



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

Briefing for the SOGICA conference 2020

General information for all participants

The SOGICA conference runs from 7-9 July 2020 online. The conference is made up of 3 keynote speeches, 22 panels, 2 workshops and 1 performance all of which are open to anyone who is [registered](#) for the conference.

All registered participants will receive an email on Monday 6 July with joining instructions and Zoom links for each of the conference sessions.

Information about the conference including the programme is on the [conference events page](#) of the SOGICA website.

Zoom is the web conferencing platform we are using for the SOGICA conference (see below). We have a colleague, Mohammad Dalla, providing technical oversight and support for the conference. If you need any help with Zoom, please [email Mohammad](#) who will be happy to help.

All sessions will have a chair and facilitator and if you have any difficulties during the session you are in, you can use the chat function of Zoom to describe them and the facilitator will try to help.

We want the event to be as participatory as possible and have allowed time for questions and answers after all the keynote speeches and in every panel. Questions will be asked using the new Question & Answer (Q&A) feature for webinars. We apologise for the fact that, because of the numbers of people we anticipate will be participating in most of the sessions, we cannot guarantee that everyone's questions will be heard.

We are recording all the sessions in the conference (apart from the workshops) and will be posting the recordings on the SOGICA website after the event with links to other conference materials. To protect the privacy of general participants, the conference panels and keynote speakers sessions are taking place as Zoom webinars where participants are muted and are not visible to one another. We are only posting the speeches and panel presentations; we are not posting the Q&A parts of each panel. If you have any questions or concerns about security or confidentiality, please email them to info@sogica.org

Please follow us on Twitter [@sogica1](#) and Facebook facebook.com/SOGICAPROJECT/ and during the conference, please tweet about it using #SOGICAconference and #SOGIasylum

After the conference, we will email you links to the published recordings of the conference sessions so you can enjoy any sessions you were not able to attend in real time. We will also send you the link to an evaluation and we would be very grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete that to help us improve future events.

Guidance on using Zoom

Please update your Zoom software so you can use all the new features. If you do not already use Zoom, you will need to download it before joining your first Zoom meeting. It's free and very quick to do. [Here](#) is the link.

To participate, you need make sure you are using a computer, phone or tablet with a camera and microphone.

You may also join the meeting through the international dial-in number in the email we will send you before the conference. However, if you choose this option, you will be able to join with audio (sound) only.

Zoom provides [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) with links to useful (free) tutorials.

SOGICA team contact details

The quickest way to get in touch is by emailing [Moira](#) (about the conference in general) or [Mohammad](#) (about anything technical or Zoom-related) but please do not hesitate to contact any of the SOGICA research team at any time:

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We look forward to meeting you and hope you enjoy the event



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