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## Palacky University Olomouc HUMANITARIAN STUDIES SECTION



### INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL IN REFUGEE LAW AND RIGHTS Olomouc, 10-19 of August, 2018

#### ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Due to ongoing wars and prolonged hostilities in several parts of the world, the number of persons seeking an international protection in the EU countries has rapidly grown, making an access to asylum and a full refugee protection an important but challenging task. Based on previous success of CESI International Summer Schools in refugee protection (2012-2015) at University of Sarajevo, this year's International Summer School in Refugee Law and Rights, transferred to Palacky University Olomouc with long-standing tradition of humanitarian studies, will once again offer both general training in refugee law and a specific case study analysis of the access to asylum and application of asylum rights in four countries of the Central and Southeastern Europe: Bulgaria, Hungary, Croatia and the Czech Republic. The training offered on this school focuses on the legal procedures for assisting refugee asylum claims, including practices of taking testimonies, finding COI information and documenting families but includes also a one-day simulation of refugee influx situation and humanitarian relief and protection response. Principal aim is to advance the skills for protecting asylum seekers and to help exchange and build expert and cooperation networks in responding to the current challenges of access to international refugee protection in the EU countries.

## **APPLICANTS**

The school is open to students and professionals from all academic disciplines and backgrounds. Our participants typically include staff from main refugee and humanitarian international organisations, regional and local refugee, human rights and humanitarian NGOs, government officials working on refugee protection, scholars and researchers working directly on forced migration issues as well as practicing lawyers, advocates, journalists and activists working on refugee protection and the human rights of forced migrants.

## **LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

The Summer School employs an interactive learning environment using combination of lectures, documentary films, debates and open discussions, enabling participants to both contribute to and gain an in-depth knowledge of asylum adjudication procedures. Instructors at the school are experienced and committed lawyers, scholars, practitioners and activists in the field that will bring a comparative and locally focused perspective to the international protection debate.

## **PROGRAMME**

The training program will cover the following modules:

### **I General part**

- Assessment of 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol
- The Relevance of International Human Rights Law to Flight from Persecution
- UNHCR Guidelines on International Protection: “Membership of a particular social group” within the context of Article 1A (2).
- Convention on the Rights of the Child: Unaccompanied Minor/Separated Children
- UNHCR Guidance Note on Refugee Claims Relating to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
- The ethics of Refugee Law
- Psycho-Social Issues: Medical Evidence in Asylum and Human Rights Appeals
- Use of Country of origin Information assessment
- Credibility Assessment in Asylum Procedures

### **II Regional focus /Central and Southeastern Europe**

- EU Asylum law and current challenges
- Transit migration/’Corridor response’ and restricting practices of accessing asylum, push backs and detention
- Asylum system and Refugee Status Determination procedures: country-specific focus on functionality and challenges
- EU Refugee Relocation Scheme: country-specific focus and analysis

### **III Simulation exercise of a refugee crisis**

### **HOW TO APPLY**

We invite you to register by sending the completed **application form** together with the **motivation letter**, **CV** the **signed terms & conditions form**, and a **copy of your passport** to [selma.porobic@upol.cz](mailto:selma.porobic@upol.cz) and [veronika.stastna@upol.cz](mailto:veronika.stastna@upol.cz) before the **31<sup>st</sup> of May, 2018**. For full information and the forms please visit the school university website at <https://www.studuj.upol.cz/en/study-programmes/>

### **ADMISSION FEE**

**Early registration prior April 31<sup>st</sup> 250 EUR; Late registration after April 31<sup>st</sup> 350 EUR.** Admission fee covers the full school program with materials, supervision, tutoring, food and beverage and simulation exercise transport costs during the 10-days long training, simulation and outdoors activities.

### **EVALUATION AND AWARDS**

Evaluation consists of the in-class discussion assignments and a practical simulation exercise based on instructions received on the first day of the school and guided group preparation. Upon successful completion of the school the participants are awarded with the *Graduate Participant Diploma from the Palacky University Olomouc and/or 6 ECTS points*.

### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

Limited number of scholarships for students is available. For more information, please contact us **prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>**.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

For detailed information about the school program, accommodation and other logistics please visit our university website <https://refugees.upol.cz/> You can also take a look at previous schools' archives here: **PREVIOUS SCHOOLS**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 31<sup>th</sup> 2018**