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IARLJ 11th World Conference and Pre-conference Advanced Training Session

Monday, November 27th and Tuesday, November 28th, 2017

Venue:

Hotel Titania, Panepistimiou 52, Athens 10678, Greece

Day 1, Monday, November 27, 2017

- 09:00 - 09:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** to the Intermediate and Advanced Training Sessions -- Announcements – Justice Katelijne Declerck, IARLJ President. Chief Kashim Zannah, Borno State, Nigeria, Vice-President of the IARLJ
- 09:15 - 10:15 **Armed Conflict and Asylum**, Chair of the Session – Chief Justice Kashim Zannah, Borno State, Nigeria, Vice-President of the IARLJ Holly Holtman, Senior General Counsel, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada; Colleen Zengotitabengoa, Attorney, Chief Counsel's Office of the US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS); Judicial Commentator Mark Symes, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers and Part-Time Judge of the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber), United Kingdom
- 10:15 - 10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45 - 12:15 **Round Table Discussion** on the Principal Issues Arising on the morning's topic and presentations and commentary, Chair: Justice Aubrey Ledwaba, Deputy Judge President of the North Gauteng Division of the High Court of Pretoria, Republic of South Africa;
Illustrative Case Study – Laurent Dufour, Senior legal counsel at the National Asylum Court of France (CNDA), Deputy Head of the Research and Documentation Centre, France.
- 12:15 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 15:00 **Terrorism and Asylum** (Chair of the Session – Lord Justice Isaac Lenaola, Supreme Court of Kenya); Sibylle Kapferer, Senior Coordinator (Protection & National Security) Division of International Protection, UNHCR, Geneva, Switzerland, and Professor Elspeth Guild, School of Law, Queen Mary, University of London, United Kingdom; Judicial Commentator Justice Ilias Mazos, Council of State, Greece
- 15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 - 16:50 **Round Table Discussion** on the Principal Issues Arising on the afternoon's topic and presentations and commentary – Jeremy Rintoul, Judge of the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber), United Kingdom;
Illustrative Case Study – Sibylle Kapferer, Senior Coordinator (Protection & National Security), Division of International Protection, UNHCR, Geneva, Switzerland, and Deborah Morrish, Assistant Deputy Chairperson, Refugee Appeal Division (RAD), Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.
- 16:50 – 17:00 **Wrap-Up at the end of Day 1** – Dr. James C. Simeon, LLM (Cantab), IARLJ Coordinator, Inter-Conference Working Party Process



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Day 2 - Tuesday, November 28, 2017

- 8:30 - 9:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** for the second day of the Intermediate and Advanced Training Session – Announcements – Judge Katelijne Declerck, IARLJ President and Barbara Opalska, Centre for Training Quality and Expertise, European Asylum Support Office (EASO) will present on the EASO and Training Materials Project.
- 9:15 - 10:15 **Serious Criminality and Asylum** – Chair: Justice Robert Barnes, Federal Court (Canada);
Sibylle Kapferer, Senior Coordinator (Protection & National Security), Division of International Protection, UNHCR, Geneva, Switzerland; Catherine Koutsopoulou, Administrative Judge and Member of the Independent Asylum Appeals Committee, Greece; Judicial Commentator, Judith Gleeson, Judge of the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber), United Kingdom
- 10:15 - 10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45 - 12:15 **Round Table Discussion** on the Principal Issues Arising on the morning's topic and presentations and commentary. Chair: Justice Russel Zinn, Federal Court (Canada); **Illustrative Case Study**, Ross Pattee, Executive Director, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada
- 12:15 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 15:00 **Complicity and Exclusion from Asylum**, Chair of the Session – Justice Angeliki Papapanagiotou-Leza, Administrative Court of Appeal of Athens, President of the 5th Independent Appeal Committee, Greece; Laurent Dufour, Senior legal counsel at the National Asylum Court of France (CNDA), Deputy head of the Research and Documentation Centre, France; Colleen Zengotitabengoa, Attorney from Chief Counsel's Office of the US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), United States; Judicial Commentator, Judge Martin Treadwell, Deputy Chair, Immigration and Protection Tribunal, New Zealand
- 15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 - 16:35 **Round Table Discussion** on the Principal Issues Arising on the morning's topic and presentations and commentary, Chair: Justice Mona Aldestam, Administrative Court in Stockholm, Sweden,
Illustrative Case Study – Gary Dukeshire, Senior Counsel, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada
- 16:35 - 16:45 **Wrap-Up on the end of Day 2** – Dr. James C. Simeon, LL.M (Cantab), IARLJ Coordinator of the Inter-Conference Working Party Process
- 16:45 – 17:00 Closing Remarks for Intermediate and Advanced Training Session – Judge Katelijne Declerck, President of IARLJ
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