He is the Director of a new distance-learning MA in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies.

Participants

Bojana ASANOVIC

Barrister in private practice at Lamb Building

Bojana Asanovic has a special interest in sexual orientation international protection claims. She is a member of the Executive Committee of UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group.

Hilkka BECKER

Member of the Irish Refugee Appeals Tribunal and Senior solicitor with the Immigrant Council of Ireland – Independent Law Centre

Hilkka Becker is a graduate of law of the University of Hamburg and is qualified to practice law in Ireland and Germany. She teaches immigration and citizenship law at the Law Society of Ireland and is a member of the

Law Society's Human Rights Committee. She was appointed a Member of the Irish Refugee Appeals Tribunal in November 2013.

Samuel BOUTRUCHE

Judicial engagement coordinator, UNHCR Bureau for Europe

Samuel Boutruche Zarevac holds a PhD in European Union law of the Law Faculty of Aix-en-Provence and has worked with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) since 2004. From 2004 to 2009, he served successively as a Legal Associate in the Strasbourg Representation, a Protection Officer in a field Office in Eastern Chad and an Associate Legal Officer in the then UNHCR Representation to the European Union. From 2010 to 2011, he was Litigation Coordinator in the Bureau for Europe and represented UNHCR before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), as a counsel in the case of *I.M. v. France* and as an advisor in the case of *Hirsi and Others v. Italy*. From 2012 to 2014, he worked as a Legal Associate at the UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg. Since June this year, he is the judicial engagement coordinator in the Bureau for Europe notably in charge of UNHCR's third party interventions before the ECtHR and the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU). In this capacity and during his time at the UNHCR Representation in Strasbourg, he gained an extensive knowledge of the asylum-related case law of the ECtHR and CJEU. He also published a number of articles about EU asylum law.

Michelle BREWER

Barrister at Garden Court Chambers

Michelle Brewer's practice covers a wide spectrum of private and publically funded immigration advisory and appellate work, asylum and human rights appeals. Within these areas Michelle specializes in trafficking. She is recognized as a specialist in the field of trafficking work and has this year been instructed on several public law challenges to the UK Government's implementation of the Council of Europe Convention Against the Trafficking in Human Beings.

S CHELVAN

Barrister at No5 Chambers

S Chelvan is a barrister at No5 Chambers (London). Chelvan is the 2014 Legal Aid Barrister of the Year, having been awarded the title in recognition of his national and international expertise in litigation, academic and policy work relating to LGBTI asylum claims. Chelvan litigates and provides advice on strategic litigation from the UK's First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber), up to and including the Supreme Court and the European Courts. His international work not only includes litigation, but also encompasses advisory work with practitioners, academics, the judiciary, UNHCR, NGOs, the media and governments. He is instructed as Counsel to various international NGOs in their interventions before the Strasbourg Court in *M.E. v Sweden* and *A.E. v Finland*. His DSSH (Difference, Stigma, Shame and Harm) model, created in 2011, endorsed by the UNHCR in 2012, and implemented by various

governments including New Zealand, Sweden and the UK, has been used to provide a humane approach in establishing an asylum claim based on sexual or gender identity, with "a simple starting point which cuts across borders" (Newsweek Europe, October 2014).

David CHIRICO

Barrister at 1 Pump Court Chambers

David Chirico was called to the Bar in 2002, having previously completed a doctorate in Czech Literature at Trinity College, Cambridge, worked in the Czech Republic for the European Roma Rights Center, and completed a Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship in Central European Studies at University College, London. He has been at 1 Pump Court Chambers since 2002. He works for claimants in all areas of immigration and asylum law, and particularly with clients whose asylum claims raise issues relating to sexual/gender identity, who suffer from mental and physical illness, in cases involving complex family histories and needs, with clients whose cases are based on religious identity, with unaccompanied minor asylum-seekers, with clients facing deportation because of criminal conduct, and with clients facing removal to other EU states either under the Dublin Regulation or for public policy reasons. In addition to giving open and in-house seminars on behalf of 1 Pump Court, David regularly trains on particular topics in immigration law for ILPA and for UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group (UKLGIG). He volunteers regularly for Camden Community Law Centre and for UKLGIG.

Jonathan COOPER

Barrister in private practice and Chief Executive, Human Dignity Trust

Jonathan Cooper is an international human rights law practitioner. As a barrister in private practice, he has worked with the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office, the UK Ministry of Justice, the UK Home Office and the Director of Service Prosecutions. He has taken cases to the European Court of Human Rights. He has also litigated before the UN Human Rights Committee and CEDAW. Jonathan has trained and advised the Turkish military, Sudanese government officials and lawyers in Syria, Cameroon, Gambia, Albania, Lithuania and across the OSCE region. He has published widely and he is the editor of the EHRLR.

