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Kaldor Centre Conference 2017

The Global Compacts on Refugees and Migration

24 November 2017

9.00am–5.30pm
Law Theatre G04, Ground Floor
Law Building, UNSW Kensington Campus

In 2018, world leaders will adopt two landmark documents – a Global Compact on Refugees, and a Global Compact on Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration.

As governments, international organisations, academics and civil society groups debate what these agreements should contain and how ambitious they should be, the Kaldor Centre Conference 2017 takes stock of where we are so far, and anticipates what developments we will see in the lead-up to their adoption in 2018.

Will the Global Compacts represent a turning point in the global governance of human movement? Will they promote new international standards and responses? Or will they simply reflect the status quo? And what will this mean for Australia and the world?

With more people on the move than ever before, the Kaldor Centre Conference 2017 will bring together leading international and local experts involved in the process to share their insights and projections.

The Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at UNSW Sydney is the world's first and only research centre dedicated to the study of international refugee law. The Centre was founded in October 2013 to undertake rigorous research on the most pressing displacement issues in Australia, the Asia-Pacific region and around the world, and to contribute to public policy by promoting legal, sustainable and humane solutions to forced migration.

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Kaldor Centre Conference 2017 Program

8.30–9.00 Registration

9.00–9.30 The year in review

Professor Guy S Goodwin-Gill, Acting Director, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, UNSW Sydney

9.30–10.30 Opening keynote address

'Negotiating two new Global Compacts: Processes, politics and problems'
Professor Elizabeth Ferris, Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University

Chaired by Andrew Kaldor AM, Founder, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, UNSW Sydney

10.30–11.00 Break

11.00–12.30 Panel 1 - Global Compact on Refugees: Evolution or revolution?

'Seeking new ways forward: The politics, process and potential of the Global Compact on Refugees'

Dr Madeline Garlick, Chief of the Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section, Division of International Protection, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

'Can UNHCR provide a "shared responsibility" in countries of origin?'

Dr Phil Orchard, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Queensland

'Refugee women and girls in the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework'

Dr Linda Bartolomei and Associate Professor Eileen Pittaway, School of Social Sciences, UNSW Sydney

Chaired by Huy Truong, Chief Executive Officer, ALI Group and member of the Kaldor Centre Advisory Committee

12.30–1.30 Lunch

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1.30–2.45

Panel 2 - Global Compact on Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration: Who, what, why?

'Governance without purpose? Grounding, measuring and influencing State performance on migration'

Professor Alexander Betts, Professor of Forced Migration and International Affairs and Director, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

'Global policy shopping and bad diaspora practices'

Associate Professor Alan Gamlen, Associate Professor of Human Geography, School of Social Sciences, Monash University

'UN Global Compact on Migration: Preventing migrant smuggling and human trafficking'
Fiona David, Executive Director of Global Research, Walk Free Foundation

Chaired by Kate Eastman SC, Barrister, Six St James Chambers, Sydney and member of the Kaldor Centre Advisory Committee

2.45–3.15

Break

3.15–4.45

Panel 3 - Global Compacts – Process, content and expectations

David Wilden, First Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Citizenship Policy Division, Department of Immigration and Border Protection

Jamie Isbister, First Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian Coordinator, Humanitarian NGOs and Partnerships Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Thomas Albrecht, Regional Representative for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Rifaie Tammam, Refugee and PhD candidate, Macquarie University

Dr Madeline Garlick, Chief of the Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section, Division of International Protection, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Chaired by Professor Elizabeth Ferris, Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University

4.45–5.25

Closing keynote address

'The 2018 Global Refugee Compact: an opportunity to revisit the international protection regime?'

