REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
2017

COMPLEMENTARY FUNDING

TEAM GRANTS

• 2014-2018: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) - $199,515
  Grant for a team lead by Idil Atak (Criminal Justice and Criminology, Ryerson University), and composed of François Crépeau, Graham Hudson (Criminal Justice and Criminology, Ryerson University), Delphine Nakache (School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa), and Stephanie Silvermann (Nathanson Centre on Transnational Human Rights, Crime and Security, York University, Toronto), for a project on “Securitization of migration and asylum in Canada: A comparative analysis of policy consequences and human rights impact”.

• 2014-2019: Fonds québécois de recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC - Soutien aux infrastructures de recherche des Instituts et des Centres affiliés universitaires du secteur social) – $1,800,000
  Co-researcher for an application submitted by Professor Cécile Rousseau (Social and Transcultural Psychiatry, McGill University), for a Research Centre on “Santé, intervention sociale et immigration : des transformations globales aux adaptations locales”.

INDIVIDUAL GRANT

• 2017-2022: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (Insight Grant programme): 114,942$
  Research programme on “The protection of the human rights of migrants in the emerging global migration governance regime”.

PUBLICATIONS

CHAIRHOLDER’S ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

CRÉPEAU, François, (March 24, 2017) “A new agenda for facilitating human mobility after the UN summits on refugees and migrants”, OpenDemocracy:


CHAIRHOLDER’S PUBLICATIONS AS UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR


Report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants on his mission to Australia and the regional processing centres in Nauru, A/HRC/35/25/, April 24, 2017:


RESEARCH ASSOCIATES’ PUBLICATIONS


HUDSON, Graham, ATAK, Idil, MANOCCHI, Michele & HANNAN, Charity Ann, “(No)Access T.O.: A Pilot Study on Sanctuary City Policy in Toronto,


MAYER, Benoit, “Climate Change Mitigation in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region” (2017) 7(2-3) Climate Law 65-96.


ACTIVITIES

BROWN-BAG SEMINARS

November 29, 2017
Hanna Haile
Migration and Climate Change: Legal and Practical Challenges

November 6, 2017
Florian Couveinhes Matsumoto
Is ‘Political’ International Law the Enemy of Democracy? How treaties are used to bypass and reduce democracy and what we can do about it

October 13, 2017
Rouba Al-Salem
A Venue for Justice or an Occupation Accomplice? The Israeli High Court of Justice and the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied West Bank

September 22, 2017
Yannick Lécuyer
Existe-t-il un ordre public européen?

March 29, 2017
Sonia Cancian
The Power of Life Stories: Situating the Narratives of Migrants and Refugees within the Context of the Law

March 24, 2017
Faten Kikano
‘Camps That Are Becoming Cities – Cities That Are Becoming Camps: The Case of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon and Jordan.

OTHER SPONSORED SEMINARS & EVENTS

November 24, 2017
Organised in collaboration with the School of Urban Planning at McGill and the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism.

Perween Rehman: The Rebel Optimist (film screening and panel discussion)

November 23, 2017
Organised in collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism
The Labouring Subject of Refugee Economies, a talk by Ranabir Samaddar, O’Brien Fellow in Residence.

November 16, 2017
Organised by Rouba Al-Salem, in collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism Canada’s Private and Government Sponsorship of Syrian Refugees: Successes, Challenges, Prospects

November 03, 2017
Organised in collaboration with the Center for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees
Women as Drivers to Solutions in Displacement

September 14, 2017
Organised in collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism
Is the World ready for Global Justice?

MEETINGS HOSTED

September 19, 2017
Support for students to attend The CBC Massey Lecture given by Professor Akhavan

November 11, 2017
Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers, Association québécoise des avocats et avocates en droit de l’immigration
Meeting for lawyers interested in doing pro bono work to assist sponsorship groups with their applications for overseas Syrian refugees.

