



University of Sarajevo
CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES



**INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL
IN REFUGEE LAW AND RIGHTS
Sarajevo, 13-23 of August, 2017**

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

During the last decade the countries of the Western Balkans have been transformed from refugee producing countries to host countries for asylum-seekers and refugees. Moreover, due to ongoing wars and prolonged hostilities in Syria and other parts of the world, the number of persons seeking an international protection in the region has rapidly grown, thus making further development of the countries' asylum systems and access to full refugee protection an important task. Based on previous success of CESI International Summer Schools in refugee protection (2012-2015), this year's International Summer School in Refugee Law and Rights will once again offer both general training in refugee law and a specific case study analysis of the application of asylum rights in five countries of the region: Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Macedonia. The training offered on this school focuses on the procedures for assisting refugee asylum claims, including practices of taking testimonies, finding COI information and documenting families. Principal aim is to advance the skills for protecting asylum seekers and to help exchange and build expert and cooperation networks in responding to the current challenges of access to international refugee protection in the countries of the Western Balkans.

APPLICANTS

The school is open to students and professionals from all academic disciplines and backgrounds. Our participants typically include staff from main refugee and humanitarian international organisations, regional and local refugee, human rights and humanitarian NGOs, government officials working on refugee protection, scholars and researchers working directly on forced migration issues as well as practicing lawyers, advocates, journalists and activists working on refugee protection and the human rights of forced migrants.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The Summer School employs an interactive learning environment using combination of lectures, documentary films, debates and open discussions, enabling participants to both contribute to and gain an in-depth knowledge of asylum adjudication procedures. Instructors at the school are experienced and committed lawyers, scholars, practitioners and activists in the field that will bring a comparative and locally focused perspective to the international protection debate.

PROGRAMME

The training program will cover the following modules:

I General part

- Assessment of 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol
- The Relevance of International Human Rights Law to Flight from Persecution
- UNHCR Guidelines on International Protection: “Membership of a particular social group” within the context of Article 1A (2).
- Convention on the Rights of the Child: Unaccompanied Minor/Separated Children
- UNHCR Guidance Note on Refugee Claims Relating to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
- The ethics of Refugee Law
- Psycho-Social Issues: Medical Evidence in Asylum and Human Rights Appeals
- Use of Country of origin Information assessment
- Credibility Assessment in Asylum Procedures
- EU Asylum law and current challenges

II Regional focus

- Transit migration/’Corridor response’ in WB countries
- Rejection of asylum right, push backs and detention in WB countries
- Asylum system and Refugee Status Determination procedures and challenges in Bulgaria
- Asylum system and Refugee Status Determination and challenges in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Asylum system and Refugee Status Determination and challenges in Croatia
- Asylum system and Refugee Status Determination and challenges in Macedonia
- Asylum system and Refugee Status Determination and challenges in Serbia

HOW TO APPLY

We invite you to conduct the registration by sending your short letter of interest and CV to **Dr. Selma Porobić, School Co-ordinator at porobsel@gmail.com and CIS at coordination@cis.unsa.ba**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 15th 2017

ADMISSION FEE: 500 EUROS

Admission fee covers full school program with materials, supervision, tutoring, food and beverage during the 10-days long training and activities. It also includes the Certificate of participation from the University of Sarajevo.

OTHER INFORMATION

For detailed information about the school program and logistics please visit our website: **www.cis.unsa.ba**. You can also take a look at previous schools’ documentation and picture archives here: **PREVIOUS SCHOOLS**