Ambassador David Donoghue, Former Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations

Chaired by Renata Kaldor AM, Founder, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, UNSW Sydney

5.25–5.30

Vote of Thanks

Professor George Williams AO, Dean of Law, UNSW Sydney

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Kaldor Centre Conference 2017 Speaker and Chair Biographies



Thomas Albrecht is the Regional Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Canberra, with geographical responsibility for the region, which includes Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Mr Albrecht's role is to work with governments and other partners to ensure all persons of concern to UNHCR, including refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons, receive protection, assistance and durable solutions to their plight. He is also keen to promote long-term cooperation on the protection of persons of concern in the region, and to increase understanding and support for refugees worldwide. Mr Albrecht joined UNHCR in 1987 and worked in refugee situations in the East and Horn of Africa, Southern Africa, West Africa, the Americas as well as Eastern and Central Europe. These operations related to refugee protection, emergencies, and capacity-building efforts as well as the advancement of durable solutions for refugees, with particular emphasis on people orientation, empowerment, gender equality, the sustainability of initiatives and results-based management. Mr Albrecht was also posted at UNHCR's Headquarters in Geneva, where he worked in the Department of International Protection.



Linda Bartolomei is the immediate past Director of the UNSW Centre for Refugee Research, a co-founder of the recently established Forced Migration Research Network and a senior lecturer in Social Work and International Development at UNSW Sydney. Since 2002, Dr Bartolomei has been involved in a series of research projects exploring the challenges associated with identifying and responding to refugee women and girls at risk in camps and urban settings across the world. This has involved research in multiple sites across Africa, Asia, the Middle East and in Australia. The results have had a significant impact on research and policy and were instrumental in the introduction of the UNHCR Conclusion on the Protection of Women and Girls at Risk in 2006 and the implementation of the Heightened Risk Identification Tool. Since 2001, she has co-convened several major international refugee conferences, the most recent in February 2017, and made regular presentations of research reports at UNHCR Geneva. Her research work has contributed to policy development in the areas of women at risk, community development and responses to protracted refugee situations. Her current funded research includes projects exploring understandings of human rights in the context of refugee settlement, and refugee participation and community development in the urban context of New Delhi, India.



Alexander Betts is Leopold Muller Professor of Forced Migration and International Affairs and a Fellow of Green-Templeton College at the University of Oxford, where he was previously the Hedley Bull Research Fellow in International Relations and the Director of the Refugee Studies Centre. His research focuses on the international politics of asylum, migration and humanitarianism with a geographical focus on Sub-Saharan Africa. Professor Betts is author of over 50 articles, book chapters and working papers and his work has appeared in a range of journals including *Global Governance*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, *International Journal of Refugee Law*, and *Refugee Survey Quarterly*. He has worked for UNHCR and as a consultant to the Council of Europe, UNDP, UNICEF, IOM, and the Commonwealth Secretariat, and his work has been funded by, amongst others, the MacArthur Foundation, the Leverhulme Trust and the Economic and Social Research Council. He has also served on the Executive Committee of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) and has held teaching and research positions at Université Libre de Bruxelles, the University of Texas at Austin and Stanford University. He received his MPhil (in Development Studies, with Distinction) and DPhil (in International Relations) from the University of Oxford.



Fiona David is a lawyer and criminologist, focused on finding humane, practical solutions to migrant smuggling and human trafficking. She is the co-author of *The International Law of Migrant Smuggling* (Cambridge University Press 2014), with Dr Anne Gallagher. She is the Executive Director of Global Research with the Walk Free Foundation, where she leads the Foundation's research on modern slavery in 167 countries. This includes research for the joint Global Estimate of Modern Slavery with the International Labour Organization and International Organization for Migration, and the Global Slavery Index. Ms David is a Visiting Fellow at the University of Nottingham.



