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# International Summer School: Refugee Law & Rights

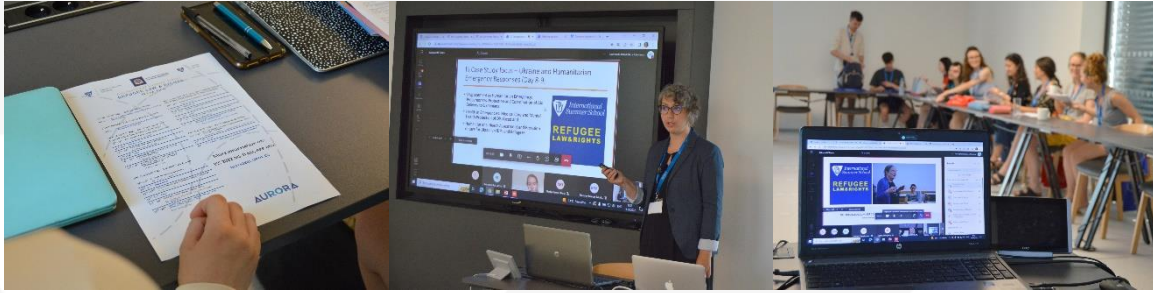
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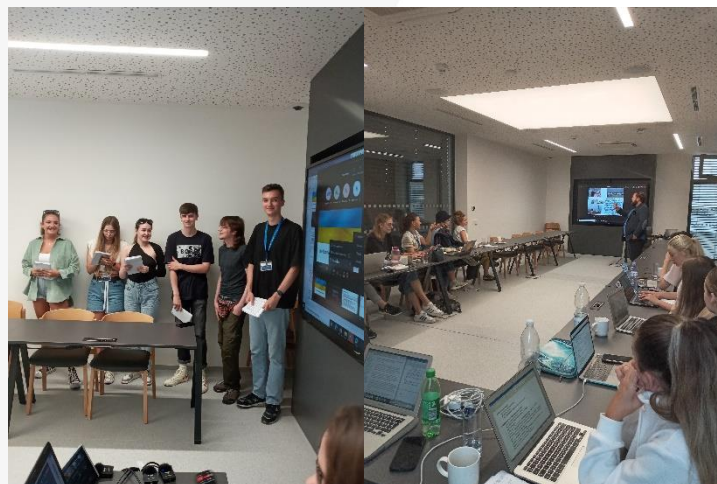
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## REPORT: 'War-displaced Persons Protection Rights Case Study Ukraine'

Due to recent Russian Federation's aggression on Ukraine and the ongoing war with massive scale displacement of civilians, this year's 9<sup>th</sup> International Summer School in Refugee Law and Rights was entirely dedicated to mass displacement in Ukraine and entitled '[War-displaced Persons' Protection Rights - Case study Ukraine](#)'. The school was co-organised with V.N Karazin Kharkiv National University, an Aurora Alliance Associated partner, and hosted at the Faculty of Law at Palacký University Olomouc. It offered a 10-day hybrid training programme for 24 participants!

The participants came from six countries including United Kingdom, Austria, Germany, Italy, Luxemburg, and Ukraine, and comprised both undergraduate and postgraduate students of social sciences, mostly from law studies, sociology, and human rights.



As part of the ongoing Aurora Universities donations and support campaign for V.N Karazin Kharkiv University, the school was able to provide 5 students from Karazin University free of charge online participation, and to engage another 5 university professors and 2 administrative staff in its organization and full program implementation, alongside the UP and International experts.

The training program consisted of four main modules with I *General part* that introduced participants to basics of International Refugee Law and Rights with complimentary aspects of the Humanitarian and Human Rights Law and guiding principles for protection; II *Regional Focus* on Europe and Ukraine mass displacement response that covered EU Asylum Law and Temporary Protection Directive with overviews of reception and integration conditions of

Ukrainian refugees across EU; III *Case study Focus on Ukraine and Humanitarian Emergency Responses* which looked into coordination of aid delivery to Ukrainians, stressing health in emergencies with needs assessment for Ukrainian IDPs and refugees; and IV *Peace Building and Durable Solutions* section which addressed rights based return of war displaced, humanitarian-development-peace building nexus, education's role in recovery, and reconstruction in post-war Ukraine.

Among various documentaries and films screened as part of the special evening events, the students were also able to enjoy a Olomouc historic city tour, talk to a professional humanitarian in the field, listen to a senior officer from UNHCR's Headquarters in Geneva provide overview of UN's coordinated response to Ukrainian displacement crises and attend the two hour Plenary session on Peace building and Recovery in Ukraine live with colleagues from Karazin University and Peace studies MA students from Innsbruck university.

The full school programme can be found [here](#).



Upon successful completion of the school, all the participants were awarded 3 ECTS points and *Graduate Participant Diploma from the Palacký University Olomouc and V.N Karazin Kharkiv National University in Ukraine*.

The school was evaluated positively by participants with 97% of those who undertook the evaluation survey (still in progress) rating the school "Excellent" overall. **School graduation photos online (for physical participants only) can be found [here](#).**

## Student Testimonials

### **Aurora Alliegri (University of Naples Federico II, Italy, in-person participant)**

*For me this was a great opportunity to gain knowledge about International law in general and in particular refugee law and human rights as we do not have opportunity to study it at our university. I am very interested to work with refugees in Italy and this school has helped me realize this even more.*



### **Anke Hofstra (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Luxemburg, online participant)**

*Thank you very much for two wonderful weeks of summer school. All the passionate speakers who all spoke so enthusiastically about their fields really impressed me. I've learned a lot. I gained new knowledge and insights that opened my eyes. The theories, frames, analyses and developments we've learned, I consider to be great tools in my future career, but also the thorough discussions of the current situation in Ukraine were enlightening and offered me a better understanding of the situation. The assignments, big and small, really made me dive into new subjects from a new angle and got me thinking about new ways to approach conflicts and in particular the people affected by it, but also law, politics, peace and security. I enjoyed it all.*

### **Robert White (Northumbria University, UK, in person participation)**

*I particularly enjoyed the group exercises and the additional reading provided to enhance my learning.*

### **Yuliana Dovbnya (Karazin Kharkiv University, Ukraine)**

*I am very grateful to the Palacký University in Olmouc for the awesome summer camp on refugee law. First of all, I would like to mention that I have always been interested in law, and refugee law is the most relevant right now. Being in Kharkiv, I attended all the lectures, although sometimes there were problems with my connection. It was a big plus that all the lectures and presentations were posted on an online platform and could be rewatched again. The lecturers were very interesting, and the main thing was that they often asked questions if we understood the topic and cared about the students. Thank you very much, I hope there will be more programs that I would love to participate in!*

## **About the School**

The International Summer School in Refugee Law and Rights was founded in 2012 by Dr Selma Porobić with late OBE Prof. Emerita Barbara Harrell-Bond from the University of Oxford, and is modelled according to pioneering refugee law training for the humanitarians initiated in the 1980s by the late professor Harrell-Bond. It brings together leading academics and professionals focusing on both theoretical and practical aspects of legal refugee protection, to proactively contribute to its advancement through future carriers in academia, UN, governmental and non-governmental organizations, media and other sectors of work. Our goal is to advance the legal protection skills and to enhance collaboration in responding to the current challenges of international refugee protection in Europe and globally.

**For further information about the school visit the official university website <https://refugees.upol.cz/> or contact Dr. Selma Porobić: [selma.porobic@upol.cz](mailto:selma.porobic@upol.cz)**