Kathryn CRONIN

Barrister and joint Head of Chambers at Garden Court Chambers

Kathryn Cronin is a barrister at Garden Court Chambers practicing in immigration, asylum, nationality and children's law. She joined Chambers in 1980. From 1980 to 1989 and from 2001 to date Kathryn has practiced as a barrister at Garden Court. She is currently a joint head of the Chambers. Kathryn has an extensive asylum practice, including significant experience in asylum claims based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Kathryn is the author of a PhD thesis on 19th century Chinese migration and a number of texts and articles on immigration, asylum and children's law – including (from 2001) the chapter on family entry in Macdonald's Immigration Law and Practice – a core and much cited

textbook on UK immigration and asylum law. From 1989 to 1996 Kathryn was associate professor in law at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, where she lectured and published on immigration, refugee and human rights law. From 1989 to 1996 she was also general counsel to the Australian parliament's Joint Standing Committee on migration and advised the committee and parliament on legislative and policy matters associated with immigration and refugee law including their codification of the immigration rules and the then innovative same sex partnership rules. From 1996 to 2001, Kathryn was commissioner and then deputy president of the Australian Law Reform Commission and principal author of their reports on children in the legal process and on the working practices of the Australian federal and family courts and merits review tribunals, including a review of the immigration and refugee appeal tribunals. Kathryn has lectured widely on immigration, refugee law and issues such as trafficking. She has undertaken training for lawyers, immigration judges, NGO's and social workers on these issues.

Matthew DAVIES

Part-time immigration judge in the First Tier Tribunal; Partner, Wilson Solicitors LLP; and Founder, UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group (UKLGIG)

Matthew Davies is a co-founder of the UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group (UKLGIG), which campaigns in the UK on behalf of same-sex couples and LGBTI asylum seekers. He is a partner at Wilson Solicitors LLP and a part-time Immigration Judge in the First Tier Tribunal. He was a group member of Stonewall and Chair of the Stonewall Immigration Group. Matthew studied at the University of Manchester and has an LLM from the London School of Economics.

Paul DILLANE

Executive Director, UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group (UKLGIG)

Paul Dillane is the Executive Director of the UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group, the only national charity dedicated to supporting LGBTI people seeking asylum in the UK. He began his career as a legal practitioner and advocate specializing in asylum and immigration law. Prior to joining UKLGIG, and for six years, Paul was Amnesty International UK's Refugee Researcher.

Wesley GRYK

Senior Partner, Wesley Gryk Solicitors LLP and Founder, UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group (UKLGIG)

Wesley Gryk is the senior partner at Wesley Gryk Solicitors LLP, a firm specializing exclusively in British and European immigration law. He previously was Deputy Representative and Legal Adviser in the London Office of the UNHCR and worked for the International Secretariat of Amnesty International, initially in their Legal Office and subsequently as Deputy Head of the organization's research department, with responsibility of Amnesty International's refugee policy. He was one of the co-founders of the UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group.

Alison HARVEY

Legal Director, Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA)

Alison Harvey is the Legal Director of the Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA), a professional association founded in 1984 whose members are barristers, solicitors and advocates practicing in all areas of immigration, asylum and nationality law. Academics, non-government organizations and others working in this field are also members. ILPA exists to promote and improve the giving of advice on immigration, asylum and nationality law and a just and equitable immigration, asylum and nationality law practice through training, disseminating information, research and influencing work. Ms Harvey holds a degree in French and Philosophy from the University of Oxford and a Masters in Human Rights and Civil Liberties law. She is a non-practising barrister, called to the Bar by the Inner Temple, who has specialized in work in immigration, asylum and nationality since the mid-1990s, representing individuals and working on policy and legislation, in the UK and abroad (with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Guinea (Conakry) and with NGOs in Darfur). She is a former Chair of the Refugee Children's Consortium and a former trustee of Bail for Immigration Detainees and Asylum Aid. She is a trustee and former Chair of the trustees of ECPAT UK. She has published widely on immigration, asylum and nationality law including as a contributor to Fransman's British Nationality Law.

