



Refugee Law Comparative Forum 2014

Comprehensive and Effective Approaches to Human Security in Asia
A comparative forum on international protection
in Japan, Republic of Korea, the Philippines and Hong Kong,
and how international “Rule of law” and rights based approaches can lead to
quality assurance and cost effective
protection systems for refugees and others in need

Summary

We are happy to announce the 5th intensive open seminar and symposium on international protection, co-hosted by CDR, IARLJ, and HSP.

Started in 2009, this series of intensive seminar/symposium has been funded by Hogakukan Co. Ltd. to disseminate research outcomes of CDR, cooperated with distinguished guest lecturers from around the world. By mainly focusing on the issues of refugees and other displaced persons with the perspectives both from academia and practitioners, this seminar/symposium has been providing profound learning and practical knowledge to various participants and students.

This year's grand theme is “asylum system”, in which we would discuss protection issues comprehensively and systematically. By comparing with international and other countries' standards not limited to legal norms, we are aiming to articulate an ideal and realistic way of improving Japanese asylum system to more rights conscious one: a system in which the right to asylum is respected with all the applicable human rights standards.

NO FEE TO PARTICIPATE
but
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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Your name [e.g. Mr. Chandra Bose; Ms. Margaret Thatcher; Dr. Anthony Kobayashi]

Your affiliation [e.g. Harvard Univ; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; ABC Company; etc.]

Phone number

Date(s) you wish to participate: either/both of 21st Fri. and 22nd Sat.

Certificate of Participation

A certificate of participation will be issued by the International Association of Refugee Law Judges [IARLJ] to all who able to participate the symposium/seminar in accordance with certain standard [TBA].

◆ The certificate is given by IARLJ independently , one of the co-organizer of the event.

Organizers

CDR: The Project of Compilation and Documentation on Refugees and Migrants, the University of Tokyo

HSP: Graduate Program on Human Security, the University of Tokyo

Co-organizer:

IARLJ: International Association of Refugee Law Judges

Supporters

HMS: Human Mobility Studies (donated by Hogakukan Co. Ltd., FY2009-2014), the University of Tokyo
 UNHCR Representation in Japan
 UNHCR Representations in Seoul, Manila and HK
 HSF: Human Security Forum (Non-Profit Organization registered in Japan)
 The Japan Chapter of the Asian Society of International Law

Schedule and Venue

21 Fri. and 22 Sat. of November, 2014
 The Main Auditorium [for Day 1] / Rm.123, 1st Floor [for Day 2]
 Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences
 Komaba I Campus, the University of Tokyo
 Campus Map [no.53, bottom right on the map]
 Access:
 Komaba Todai-Mae Station, Keio Inokashira Line [the second station from JR Shibuya]



AGENDA

DAY 1: Morning

Registration 8:30 - 9:00

Opening Remarks 8:55 - 9:00

Professor Hideo Kimura, Director of Human Security Program, The University of Tokyo
Professor Yasunobu Sato, Director of Research Center for Sustainable Peace, The University of Tokyo

[Session 1] 9:00 - 12:00

Comparative Policy and Law

〈Korea〉

1. New Refugee Law in South Korea: Context and Challenges

Presentation by: Judge Seong Soo Kim, Suwon District Court [on Skype link up]

Discussant: Ms. Hyun Young Chae, Legal Officer, UNHCR Seoul

〈Japan〉 2. An Overview and Current Issues in Japan's Asylum System

Presentation by: Mr. Shogo Watanabe, Attorney at Law

Discussant: Mr. Hiroshi Miyauchi, Attorney at Law

〈Philippines〉

3. Developments and Challenges in The Philippines Asylum System

Presentation by: Chief State Counsel Ricardo V. Paras, Department of Justice, Head of the Refugee and Stateless Persons Protection Unit, Manila

Discussant: Professor Sedfrey M. Candelaria, Dean of Law School at Ateneo University, Manila

〈Hong Kong〉

4. Developments and Challenges in Hong Kong Asylum System

Presentation by: Mr. Billy Woo, Principal Assistant Secretary, Hong Kong Security Bureau

Discussant: Ms. Sally Cheung, Principal Immigration Officer, Hong Kong

[Session 2] 12:00 - 13:00

Future of International Co-operation in Refugee and Protection Law

1. International Refugee and Complementary Protection - Background, Core Principles and Assistance

By Judge Allan Mackey, Project Director & former President, IARLJ

2. Possibilities/proposals for future regional co-operation and mutual assistance

Floor discussion for all participants and UNHCR led by Professor Yasunobu Sato and Judge Allan Mackey

Lunch Break 13:00 - 14:00

Day 1: Afternoon

[Session 3] 14:00 - 14:25

Book Launch of the Japanese Edition of “The Rights of Refugees under International Law”(Cambridge University Press, 2005 / Nippon Hyoron Sha, 2014) and Presentation of Other Research Outcomes by CDR

Video message by Professor James C. Hathaway, University of Michigan Law School
Official book launch and presentation by Professor Yasunobu Sato, Dr. Satoshi Yamamoto, and Ms. Miki Arima, CDR, The University of Tokyo

[Session 4] 14:25 - 16:45

The Current Review of Japan’s Asylum System - Can It Be a Path to International Rights Based, High Quality Refugee Status Determination (RSD) in Japan?

1. Identifying the Challenges and Subcommittee Review of Refugee Status Determination & Protection Systems in Japan

By Professor Saburo Takizawa, Toyo Eiwa University
and others (to be announced)

2. The Rights Based Approach to Refugee and Complementary Protection

By Professor Yasunobu Sato and Dr. Satoshi Yamamoto, The University of Tokyo

3. Some Relevant Australian Perspectives & the Future of CDR

By Professor Yasunobu Sato, The University of Tokyo

4. Comments on the Review of RSD in Japan from an International Perspective

By Judge Allan Mackey, former President of IARLJ

Q&A and responses by a panel of speakers

Chair: Judge Martin Treadwell, IARLJ Councillor

DAY 2: Morning

Registration 9:00 - 9:30

[Session 5] 9:30 - 11:40

Domestic Humanitarian Protection for Failed Asylum Seekers

1. Overview of Day 1 and Introduction to Wider Humanitarian Protection Alternatives

By Judge Martin Treadwell, IARLJ

2. “Humanitarian Guidelines”? - The current Japanese Procedures at the End of RSD

By Dr. Satoshi Yamamoto and Ms. Miki Arima, The University of Tokyo

3. New Zealand and UK Systems of Domestic Protection

By Judge Allan Mackey and Judge Martin Treadwell, IARLJ

4. Brief Comparisons with Korea, Philippines and Hong Kong
By representatives from the three countries/region

The Right to Seek Asylum - Cases Studies from Europe and the Japanese Situation
By Dr. Satoshi Yamamoto, The University of Tokyo

Q&A

[Session 6] 11:40 - 12:30

Efficiency Procedures based on internationally accepted norms - in practice

1. Formal and Informal Ways to Improve Quality Decision Making and Speed of Processing
of RSD / Protection Appeals

By Judge Martin Treadwell, IARLJ

2. Quality Assurance and Cost Efficiency in RSD and the Relationship to the Core
International Fundamentals - Some Examples

By Judge Allan Mackey, IARLJ

[Session 7] 12:30 - 13:00

Conclusions

Capacity Building and Co-operation for Refugee Protection in Asia

By UNHCR representatives

Q&A, Discussion, final word from each country/region and future co-operation

Panel Chaired by Judge Martin Treadwell

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