Ambassador David Donoghue has had a long and varied career in Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs, having been involved in, among others, the Northern Ireland peace process and the ground-breaking Good Friday Agreement (1998). He has served as Irish Ambassador in Russia, Germany and Austria, was Director General of Ireland's development co-operation programme from 2001-2004, and Political Director with responsibility for Ireland's overall foreign policy from 2009-13. From 2013-2017 Ambassador Donoghue was the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations in New York, where he served as co-facilitator (with Kenya) for the UN negotiations leading to adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2015. He was also co-facilitator (with Jordan) for the negotiations which produced the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2016. Notwithstanding his retirement in September 2017, Ambassador Donoghue remains actively involved in the follow-up to the New York Declaration and the two Global Compacts, one on Refugees and one on Migration, each of which will be completed in late 2018. Besides these two initiatives, he also continues to contribute to the challenges associated with implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.



Kate Eastman SC is a leading Sydney barrister with expertise in human rights, discrimination, employment, public and constitutional law. She was appointed Senior Counsel in 2012 and is currently head of Six St James Chambers. She has appeared in many significant public law and human rights matters in the High Court of Australia. Ms Eastman is chair of the Australia Bar Association's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, a member of the Law Council of Australia's Business and Human Rights Working Group, and a member of the Law Council of Australia's National Human Rights Committee. She was the co-founder, and for many years President, of Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR). Between 1995–98, she was a Senior Legal Officer with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (now the Australian Human Rights Commission). She holds a Diploma of International Human Rights Law from the European University Institute, Florence, Italy; a Master of Laws from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS); a Master of Laws with distinction from University College London; and a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws from UNSW Sydney. She has taught at UTS, Monash University and the University of Sydney, and in a number of international programs. She has been a Visiting Fellow at the University of Western Sydney, and Senior Fellow and member of the Postgraduate Advisory Committee at Monash University's Master of Human Rights Law program.



Elizabeth Ferris is a Research Professor with the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and also serves as a Non-resident Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution. From January–September 2016, she also served as Senior Advisor to the UN General Assembly's Summit for Refugees and Migrants in New York. From 2006–2015, she was a Senior Fellow and co-director of the Brookings–LSE Project on Internal Displacement where she worked to support understanding and protection of internally displaced persons. Prior to joining Brookings, she spent 20 years working in the field of humanitarian assistance, most recently in Geneva, Switzerland at the World Council of Churches. She also served as the director of the Church World Service's Immigration and Refugee Program, as research director for the Life & Peace Institute in Uppsala, Sweden and as a Fulbright professor at the Universidad Autónoma de México. Her teaching experience has included positions at Lafayette College, Miami University and Pembroke State University. She has written extensively on refugee, migration and humanitarian issues, including *The Politics of Protection: The Limits of Humanitarian Action* (Brookings Institution Press, 2011) and, most recently, *Consequences of Chaos: Syria's Humanitarian Crisis and the Failure to Protect*, with Kemal Kirsici (Brookings Institution Press, 2016). She received her BA degree from Duke University and her MA and PhD degrees from the University of Florida.



Alan Gamlen is an Associate Professor at Monash University. He is the former Director of the Hugo Centre for Population and Migration Research at the University of Adelaide in South Australia. He received his Doctorate (in Human Geography) from the University of Oxford as a New Zealand Bright Future Scholar. Alan's research focuses on human migration and ethnicity, with special interests in the governance of international migration, diasporas and transnationalism. He is author of some 50 articles, book chapters and working papers on these topics, appearing in a range of journals. As an editor, he has co-published several books and special issues (including *Migration and Global Governance and Diasporas Reimagined*), and he is the Founding Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Migration Studies*, published by Oxford University Press. Associate Professor Gamlen has also previously held appointments at Germany's Max Planck Society, at the Japan Center for Area Studies in Osaka, at Stanford University in the USA, and at Oxford University in the UK. He has worked as a consultant and advisor to the World Bank, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the International Organization for Migration, various United Nations agencies, and numerous national governments. His research has been funded by the Royal Society of New Zealand, the UK Leverhulme Trust, and the UK Economic and Social Research Council, among others, and he is a past recipient of Japan's Monbusho Scholarship, New Zealand's Top Achiever Doctoral Scholarship, and Oxford's Holly Wyatt-Walter Award. In 2014, he received New Zealand's National Award for Best Emerging Researcher in Geography.