Maria HENNESSY

Legal Officer, Irish Refugee Council Independent Law Centre

Maria Hennessy is a Legal Officer at the Irish Refugee Council Independent Law Centre. Prior to joining the Irish Refugee Council, Maria was a Senior Legal Officer at the European Council on Refugees & Exiles (ECRE). She led and developed ECRE's legal advocacy work in the field of asylum for more than four years as well as working specifically on developments concerning the recast Qualification Directive and the recast Dublin Regulation. She has a particular interest in asylum claims related to gender, sexual orientation and gender identity and was previously ECRE's contact point for the European Asylum Support Office's reference group on training. She has conducted training for lawyers, public officials, university students and NGOs on a wide range of legal topics related to asylum. Previously Maria was also a legal researcher within the Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner in the Department of Justice and Equality in Ireland and was a Senior Appeals Caseworker at the former Refugee Migrant Justice in the UK. Maria studied law and environmental science at National University of Galway, Ireland and Leiden University and holds a Masters in Law and Development from the University of London.

Louise HOOPER

Barrister at Garden Court Chambers

Louise Hooper is a specialist immigration, asylum and human rights lawyer at Garden Court Chambers. Before going on sabbatical in 2008 she represented HJ(Iran) before the Tribunal and obtained permission to

appeal in the Court of Appeal. Her current practice focuses on protection claims on the grounds of sex and/or gender and human trafficking.

Satvinder JUSS

Professor of Law at King's College London and Barrister at Gray's Inn

Satvinder Singh Juss Ph.D FRSA, is a Professor of Law at King's College London, UK, a Barrister-at-Law of Gray's Inn, London, UK, and a former Human Rights Fellow at Harvard Law School, Massachusetts, US. He specialises in human rights, public law, comparative constitutional law and international refugee law. He has published widely on the subjects of migration and human rights law. Professor Juss is fluent in Urdu and Swahili.

David LOVEDAY

Partner at Advokatfirman Öberg & Associés

David Loveday is an English barrister practicing in Sweden, where he is a partner at Advokatfirman Öberg & Associés. He is acting for the applicant in *F.G. v. Sweden* before the Grand Chamber of the ECtHR (suppression of religion or belief as a means of avoiding ill-treatment contrary to article 3 ECHR). Last week he submitted a request for a reference to the Grand Chamber in *M.E. v. Sweden* (suppression of homosexuality as a means of avoiding ill-treatment contrary to art. 3).

Catherine MEREDITH

Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers

Catherine is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers practising in human rights and public law. She has an ECHR and EU law specialism and her particular focus is on asylum and immigration and trafficking. She also acts in civil claims for damages against public authorities. Catherine built up expertise in these areas with the AIRE Centre, Council of Europe and UNHCR. Catherine represents claimants but also acts for and advises NGOs. She is instructed in matters in the Tribunal, Administrative Court, Court of Appeal and in the ECtHR and the CJEU. She has also provided training and has written extensively on the subject of the rights of asylum seekers and migrants. Catherine is recommended for immigration in Chambers and Partners 2013.

Louis MIDDELKOOP

Executive Secretary, Meijers Committee

Louis Middelkoop works for the Meijers Committee, a think tank on fundamental rights protection in EU justice and home affairs cooperation. Before this, he taught human rights law and criminal law at Free University Amsterdam and published research on the credibility assessment of LGB asylum seekers in the Netherlands. Mr. Middelkoop worked with the plaintiff's lawyers in the case of *ABC v Netherlands*. Mr. Middelkoop holds *cum laude* degrees in law and in criminology (University of Amsterdam/Columbia University and Free University Amsterdam).

Sonali NAIK

Barrister at Garden Court Chambers

Sonali specializes in advice and representation in all aspects of immigration, asylum and nationality law. In immigration, she has particular experience in family reunion cases and in cases outside the immigration rules involving policy considerations and human rights principles. She has also dealt with cases involving deportation following criminal convictions. She also has an interest in nationality work including naturalization, domicile issues and certificates of entitlement to the right of abode. Sonali has extensive experience in appeals before the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal, Administrative Court and a developing Court of Appeal practice. After qualifying as a barrister, she worked at the Refugee Legal Centre for two years as an asylum appeals caseworker and then worked at Tower Hamlets Law Centre for three years as an immigration lawyer. She mainly dealt with family reunion cases from the Indian sub-continent and Somali communities and nationality cases and was involved in many campaigns on immigration issues in particular those concerning new statutory provisions. Sonali has delivered training on the Human Rights Act and the various aspects of asylum and immigration legislation for the Legal Services Commission (LSC) and also to various organizations including JUSTICE, Liberty and the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI), Central Law Training, as well as to other advice agencies and community organizations. She regularly contributes to seminars and conferences in relation to immigration and asylum.

