

SPECIAL COURSE
REFUGEES, IDPs, AND MIGRANTS: PROTECTION IN LAW AND PRACTICE
WITH A FOCUS ON CENTRAL AND NORTH AMERICA

Mexico City
9-11 December 2019

Agenda

Practitioners and policymakers in humanitarian crises are faced with increasingly complex legal, policy, and practical challenges related to displacement. With a focus on displacement in the Northern Triangle of Central America (NTCA) and Mexico, this three-day special course aims to provide participants with the tools to better address protection challenges through using global and regional standards. The course will provide an introduction to the relevant international and regional legal frameworks, as well as the recently adopted Global Compact on Refugees and Global Compact for Migration. This will be followed by an analysis of specific challenges in the region and comparative perspectives on domestic asylum systems in North America. Taking place in Mexico City, the course will be conducted in Spanish and English, with simultaneous interpretation.

MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome Coffee & Registration
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome, Introduction and Overview of Objectives and Methods
9:30 – 10:15	Basic Concepts and Terminology on Migration and Displacement
10:15 – 11:00	Introduction to Public International Law (PIL) and Relationships with Domestic Legal Systems
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:30	Overview of Relevant Legal Frameworks, Institutions, and Mechanisms
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Extended Intro to International Human Rights Law (IHRL)
14:30 – 15:30	Extended Intro to Refugee Law, including Regional Frameworks and Mechanisms
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:00	Cross-Border Displacement: Access to Territory
17:00 – 17:30	Wrap-up/Q&A

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome Coffee
9:00 – 9:30	Review of Previous Day
9:30 – 11:00	Qualification and Eligibility of Refugees: Definitions; Grounds for Exclusion and Loss of Protection; National Law Standards
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:15	The “Firm Resettlement” and “Safe Third Country” Principles
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:15	Specific Substantive Rights of Refugees in the Host Country
14:15 – 15:30	Mixed Migration and the Inter-American Human Rights System: Protections for All Irrespective of Status
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:00	Other Humanitarian Protection Categories under International and National Law
17:00 – 17:30	Wrap-up/Q&A

WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome Coffee
9:00 – 9:30	Review of Previous Day
9:30 – 10:45	Special Protection Concerns within Mixed Migration Flows: Child Migrants and Refugees
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:15	Special Protection Concerns within Mixed Migration Flows: Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:45	The Protection of Internally Displaced Persons
14:45 – 15:45	Solutions to Displacement
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:15	Global Compact on Refugees and Global Compact for Migration
17:15 – 17:30	Wrap-up/Q&A