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## International Association of Refugee Law Judges

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### INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REFUGEE LAW JUDGES (IARLJ)

#### 11<sup>TH</sup> IARLJ WORLD CONFERENCE

Hotel Titania, Panepistimiou 52, Athens 10678, Greece

#### PRE-CONFERENCE INTERMEDIATE TRAINING SESSION

Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### Day 1, Monday, November 27, 2017

- 09:00 - 09:15 Welcome and Opening Introductory Remarks to the Intermediate and Advanced Training Sessions, Katelijne Declerck, President IARLJ
- 09:15 - 10:15 **SESSION 1 - Who is a refugee?** Overview and Case Studies with an emphasis on establishing a nexus to the grounds of the refugee definition – Political Opinion, Women - Domestic Violence, Minors, Sexual Orientation - Membership in a Particular Social Group, Generalized Risk, Draft Evasion – Carole Simone, Dahan, United Nations High Commission for Refugees and Ross Pattee, Executive Director, Immigration and Refugee Board
- 10:15 - 10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45 - 12:15 **SESSION 2 - Effective interviewing techniques for refugee status determination -** Overview and Case Studies – Dimple Dhabalia, Senior Advisor, Asylum and International Operations Directorate, Asylum and International Operations, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and Gary Dukeshire, Senior Counsel, Immigration and Refugee Board
- 12:15 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 15:00 **SESSION 3 – Credibility Assessment** - Overview and Case Studies - Matthew Joseph, Adjudications Officer Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Training Branch at United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and Gary Dukeshire, Senior Counsel, Immigration and Refugee Board
- 15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 - 17:00 **SESSION 4 – Adjudication of Sensitive Claims** – i.) sexual orientation, ii.) domestic violence - Brooke Kirkland, Quality Assurance Branch Chief, Asylum Division, Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Directorate, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and Ross Pattee, Executive Director, Immigration and Refugee Board

19:00 Dinner at Titania Hotel



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### Day 2 - Tuesday, November 28, 2017

- 09:00 - 09:15 Welcome and Presentation of EASO (European Asylum Support Office) Judicial Guidelines and Country of Origin Information documentation - Katelijne Declerck, President IARLJ and Barbara Opalska, Centre for Training Quality and Expertise, European Asylum Support Office (EASO).
- 09:15 - 10:15 **SESSION 5 - What constitutes state protection?** - Overview and Case Studies - Gary Dukeshire, Senior Counsel, Immigration and Refugee Board and Holly Holtman, Senior General Counsel, Immigration and Refugee Board.
- 10:15 - 10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45 - 12:15 **SESSION 6 - Overview of Exclusion from Refugee Protection** - Gary Dukeshire, Senior Counsel, Immigration and Refugee Board and Holly Holtman, Senior General Counsel, Immigration and Refugee Board.
- 12:15 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 15:00 **SESSION 7 - Introduction to Complicity** - Judge Jeremy Rintoul, Upper Tribunal Judge, Immigration and Asylum Chamber, United Kingdom and Holly Holtman, Senior General Counsel, Immigration and Refugee Board.
- 15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 - 16:45 **SESSION 8 – Analysis Supporting Reasons Writing in Refugee Status Determination** – Overview and Practical Scenarios - Judge Judith Gleeson, Upper Tribunal Judge, Immigration and Asylum Chamber, United Kingdom and Deborah Morrish, Assistant Deputy Chairperson, Refugee Appeal Division, Immigration and Refugee Board.

No dinner arrangements on this day

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