Programme

9.30 – 9.45  
**Registration**

9.45 – 10.00  
**Professor Uta Ruppert** – Faculty of Social Sciences/ Cornelia Goethe Centrum, Goethe University Frankfurt, *Welcome*

10.00 – 10.20  
**Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn** – Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, first UN Independent Expert on Violence and Discrimination based on SOGI, Refugee Protection under International Law: Implications for LGBTI and beyond”.

10.20 – 10.40  
**Professor Nuno Ferreira and Dr. Moira Dustin** – SOGICA, University of Sussex, *LGBTIQ+ Asylum in Europe*

10.40 – 11.00  
**Coffee and Tea**

11.00 – 11.20  
**Bojana Asanovic** – UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group, *LGBTIQ+ Asylum in the United Kingdom: Developments over the Past Decade*

11.20 – 11.40  
**Marlen Vahle** – Kölner Flüchtlingsrat, *LGBTIQ* Refugees' Experiences with the BAMF Asylum Interview*

11.40 – 13.00  
**Podium Discussion** on Intersectionality:
- Dr. des Harpreet Cholia - Hessischer Flüchtlingsrat
- Dr. Mengia Tschalaer – Queer Muslim Asylum in Germany
- Lilith Raza – Queer Refugees Germany/LSVD
- Kadir Özdemir – Nbfl QLM – Queeres Leben in der Migrationsgesellschaft
- Edward Mutebi – Rainbow Refugees Munich
- Irene Bulungi – Black Lesbian Refugees and LeTRA

**Moderator: Dr. Nina Held – SOGICA**

13.00 – 13.45  
**Lunch**

13.45 – 14.00  
Singing by *Mahdi*

14.00 – 15.30  
**Moderated Theme Tables:**
- (1) “Traversing between invisibilities and sensibilities” (Harpreet Cholia and Sofian)
- (2) “Legal representation and appeals in court” (Knud Wechterstein)
- (3) “Support and Preparation before the Asylum Interview” (Marlen Vahle)
- (4) “The ‘Special Vulnerability’ of Queer Refugees: Political Challenges” (Mohammad Dalla)
- (5) “The Importance of Empowerment & Self Representations of LGBTIQ* Refugees” (Kadir Özdemir)
- (6) “Challenges for intersexual and transgender asylum claimants” (Christel Baltes-Loehr)
- (7) “Support needs for lesbian and bisexual women” (Julia Serdarov, Sara Schmitter and Elceta Marsha Ennis)
- (8) “Self-defence as an empowerment tool” (Heghine Babayan)
- (9) “Accommodation and social isolation” (Danijel Cubelic and Rzouga Selmi)
- (10) “Understandings of sexuality and gender in the Asylum Process” (Jana Borusko and Bojana Asanovic)

15.30 – 15.45  
**Coffee and Tea**

15.45 – 17.00  
**Podium Discussion** on Comparative Approaches:
- Bella Stevens – ORAM
- Dr. Amit-Elias Marcus – Aidshilfe Düsseldorf
- Elceta Marsha Ennis
- Dr. Carmelo Danisi – SOGICA
- Danijel Cubelic - Stadt Heidelberg
- Barry O’Leary – Wesley Gryk Solicitors LLP

**Moderator: Anbid Zaman – SOGICA Advisory Board**

17.00 – 17.30  
Dance Performance by *Prince Emrah*

17.20 - 17.30  
**Closing**