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| 9:00- 9:45am | BREAKFAST and WELCOME
<i>David FitzGerald, UC San Diego, CCIS</i> |
| 9:45- 11:00am | EUROPE
<i>Philippe De Bruycker, Université Libre de Bruxelles</i>
<i>Raphi Rechitsky, CCIS</i> |
| 11:00– 11:15am | BREAK |
| 11:15– 12:00pm | AUSTRALIA
<i>Claire Higgins, University of New South Wales</i> |
| 12:00– 1:00pm | LUNCH and KEYNOTE
<i>Yen Espiritu, UC San Diego</i> |
| 1:00– 2:15pm | UNITED STATES
<i>Karen Musalo, UC Hastings</i>
<i>Ev Meade, University of San Diego</i> |
| 2:15- 2:45pm | BREAK |
| 2:45- 4:00pm | MIDDLE EAST
<i>Kelsey Norman, UC Irvine</i>
<i>Rawan Arar, UC San Diego</i> |
| 4:00– 4:30pm | COMPARATIVE REFLECTIONS
<i>Kate Jastram, UC Berkeley</i> |
| 4:30– 5:00pm | OPEN DISCUSSION
<i>Moderated by David FitzGerald</i> |



SPEAKERS



Rawan Arar is a PhD student in sociology at UC San Diego and a graduate student researcher at the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies. She graduated with a BA in sociology from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2008 and an MA in Women's and Gender Studies from the University of Texas at Austin in 2010. Her research interests include international immigration, refugee studies, human rights, gender, law, and the Middle East. Her dissertation project addresses "the refugee burden" from the top-down, through state-centric concerns, and from the bottom-up, privileging the voices of refugees and the host population. Arar investigates the case of Jordan, a country that has accommodated refugees for approximately 70 years from Palestine, Iraq, and now Syria.



Philippe De Bruycker holds a PhD in law and is the scientific director of the CONTENTION and REDIAL projects. He is Jean Monnet Chair for European Law on Immigration & Asylum and Professor in several institutions (Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) as well as Sciences Po, Paris). Professor De Bruycker founded in 1999 the "Odysseus" Academic Network for Legal Studies on Immigration and Asylum in Europe with the support of the European Commission. He was adviser at the European Commission in the DG Home Affairs from 2001-2003. After having extensively published on issues of constitutional and administrative law as Head of the Centre for Public Law in ULB till 1999, his books and articles now focus on Immigration and Asylum Law with a special emphasis on its EU dimension.



Yến Lê Espiritu began her academic career in 1990 in the Department of Ethnic Studies at UCSD. She has published extensively on Asian American identities, politics, gender and migration, and U.S. colonialism and wars in Asia. Her current book, *Body Counts: The Vietnam War and Militarized Refuge(es)* (UC Press, 2014) charts an interdisciplinary field of critical refugee study, which reconceptualizes "the refugee" not as an object of rescue but as a site of social and political critiques. Professor Espiritu has served several terms as Chair of the Ethnic Studies Department, and also as its Director of Undergraduate Studies and Director of Graduate Studies. She has served as the President of the Association of Asian American Studies and Vice President of the Pacific Sociological Association. Professor Espiritu is the recipient of several UCSD teaching awards: the Eleanor Roosevelt College's Outstanding Faculty Award; the Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Award; and the Chancellor's Associates Faculty Excellence Awards for Excellence in Graduate Teaching; and the inaugural recipient of the Association for Asian American Studies Mentorship Award.



David FitzGerald is Theodore E. Gildred Chair in U.S.-Mexican Relations, Professor of Sociology, and Co-Director of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at UC San Diego. His research program aims to understand the laws and policies regulating international migration as a total system of interactions among actors in countries of origin and destination. He explains how and why legal norms are diffused, the social origins of policy variation across time and place, and how the application of policy is experienced by actors in daily life. Professor FitzGerald was awarded the American Sociological Association's (ASA) International Migration Section "Award for Public Sociology" in 2013. His co-authored book, *Culling the Masses: The Democratic Origins of Racist Immigration Policy in the Americas* (Harvard 2014), won "best book" awards from the ASA

International Migration Section, ASA Political Sociology Section, and American Political Science Association (APSA) Migration and Citizenship Section in 2015. His current project analyzes asylum policy in Europe, Australia, and North America.



Claire Higgins is Research Associate at the Andrew and Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law. Dr. Higgins completed doctoral study in History as a Clarendon Scholar at Merton College, the University of Oxford, writing on the development of Australian refugee policy from 1976 to 1983. At the Kaldor Centre Claire's research concerns refugee status determination in historical context, and alternative policies for the processing of asylum seekers. She has held the Margaret George Award at the National Archives of Australia and was granted a 2014 Travelling Fellowship from the Australian Academy of the Humanities to fund her research into in-country refugee programs. Previously, she worked at the Victorian Parliamentary Library Research Service and completed a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and a Master of Arts at the University of Melbourne.



