

Designing Asylum System in Israel

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המשפט **זשירלוק** הקהילה
(בתמיכת קרן פורד, ארה"ב)

The Minerva Center for Human Rights
Tel Aviv University
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem



The workshop will take place in room 527, Naftali Building,
The Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel-Aviv University.
The workshop will be conducted in English.
To register, contact Minerva@post.tau.ac.il.

Sunday, April 6, 2008

9:00-11:00 Greetings and opening Session

Hanoch Dagan, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Tel-Aviv University, Israel

Yohannes Lemma Bayu, Director, African Refugee Development Center, Israel

Chair: **Justice Anthony North**, Federal Court, President of International Association of Refugee Law, Australia

Steven Wolfson, Head of Liaisons Office UNHCR Representation, Israel

Anat Ben-Dor, Director of the Refugee Rights Program, Tel Aviv University, Israel

11:00-11:30 Break



11:30-13:30 Balancing Asylum and Security

Chair: **Mordechai Kremnitzer**, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University, Israel

Mark Hetfield, Senior Vice President, Policy & Programs, The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), USA

Yochie Gnessin, Head of Administrative Law Affairs Division, State Attorney's Office, Israel

Yonatan Berman, Hotline for Migrant Workers, Israel

13:30-15:00 Break

15:00-16:30 Small Group Discussions:

Detention – Facilitator: **Shevy Korzen**, Executive Director, Hotline for Migrant Workers, Israel

Asylum & Security – Facilitator: **Anat Ben-Dor**, Director of The Refugee Rights Program, Tel Aviv University, Israel

Border Procedures– Facilitator: **Neil Grungras**, Director, Europe & the Middle East, The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), Israel

16:30-17:00 Break

17:00-19:00 The Treatment of Palestinians under the Refugee Convention and the Question of Return

Chair: **Na'ama Carmi**, Faculty of Law, Haifa University, Israel

Diana Buttu, Former Legal Advisor to PLO

Michael Kagan, Department of Law, American University in Cairo, Egypt

Robbie Sabel, Department of International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hebrew University, Israel



Monday, April 7, 2008

9:00-10:30 Gender Claims, Unaccompanied Minors, Claims based on Sexual Orientation

Chair: **Vered Slonim-Nevo**, The Spitzer Department of Social Work, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Deborah Anker, Director, Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program, Harvard Law School, USA

Ofra Friedman, Chair of the Refugee Committee Advisory, Israel

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Social Rights

Chair: **Guy Mundlak**, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, Israel

Michelle Foster, Director of the International Refugee Law Program, University of Melbourne, Australia

Tally Kritzman, The Refugee Rights Program, Tel Aviv University, Israel

Yiftach Millo, Director ASSAF- Organization for Aid to Refugees and Asylum Seekers, Israel

Ran Cohen, Director of Migrant Workers' Project & Refugee and Asylum Seekers, Physicians for Human Rights, Israel

Alice Nagele, African Refugee Development Center, Israel

12:30-14:00 Break

14:00-16:00 Fair Asylum Procedures

Chair: **Michael Kagan**, Department of Law, American University in Cairo, Egypt

T. Alexander Aleinikoff, Dean of the Georgetown University Law Center, USA

Thomas Spijkerboer, Migration Law, VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands

16:00-16:30 Break



16:30-17:30 Small Group Discussions:

Procedures – Facilitator: **Steven Wolfson**, Head of Liaisons Office UNHCR Representation, Israel

Unaccompanied Minors – Facilitator: **Audrey Macklin**, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Canada

Social Rights – Facilitator: **Michelle Foster**, Director of the International Refugee Law Program, University of Melbourne, Australia

17:30-19:00 Summary of Conference

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