



CHARLES UNIVERSITY  
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# CALL FOR PAPERS

**Faculty of Law, Charles University  
Prague, the Czech Republic**

invites submission of papers for the conference on

## **The future of Europe as a place of refuge Prague, 5 – 6 December 2019**

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### **BACKGROUND AND THEME OF THE CONFERENCE**

Several years ago, scholars gave Europe the title “Fortress Europe”, drawing attention to the continuing “securitization” of migration and refugee issues. This is even more true today. Non-entry strategies apply extensively across Europe and were even strengthened after the 2015 refugee/migration inflow by the EU - Turkey agreement of 2016. Public discourse in certain European countries becomes increasingly hostile with respect to offering international protection. Countries of the global North in general focus on the protection of their borders, and often use a securitized language when they discuss legal norms that apply to refugees. These measures mark a shift from the human rights concept of refugee protection to an emphasis on security which means, among other things, that a conflict between state sovereignty and human rights becomes more visible.

The main issue to be addressed at this conference is therefore the future of Europe as a place of refuge. If only a small number of refugees may enter it, how will Europe participate in solving the large and still growing refugee situations around the globe? Some of those fleeing their countries of origin may try to apply for a visa as in the *X and X v État belge* ECJ case or in the *M.N. and others v. Belgium* case before the ECtHR. Others could hope for resettlement. Yet, can any of these options be a real and viable solution? Certain Western states will not even consider single men for resettlement, only families. Visas for applying for protection are not granted. How will refugees reach Europe in future and how will the societies accept them? And, most importantly, how will they accept them if they come in large numbers? Could resettlement be the answer? And if so, under what circumstances?

This conference aims to bring together scholars and other experts in the various fields of law that are relevant for exploring the issues delineated above. It will offer an opportunity to present cutting-edge research addressing these issues, to introduce new ideas and initiatives, and to promote a thought-provoking interaction among participants.

## ORGANIZERS WELCOME PROPOSALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WILL ADDRESS MAINLY (BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY) THE FOLLOWING THEMES:

- ▶ Resettlement as a tool for solidarity between states and towards refugees.
- ▶ Human rights in an (imaginary?) conflict with security.
- ▶ Human rights limits of state sovereignty in refugee law.
- ▶ Challenges of establishing international protection of stateless persons across Europe in the era of securitization of migration.
- ▶ Impact of security interests on the granting and the substantive quality of international protection.
- ▶ Legitimacy of non-entry strategies.
- ▶ Resettlement as a humanitarian tool.
- ▶ Extra-European experience with resettlement.
- ▶ Speediness and effectiveness of asylum procedures and human rights concerns associated with such procedures.
- ▶ Do special times call for special measures? Possible limitations of human rights in mass influx situations.



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS AND PAPER PUBLICATION

Scholars, researchers and other experts are invited to submit abstracts of original, unpublished research papers. The abstracts (max. 500 words) should set out the main aspects and structure of the study.

**The deadline for submitting abstracts is 15 September 2019.** Please send all abstracts (in Word format) together with your affiliation and contact information, to [migration@prf.cuni.cz](mailto:migration@prf.cuni.cz)

**Successful applicants will be notified by email by 13 October 2019. The authors of selected papers will be required to submit a 2,000-word extended abstract by 20 October 2019.**



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