Madeline Garlick is Chief of the Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section in the Division of International Protection at UNHCR in Geneva. She was previously responsible for UNHCR's liaison to the EU institutions from 2004–13. She served with the UN in Cyprus, and in Bosnia and Herzegovina, dealing with legal issues related to the rights of displaced people. She has worked with the Open Society Foundations, and the Centre for Migration Law at Radboud University in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. She teaches on an occasional basis at Sciences Po in Paris and at the Refugee Studies Centre in Oxford. Dr Garlick holds a PhD from Radboud University, a Masters degree in law from the University of Cambridge, and Arts and Laws (Honours) degrees from Monash University. She is qualified as a barrister and solicitor in Victoria.



Guy S Goodwin-Gill is Professor of Law at UNSW Sydney and Acting Director of the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law. He is also Emeritus Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford and Emeritus Professor of International Refugee Law at the University of Oxford, and practises as a barrister from Blackstone Chambers in London. He has held academic appointments in the United Kingdom, Canada and the Netherlands, and has been a Visiting Professorial Fellow at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, and the European University Institute in Florence. He has published widely in the areas of international refugee law, human rights law and humanitarian law, child soldiers, and free and fair elections. Professor Goodwin-Gill is a Patron of Asylum Aid in the United Kingdom, was the President of Refugee & Migrant Justice (London) for 13 years, President of the Media Appeals Board of Kosovo from 2000–03, and the Founding Editor and Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Refugee Law* (1988–2001). Between 1976–88, he worked for UNHCR in various roles, including as Senior Legal Research Officer, Legal Adviser (Europe and North America Bureau), Deputy Chief Resettlement, and Legal Adviser (Australia and New Zealand). He obtained his BA (Honours), MA and doctorate from the University of Oxford.



Jamie Isbister joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in January 2009 and has over 20 years of experience working in the humanitarian and development field. Mr Isbister is the First Assistant Secretary of the Humanitarian, NGOs and Partnerships Division at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Prior to this he was Minister Counsellor Development for Africa based in Pretoria, and Assistant Director General for the Africa and Middle East Branch of AusAID. He was also the Humanitarian Coordinator for the Australian government between January 2009 and October 2010. Before joining government, he worked in a range of international policy and development positions with NGOs including as the International Programs Director for Caritas Australia from 2001–08. In 2004, he coordinated the initial assessment and response efforts of Caritas International’s network in Aceh following the Asian Tsunami. He has worked for the Action by Church Together network and was the International Director for ACT – Australia from 1998–2001. In the late 1990s, he worked in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly in Cambodia, Burma and Thailand, on refugee policy and internal displacement.



Andrew Kaldor has been an independent businessman since starting his first company in 1980. He is now an investor. He has been a Director of a number of publicly listed companies, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and other community organisations. He has commissioned many works by Australian composers for the SSO and other music groups. In 2013 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to the arts. He holds a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) from the University of Sydney and an MBA (Dean’s Honours list) from Wharton at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a teaching fellow. Mr Kaldor and his immediate family were accepted by Australia as refugees after the second world war. He and his wife, Renata Kaldor, founded the Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law in 2013 at UNSW Sydney.



Phil Orchard is a Senior Lecturer in International Relations and Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland and the Research Director of the Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect. His research focuses on international efforts to provide legal and institutional protection to refugees, internally displaced persons and war-affected civilians. He is the author of *A Right to Flee: Refugees, States, and the Construction of International Cooperation* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), which won the 2016 International Studies Association Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Studies Section Distinguished Book Award, and the forthcoming book *Protecting the Internally Displaced: Rhetoric and Reality* (Routledge, 2018). He is also the co-editor, with Alexander Betts, of *Implementation and World Politics: How International Norms Change Practice* (Oxford University Press, 2014).