Violeta MORENO-LAX

EU Asylum Law Coordinator, Refugee Law Initiative, University of London and Lecturer in Law, Queen Mary's University of London

Violeta Moreno-Lax is a Lecturer in Law at Queen Mary and the EU Asylum Law Coordinator at the Refugee Law Initiative of the University of London. She is also a member of the Steering Committee of the UK-based Migration Law Network, a member of the European Sub-Committee of the Immigration Law Practitioners Association (ILPA), and a co-founder of the LLM in Immigration Law Programme launched in September 2014 at Queen Mary. She has previously held academic positions at the Universities of Liverpool, Oxford, Louvain, and the College of Europe. She regularly acts as consultant for the European institutions and has advised a number of governmental and non-governmental organisations active in the area of refugee and migrant rights. Her latest briefing note for the European Parliament, co-authored with Prof Elspeth Guild, is: 'Current Challenges Regarding International Refugee Law with a Focus on EU Policies'. Her current research focuses on *non-entree* policies, regime relations, and access to international protection. Her key works in the field include: *Seeking Asylum in Europe: Border Controls and Refugee Rights under EU Law* (OUP, forthcoming); 'Systematising Systemic Integration: Regime Relations, "War Refugees" and A Proposal for a Cumulative Approach' JICJ (forthcoming); 'Seeking Asylum in the Mediterranean: Against a Fragmentary Reading of EU Member States' Obligations Accruing at Sea' (2011) 23 IJRL 174; 'Beyond *Saadi v UK*: Why the Unnecessary Detention of Asylum Seekers is Inadmissible under EU Law' (2011) 5 HR&ILD 166; 'Must EU Borders have Doors for Refugees? On the

Compatibility of Visas and Carrier Sanctions with Member States' Obligation to Provide International Protection' (2008) 10 EJML 315.

Markella PAPADOULI

Development and Communications Manager, The AIRE Centre

Markella Papadouli has been associated with the AIRE Centre since 2012 and returned in 2014 as the Development Manager. Markella is a Greek lawyer who studied Law at the University of Athens and holds a Masters degree from the University of Warwick on International Relations and Human Rights. Her dissertation focused on the role of UNHCR in monitoring implementation of EU legislation and policies on migration and asylum. She further holds a Diploma in Grants Management from the University of Athens and has completed the Odysseus Network Summer School in European Law and Policy on Immigration and Asylum. Prior to joining the AIRE Centre, Markella co-lectured with Nuala Mole on European Asylum Law and Policy and International Refugee Law at London South Bank University. Markella was the National Expert on Greece for the European Database on Asylum Law in 2013 and has also worked for the European Council on Refugees and Exiles, the International Rescue Committee and UNHCR Greece. Markella speaks fluent Greek, English, French and Spanish as well as basic German.

Jason POBJOY

Barrister at Blackstone Chambers and PhD Candidate at University of Cambridge

Jason Pobjoy is a barrister at Blackstone Chambers and a PhD candidate at the University of Cambridge, where his research explores the relationship between international refugee law and international law on the rights of the child. Jason has published widely in the areas of international refugee law, international human rights law and equality law. He is the founding Chair of the Cambridge Pro Bono Project. Jason completed a Masters in Law at the University of Melbourne and a Bachelor of Civil Law at the University of Oxford, and he has also been a Research Associate at the Refugee Law Project at Makerere University in Kampala and a Hauser Visiting Doctoral Researcher at New York University School of Law.

Katinka RIDDERBOS

Legal officer, UNHCR Division of International Protection (Policy & Law)

Katinka Ridderbos is a legal officer in UNHCR's Division of International Protection (Policy & Law). Prior to joining UNHCR, she was a researcher in the Refugee Policy Program at Human Rights Watch. She has also worked for national and international NGOs and non-profit organizations offering legal advice to asylum-seekers and refugees in Uganda, South Africa, Egypt and the UK. She holds an LLM and PhD from Cambridge University.

Sarah SINGER

Academic, Refugee Law Initiative and Lecturer in Human Rights Law, School of Advanced Study, University of London

Sarah Singer is an academic at the Refugee Law Initiative and Lecturer in Human Rights Law at the School of Advanced Study, University of London. Sarah is also Managing Editor of the *International Community Law Review*, a peer reviewed academic journal published by Brill; Martinus Nijhoff. She is Programme Director of the MA in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies (launching October 2014), the first postgraduate distance learning programme of its kind, run by the Refugee Law Initiative and delivered through the prestigious University of London International Programmes. She also teaches the law component of the MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights at the Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study, University of London.

