



Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Claims of Asylum: A European human rights challenge – SOGICA

Invitation to register The SOGICA conference 7-9 July 2020

The [SOGICA](#) project final conference is now open for registration and we are pleased to invite you to reserve your place. The conference will take place online on 7-9 July 2020.

The conference will:

- present the SOGICA project findings and recommendations;
- give a platform to academics, policy makers, practitioners, activists and refugees addressing sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) asylum in innovative ways;
- foster interdisciplinary, cross-sector and international engagement between individuals with an interest in this topic, including those most directly involved as asylum claimants in European countries.

About the project

SOGICA – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Claims of Asylum: A European human rights challenge' is a four-year project (2016-2020) funded by the European Research Council (ERC). Based in the School of Law at the University of Sussex, it aims to produce the necessary evidence base for a more just and humane asylum process for individuals seeking refuge in Europe on the basis of their SOGI.

To this end, since 2016, the project has studied the social and legal experiences of SOGI asylum claimants across Europe, by exploring the European Union (EU) and Council of Europe (CoE) frameworks and by focusing on Germany, Italy and the UK as case studies. During this time, SOGICA has carried out more than 150 interviews and focus group discussions with asylum claimants, refugees, decision-makers, practitioners, and experts in the field, and has conducted observations of hearings of SOGI claimants in courts and tribunals. The team has produced [a number of publications](#) on different aspects of SOGI asylum (such as credibility, persecution, discretion, domestic and European adjudication of these claims) and [made presentations at conferences and seminars](#) across Europe. A database of materials, website of resources and network of more than 1,000 friends and allies beyond academia has been established. The SOGICA project will conclude in 2020 with the publication of a monograph and further peer-reviewed articles, all of which are intended to inform fairer SOGI asylum processes in Europe and greater sensitivity and humanity for SOGI minorities outside the legal process.

Deadline

Registration is online through the link on the [SOGICA event webpage](#).

Who should attend

We look forward to welcoming asylum claimants and refugees, academics, policy makers, practitioners, activists, and anyone with an interest in sexual orientation and gender identity asylum.

Fees

Conference registration is free.

Specific requirements

Please let us know of any access requirements when you register and we will do our best to meet your needs.

Further details, including the conference programme are available on the [project website](#)

Please feel free to contact info@sogica.org with any questions you have about the event.

Thank you and we hope to see you at our conference in July!



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