Welcome to the SOGICA newsletter.

The SOGICA project was completed in October 2020. We are sending this newsletter to give you the exciting news that the SOGICA book – actually books as it is in two volumes – has now been published (see below). It is open access, so please disseminate it widely and tell us what you think. We hope you enjoy it and see it as a valuable contribution to knowledge and also to European policy and practice in the area of SOGI asylum.

This is also an update on our other publications and events. Since the end of the project we have been busy working on articles and taking part in conferences and workshops to ensure our project findings are put to good use.

SOGICA publications

- Danisi, C. and Ferreira, N., ‘Queering Asylum… or Human Rights in Europe?’, ADIM blog, Editorial, February 2021
- Ferreira, N. and Danisi, C., ‘Queering International Refugee Law’, in Cathryn Costello, Michelle Foster and Jane McAdam (eds.), The Oxford Handbook of International Refugee Law, OUP.
- Held, N. (forthcoming): “As queer refugees, we are out of category, we do not belong to one, or the other”: LGBTQ+ refugees’ experiences in “ambivalent” queer spaces’, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Special Issue Queer Liberalisms and Marginal Mobility, 2021.

As usual, all publications by the SOGICA team and individual members can be found on the SOGICA website publications page. If you would like access to any of these publications and they are not publicly accessible, please email us and we will be happy to send them to you.
Forthcoming events


- C. Danisi and N. Ferreira, *SOGI Asylum and (In)visible families, (Dis)connecting People? The law and practice of family reunification*, Ghent, Belgium, 9-10 September 2021.


.... and previous events (in case you have missed them)

- Anbid Zaman, “I don’t fit in anywhere. Where do you place me?” **Pre-Summit on Refugees, Borders and Immigration**, Copenhagen 2021 WorldPride & EuroGames, 19 August 2021.


- N. Ferreira, *Conferência Intermédia Projeto Way Out – Aqui estás segur@ – Asilo e Migração LGBTI+* (panel member), 23 July 2021.


- SOGICA team, participation in several sessions and co-chairing of a session in the event ‘2021 Global Roundtable on Protection and Solutions for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer (LGBTIQ+) Persons in Forced Displacement’, organised by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the UN Independent Expert on Protection Against Violence and Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (UN IE SOGI) (by invitation).


- SOGICA participation in the “News from Nowhere” exhibition, organised by **SEAS** (Socially Engaged Art Salon), Brighton & Hove – **launch event** on 13 June 2021, with N. Ferreira joining the panel of artists.

- SOGICA exhibition at the Jubilee Library, Brighton & Hove, 12-24 June 2021 – see the exhibition’s [panels here](#).


C. Danisi and N. Ferreira, *Le richieste di protezione internazionale basate sull’orientamento sessuale e sull’identità di genere: quali riforme?*, roundtable hosted by Accademia Diritto e Immigrazione - ADIM in cooperation with UNHCR Italy, 10 February 2021.


M. Dustin, member of panel on migrants’ experiences and intersectionality, University and College Union Migrant Members’ Annual Conference, 3 December 2020.


Please visit the [events page](#) of the website for further information about events over the course of the SOGICA project, including our [final conference](#) in July 2020.

**Other resources**

Since our last mailing, we have added a further 150 items to the [SOGICA database](#) which now contains more than 1,240 academic and NGO articles, official reports, case law decisions and other items.

The [Life Stories](#) section of our website contains some individual accounts of LGBTQI+ people claiming asylum. In this way, we hope to keep sight of the human cost of flawed asylum processes and provide a space for some of the people involved to share their experiences. If you are seeking international protection on sexual orientation or gender identity grounds, or have done so, feel free to send us contributions (by email to [info@sogica.org](mailto:info@sogica.org)) to be considered for publication on our website.

**Finally ...**

Our thanks to all our newsletter subscribers and project friends and colleagues. It is wonderful to have had the opportunity to get to know so many of you. We are maintaining our website and our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts, and hope you will continue to use these to keep in touch with us. And we may well be in touch again in the future with more news about the SOGICA project and SOGI asylum in Europe...

Please feel free to [email us](#) with any questions you have about the SOGICA project, or any news which you would like to share.

Best wishes from Nuno, Carmelo, Moira and Nina at SOGICA