Eileen Pittaway was Director of the Centre for Refugee Research, UNSW, and Associate Professor in the School of Social Sciences and International Studies from 1999 to 2013. She now continues her research activities and involvement with UNSW in an honorary capacity. Her major focus has been the prevention of and response to the rape, sexual abuse and gender-based violence experienced by refugee women at risk, both overseas and following resettlement to Australia. Over the past 20 years, she has conducted research; provided training to refugees, UN and NGO staff in refugee camps and urban settings; acted as technical advisor to a number of projects; and evaluated humanitarian and development projects in 18 countries. In 2001, she was awarded a Human Rights Medal by the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission for her work with refugee women and children. In 2005, she received a NSW Premier’s Award for services to refugee education in Australia, and in 2012, was made a Member of the Order of Australia for her work with refugees.



Rifaie Tammam is a PhD candidate and tutor at Macquarie University. His research interests include foreign intervention, social movements and collective violence. He holds a Bachelor degree in English Literature and a Master of Research in Security Studies. Between 2012 and 2013, he worked as a citizen journalist reporting on the conflict from Syria. In mid-2013, Mr Tammam was forced to leave Syria following a government-led military campaign against his hometown. Once in Turkey, he worked in international development for two years before arriving in Sydney in mid-2015. He has been interviewed by, and featured in, many media outlets including the *BBC*, *The Independent*, *Al Jazeera English*, and *Syria Direct*. He has also contributed several articles to the *ABC*, *Middle East Monitor* and *Syria Witness*.



Huy Truong came to Australia by boat in 1978 as a Vietnamese refugee. He has since developed a diverse business career as a management consultant, venture capitalist, corporate executive and entrepreneur. He is currently CEO and co-owner of the ALI Group and a Founding Director of Thrive Refugee Enterprise. He was a pioneer of the Australia e-commerce industry, founding *wishlist.com.au* which was subsequently sold to Qantas. Huy was recognized as the Australian Financial Review Ecommerce Entrepreneur of the Year in 2000. Huy also founded the private equity fund, Yarra Capital Partners, and was formerly CEO of Jurlique International, CEO of Carter Holt Harvey Tissue, and a consultant with Boston Consulting Group. Huy holds an Economics (Hons) degree from Monash University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He has a particular interest in entrepreneurship, refugees and more broadly contributing back to Australia.





David Wilden is the First Assistant Secretary of the Immigration and Citizenship Policy Division in the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. He is responsible for policy development and advice for temporary and permanent visas in the skilled, family, and humanitarian programmes, as well as the citizenship, status resolution and community protection areas. Prior to this Mr Wilden was Assistant Secretary for the Economic Mobility Branch focusing on economic migration through both permanent temporary programmes. From 2009 to 2012, he was Regional Director, Europe, based in London, responsible for delivering regional outcomes in one of Australia's biggest markets for migrants as well as managing Australia's relationships with the UK government and the EU, including member States. Over the course of his career Mr Wilden has worked in a range of departments and agencies including Centrelink and the Public Service Commission, and across functional areas as diverse as IT and Human Resource Management. He has a Graduate Certificate in Public Administration and a Masters of Business Administration.




George Williams AO is the Dean, the Anthony Mason Professor, and a Scientia Professor at UNSW Law. He has held an Australian Research Council Laureate Fellowship, and visiting positions at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, Columbia University Law School in New York, and Durham University and University College London in the United Kingdom. He has written and edited 34 books, including *Australian Constitutional Law and Theory*, *The Oxford Companion to the High Court of Australia* and *Human Rights under the Australian Constitution*. He has appeared as a barrister in the High Court in many cases over the past two decades, including on freedom of speech, freedom from racial discrimination and the rule of law. He has also appeared in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal of Fiji, including on the legality of the 2000 coup. Professor Williams was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2011 for distinguished service to the law in the fields of anti-terrorism, human rights and constitutional law as an academic, author, adviser and public commentator.

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