

# Moving Beyond Good Intentions: The Road to Refugee Rights



The Refugee Law Clinic Berlin would like to invite you to a public lecture with **James Hathaway**

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Despite the fact that nearly four million Syrian refugees have found some measure of protection outside their country, recent responses to the influx into both Lebanon and Turkey suggest that states will not honour the internationally established rights of refugees when they perceive their most basic interests to be at risk. In truth, the UN's Refugee Convention is arguably more attentive to state interests than any other human rights treaty -- a reality often misunderstood. Prof Hathaway argues that confidence to remain open to the arrival of refugees will be undermined until and unless the world community establishes a practical system to share the burdens and responsibilities of refugee protection and explores what that might be.

James C. Hathaway, the James E. and Sarah A. Degan Professor of Law and Director of the Program in Refugee and Asylum Law at the University of Michigan since 1998, is a leading authority on international refugee law whose work is regularly cited by the most senior courts of the common law world. He is also Distinguished Visiting Professor of International Refugee Law at the University of Amsterdam and Professorial Fellow of the University of Melbourne. Hathaway's publications include more than eighty journal articles and chapters, a leading treatise on the refugee definition (*The Law of Refugee Status*, second edition 2014 with M. Foster; first edition 1991, republished in both Russian in 2007 and Japanese in 2008) and a book on refugee rights (*The Rights of Refugees under International Law*, 2005).

The lecture and discussion will be in English.

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Nora Markard (University of Hamburg).

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