

Under the European Asylum Rainbow: Intersectional Queer Challenges

4th July 2019, Goethe University, Festsaal

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 – Nvbf 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 Baltés-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**