



Call for papers: Nordic Asylum Law Seminar 7-8 May 2015

The Lund/Uppsala Migration Law Network (L/UMIN) in co-operation with the Faculty of Law, Uppsala University, has the great pleasure of inviting you to the 2015 Nordic Asylum Law Seminar, 7-8 May 2015, in Uppsala (Sweden).

The Nordic Asylum Law Seminar offers a forum for exchange and dialogue on issues related to domestic, European and international refugee and asylum law between scholars, governments, judicial institutions, practising lawyers and civil society in the Nordic and Baltic context.

The overarching theme for the 2015 Nordic Asylum Law Seminar is *Unequal Treatment: The Root of All Claims for Protection?*. The chosen theme is to be interpreted broadly and to include material as well as procedural aspects of determination of refugee or complementary protection status. The Seminar will include speakers and participants from the Nordic countries as well as from other parts of the world; including scholars, policy makers, judges, NGO representatives, state officials and other stakeholders. The Seminar is co-sponsored by the European Refugee Fund and the Swedish Migration Board.

The Seminar consists of plenary sessions with renowned keynote speakers and workshops where papers submitted by scholars and other participants will be commented and discussed. Junior scholars are particularly encouraged to submit and present papers. We kindly invite you to submit abstracts of not more than 400 words, preferably related to one of the following themes:

- Assessment and determination of protection status in the Nordics
- Discrimination and grounds for protection
- Discrimination in the asylum procedure
- Applicants with special needs
- Violent conflict and grounds for protection
- How different may domestic procedures be?
- ECtHR vs CJEU: Dialogue and competition?
- Methods of decision-making in domestic procedures
- Normative conflict between IL, EU law and domestic law

The organizers would also be happy to receive proposals for a workshop theme and one or more papers related to it.

Papers will be selected on the basis of the abstracts submitted. Main selection criteria are the originality of the work and the linkage to the seminar theme. Abstracts or workshop proposals should be sent to seminar@migrationlawnetwork.org by Monday, January 26, 2015.

Keynote speakers and invited experts include:

- Michelle Foster, University of Melbourne
- Morten Kjaerum, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, University of Lund
- Gregor Noll, University of Lund
- Elina Pirjatanniemi, Åbo Akademi University
- Thomas Spijkerboer, University of Amsterdam
- Volker Türk, UNHCR

The venue for the Seminar will be Campus Blåsenhus, Uppsala University. The conference dinner will be held at beautiful Orangeriet in Uppsala Botanical Gardens.

The Seminar is free of charge for all participants. Please note however that L/UMIN is not able to assist with funding for accommodation, travel etc.

A preliminary programme and practical information will be available at www.migrationlawnetwork.org.

Important dates include:

- Deadline for the submission of abstracts: January 26, 2015.
- Successful applicants will be informed by February 16, 2015.
- Registration deadline for seminar participation: March 25, 2015.
- Submission of workshop papers: April 10, 2015.