Ronan TOAL

Barrister at Garden Court Chambers

Ronan Toal's practice covers all areas of asylum and immigration. He edits *Macdonald's Immigration Law and Practice*, the leading practitioners' text. A growing part of Ronan's practice consists of cases concerned with trafficking in human beings, including: appeals against deportation of victims of trafficking; claims for judicial review of the Home Office's conduct and policy in relation to trafficking victims; an intervention in the Supreme Court in a case where the Court of Appeal held that a victim of trafficking was not entitled to recover damages from her traffickers owing to her unlawful presence in the UK; civil claims for violations of victims' Article 4 ECHR rights and exploration of remedies in respect of systemic failures by the UK to protect victims of trafficking. Ronan has made a number of fact-finding visits to Kenya and Djibouti to gather evidence for use in Somalis' asylum and family reunion appeals, including in a number of country guidance cases. He has been actively involved in lobbying on behalf of the Immigration Law Practitioners' Association in respect of legislative, rules and policy changes.

Evangelia Lilian TSOURDI

PhD candidate and researcher at the Law Faculty and the Institute for European Studies of the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and Research Assistant at the Université catholique de Louvain (UCL)

Evangelia Lilian Tsourdi (LL.M. Athens, LL.M. Essex) is active as a member of the coordination team of the Academic network for legal studies on immigration and asylum in Europe, the 'Odysseus Network' and a Doctoral Affiliate of the Refugee Law Initiative (RLI). Her research focuses on the Common European Asylum System. She has worked as a consultant for ILGA Europe, drafting their transposition guidelines on the qualification directive and the reception conditions and asylum procedures directive. She has also consulted for a number of other non-governmental organizations, the UNHCR and worked as advisor to a Member of the European Parliament.

Anita VASISHT

Partner, Wilson Solicitors LLP

Anita Vasisht worked in Amnesty International's Legal Office from 1993-1995. She joined leading immigration and asylum firm Wilson Solicitors LLP in 1997 and became a partner in 2005. Anita now focuses almost exclusively on complex asylum and human rights work before the higher courts and the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC). She also has a particular interest and expertise in high profile extradition and national security cases. Within the firm, Anita recruits, trains and is closely involved in the supervising and mentoring of caseworkers as well as trainee and junior solicitors, which gives her a broad vision of issues currently arising in UK asylum casework.

Jana WESSELS

Quentin Bryce Law Doctoral Scholar, University of Technology Sydney and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Janna Wessels' research focuses on 'discretion reasoning' in sexuality-based asylum claims. Janna holds a Master of Science in Forced Migration from the University of Oxford and is Co-founder and Vice Chair of the Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration (OxMo).

ICJ staff

Laurens HUETING

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Laurens studied law (Bachelor in Law, LL.M European law), with a focus on EU external relations and human rights, and history (BA, MA), specializing in modern European history, at Maastricht University (the Netherlands), Universiteit Gent (Belgium) and the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany). Before joining ICJ staff in July 2012, Laurens worked as a legal intern in the ICJ's Centre for Independence of Judges and Lawyers and as an intern in the European Parliament's Human Rights Unit in Brussels.

Livio ZILLI

Senior legal adviser and UN representative, International Commission of Jurists

Until mid-2013 Livio was the Acting Head of the refugee and migrant rights team at the international secretariat of Amnesty International in London. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2007, and is an honorary member of Garden Court Chambers in London where he practiced as a barrister until 2010 focusing on asylum and immigration, criminal and public law. Before going to the bar, Livio worked at the international secretariat of Amnesty International where, since the mid-90s, he was employed in various capacities, including as researcher until

2007. Livio holds an L.L.M. in international human rights law from the Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Annex 1: Per Diem and expenses

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Per Diem

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- The ICJ will contribute EUR 35 per trip to and from the airport (EUR 70 in total, both in London and in the city of departure (except Geneva)).
- Supporting documents for reimbursement:
 - o Boarding pass or a copy of the electronic ticket; and
 - o Receipt of the payment.

Participants travelling to London by train:

- The ICJ will reimburse the price of your train ticket in 2nd class, up to EUR 250.
- The ICJ will contribute EUR 20 per trip to and from the event to the train station (EUR 40 in total).
- Supporting document for reimbursement: train ticket.

Hotel accommodation

If it is not possible or reasonable (e.g., due to very early departure or very late arrival) to travel to and from London on the day of the roundtable itself, the ICJ will reimburse hotel costs up to EUR 205. In case hotel accommodation is required, the Per Diem rate will also be adjusted to EUR 100.

Supporting document required for reimbursement: hotel bill or invoice.