Kate Jastram is Lecturer in Residence and Executive Director of the Miller Institute of Global Challenges and the Law at UC Berkeley. She joined the Berkeley Law faculty in 2002 and prior to that, she was a legal advisor to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 1991 to 2001 in Geneva and in Washington, DC. Following graduation from Boalt School of Law, she practiced immigration and nationality law in San Francisco and directed a pro bono asylum program in Minneapolis. Her scholarly work explores the challenges states face in balancing protection for forced migrants with their national security concerns, by focusing on the intersections of refugee law, human rights law, international humanitarian law, and international criminal law. She recently published a policy brief on *Regional refugee protection in*

comparative perspective: Lessons learned from the Asia-Pacific, the Americas, Africa and Europe for the Andrew and Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, University of New South Wales, Sydney. She teaches courses in refugee law, international humanitarian law, global migration issues, national security and international protection, immigration law, and international human rights.



Everard Meade, PhD is Director of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego. He runs several interactive certificate programs for civic leaders, judges, and lawyers in various parts of Mexico, including Sinaloa and Baja California. He directs the Trans-Border Freedom of Expression Project, which translates and publishes the work of at-risk, exiled, and disappeared journalists for an English-language audience. Dr. Meade has served as an expert witness in asylum cases involving Mexican nationals fleeing persecution in immigration courts across the United States, including

RRD v. Holder, a precedent-setting case from the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a frequent commentator on U.S. Mexican relations on KPBS, NPR, the SD Union-Tribune, and many other outlets. Dr. Meade was previously a professor in the History Department and co-founder of the Human Rights Minor Program at UC San Diego. He received his PhD in Latin American History from the University of Chicago. His research explores the history and theory of human rights, with a geographic focus on modern Mexico, and a thematic focus on the relationships between violence, memory, and the law.



Karen Musalo is Professor of Law at UC Hastings, where she directs the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies and the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic. She is lead co-author of *Refugee Law and Policy: An International and Comparative Approach (4th edition)*, and has contributed to the evolving jurisprudence of asylum law through her scholarship, as well as her litigation of landmark cases. Professor Musalo is recognized for her innovative work on refugee issues and was the first attorney to partner with psychologists in her representation of traumatized asylum seekers – a practice that has since become

standard. She edited the first handbook for practitioners on cross-cultural issues and the impact of culture on credibility in the asylum context. She was lead attorney in *Matter of Kasinga*, which continues to be cited as authority in gender asylum cases by tribunals from Canada to the United Kingdom to New Zealand.

Professor Musalo has received numerous advocacy awards for her pioneering legal work, including the 2015 Attorney of the Year Award from the Immigration Section of the Federal Bar Association, the 2010 California Lawyer of the Year Award, the 2009 Daily Journal's recognition as one of the "Top 100" lawyers in California. In 2012, she received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Lehman College and UC Hastings' William Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching. In 2014 she was named the Bank of America Foundation Chair in International Law in recognition of her cutting-edge engaged scholarship and litigation.



Kelsey P. Norman is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Irvine where she researches migration and citizenship. Her research focuses on Middle East and North African states as countries of migrant settlement and her dissertation is tentatively titled "Strategic Ambivalence: Migrant Engagement in Egypt, Morocco and Turkey." In 2013 Norman was a Critical Language Scholar with the Arab American Language Institute in Morocco and from 2014-2015 she was a visiting scholar with the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies at the American University in Cairo and the Center for Migration Research at Istanbul Bilgi University. Her studies have been supported by a Social Sci-

ences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada doctoral fellowship, and also by project grants from the Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS), the Kugelman Center for Citizen Peacebuilding, the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS), and the Center for Research on Immigration, Population & Public Policy.

Norman's work has been published by peer-reviewed journals including the *International Journal of Migration and Border Studies*, the *Refugee Review*, *Crossings: Journal of Migration & Culture* and *The Post-colonialist*, as well as by media and policy outlets including *Jadaliyya*, *Muftah*, *The Cairo Review of Global Affairs* and *The Washington Post*.



Raphi Rechitsky is a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies. His research investigates international migration processes and refugee journeys in global and comparative perspective. Professor Rechitsky is currently completing a book project on the international politics and mobility of refugees and internally displaced people at the Eastern borders of Europe in Ukraine. After receiving his PhD at the University of Minnesota, he briefly held a faculty position at the European University at St. Petersburg, and is now Assistant Professor of Sociology at National University in San Diego.