



Contemporary Challenges in Migration Research

Friday 17th May 2024 | Ulster University Belfast

The purpose of this one-day SLSA seminar is to bring together researchers from across the island of Ireland to explore local, national and international issues relating to migration, and the intersections and tensions between these geographical levels. There will be a series of presentations from migration researchers, as well as presentations from civic society organisations working across the island.

We are seeking to use this seminar to create better engagement and collaboration amongst scholars in Ireland researching migration, particularly at a time when we are dealing with multiple issues relating to migration on the island and internationally.

We particularly welcome postgraduate research students and early career researchers to the seminar. In addition to the main programme, postgraduate research students and early career researchers are invited to a preceding session exploring socio-legal research methodologies.

Postgraduate research students and early career researchers who wish to attend “Exploring Socio-Legal Research and Methodologies in the context of migration research” **should arrive to begin at 11.00.**

All other participants are invited to attend at 11.50 to begin at 12:00.

There will be time allotted to networking during and after the event, with tea/ coffee and light refreshments provided.

There is no registration fee to attend the seminar.

Programme:

11.00-11:50: Exploring Socio-Legal Research and Methodologies in the context of migration research [for postgraduate research students and early career researchers]

Panel 1 – Human rights in migration

Chair – Dr. Neil Graffin

12.00-12.20: State-empowered entities as sites of progress for anti-trafficking law and policy? - Dr Gillian Kane, Ulster University

12.20-12.40: Solidarity and the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum - Dr Sarah Craig, Ulster University

12.40-13.00: The right to work for refugees; a decolonial perspective - Amanda Gray Meral, Queen's University Belfast

13:00-13.20: Questions

13.20-14.00: BREAK

Panel 2 – Global migration challenges

Chair – Dr. Gillian Kane

14.00-14.20: Control and criminalisation of search and rescue in the Mediterranean – Dr Neil Graffin, The Open University

14.20-14.40: Climate change induced sea level rise and displacement across the British and Irish Isles – Dr Ben Hudson, The University of Exeter

14.40-15.00: Questions

15.00-15.10: BREAK

Keynote Address

Chair – Dr. Sarah Craig

15.10-15:30: KEYNOTE

15.30-15:50: Questions

15:50-16.30: Closing discussion and networking

Bursaries

We have set aside £500 to cover travel/attendance bursaries for precarious and/or unaffiliated researchers. PhD students unable to obtain institutional funding are also able to apply. Depending on the level of need, we may be able to pay for travel and/ or accommodation in full or make a partial contribution to expenses. To apply, please submit an expression of interest to s.craig1@ulster.ac.uk and g.kane1@ulster.ac.uk outlining the resources required, explaining why you are unable to pay for your travel and/or accommodation, and explaining your motivation for attending this seminar.

Applicants will be asked to provide receipts for reimbursement.