

Dear friend,

Welcome to the first mailing about the SOGICA project.

SOGICA – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Claims of Asylum: A European human rights challenge – is a four-year research project exploring the social and legal experiences of asylum-seekers across Europe claiming international protection on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity to determine how these claims can be treated more fairly. The project is based at the University of Sussex and supported by the European Research Council.

We are very pleased to announce that the SOGICA website <u>www.sogica.org</u> is now live. It has detailed information about the project – including how to get involved – as well as a wider range of resources on sexual orientation and gender identity-related asylum issues, which we will be building on over the project's lifetime (and would welcome contributions).

This is the first SOGICA mailing that we are sending to all our contacts. As well as updates on how the project is progressing, we may also send information about other refugee studies related matters, including research and events at the University of Sussex and elsewhere.

We hope you find this information useful, but if you do not wish to receive future updates, please click on unsubscribe below.

Please feel free to email us with any questions.

Best wishes from the SOGICA research team.