COURSES AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIR

Immigration and Refugee Law
Professor François Crépeau re-designed the McGill Faculty of Law’s main course in Immigration and Refugee Law to maximize student engagement with contemporary migration issues and challenges, including their relations to domestic and international human rights law. He delivered the course from 5 September 2017 to 7 December 2017. 58 undergraduate students and 5 graduate students enrolled.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED

Travel Grants to Participants in the McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism’s Human Rights Internship Program

Alexa Franczak
BCL/LLB Candidate, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, India (2017)

OCCASIONAL SUPPORT TO RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS

Romola Adeola, Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellow
Attended University of London Refugee Law Initiative Conference in London from June 5-7, 2017

Yi Chao, DCL
Attended ESIL Workshop "The Future of International Migration Law" in Naples, Italy in Sep 2017

Erica Marina Sharpe, Post-Doctoral Student
Attended University of London Refugee Law Initiative Conference in London from June 5-7, 2017

Ming-Yu (Bob) Kao, Guest Presenter
2017 McGill Graduate Law Students’ Association Conference held May 13-14, 2017

Martijn Hoogeland, Guest Presenter
2017 McGill Graduate Law Students’ Association Conference held May 13-14, 2017

RESEARCHERS WELCOMED

Marina Sharpe (2016-2017) is an Arnold & Blema Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellow in International Migration Law and Policy at the
Romola Adeola (2016-2017) is an Arnold & Blema Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellow in International Migration Law and Policy at the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism. Her areas of expertise are law and policy aspects of migration, refugee protection and international development law. She has worked as a consultant on these issues with African governments and the African Union.

Hanna Haile (2017-2018) is an Arnold & Blema Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellow in International Migration Law and Policy at the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism. Her research interests are in international human rights, migration, environmental law, sustainability, and intellectual property rights. She has recently been working on a project which explores the impacts of the activities on copper mining companies and the issues communities face in the Copperbelt of Zambia.

Rouba Essam Al-Salem (2017-2018) is an Arnold & Blema Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellow in International Migration Law and Policy at the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism. She is a human rights and migration specialist in the Middle East region. Her current research interests revolve around the Canadian private sponsorship of Syrian refugees and the parallels, successes, and challenges of other host countries where private sponsorship has been implemented.

CHAIR MEMBERS

HOLDER OF THE CHAIR

François Crépeau, O.C., F.R.S.C., Ad.E., Fellow of the Trudeau Foundation, is the Hans & Tamar Oppenheimer Professor in Public International Law and the Director of the Centre for Human Rights & Legal Pluralism at the Faculty of Law of McGill University. Between August 2011 and July 2017, he was the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants. The focus of his current research includes migration control mechanisms, the rights of foreigners, the interface between security and migration policies, and the Rule of Law in an era of globalisation.

COORDINATOR

Raoul Wieland (2017-2018)
BCL/LLB & MSW Candidate, Faculty of Law of McGill University

Lana Racković (2016-2017)
BCL/LLB Candidate, Faculty of Law of McGill University

RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Rosa da Costa works on issues concerning international human rights, refugee law and international displacement, gender, humanitarian cooperation, security, governance, and ethics in international relations.

Idil Atak is assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Ryerson University in Toronto. She researches international human rights law and migrants’ rights, particularly in Europe.

Donald Boucher is a social worker and a psychotherapist clinician for asylum seekers who were victims of organized violence.

Janet Cleveland is a psychologist, legal scholar and anthropologist who studies various aspects of the refugee status determination process in Canada, the situation of psychologically vulnerable persons, and the detention of asylum seekers.

Filippo Furi is a Phd candidate in Anthropology at the University of Montreal: his research is dedicated to the notion of city of asylum, focusing on the politics and the practices of hospitality towards asylum seekers in Italy and particularly in the city of Venice.

Anne-Claire Gayet is a lawyer at the Quebec Bar, holds a Masters in International Studies and a LL.M
in international law from the University of Montreal.

**Bethany Hastie** is an Assistant Professor at the Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia. Her research examines issues attending precarious labour in the intersecting spaces of labour and employment, migration, and human rights law.

**Kinga Janik**'s main research interests include refugee law, humanitarian cooperation, security and governance.

**Estibaliz Jimenez** is professor at the Department of psychoeducation at l'Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR).

**Noura Karazivan** is a professor at the Faculty of Law of Université de Montréal. Her recent research bears on the extraterritoriality of human rights.

**Karine Mac Allister** is a Ph.D student at the University of Montreal. She is doing research on the international standards applicable to population transfers.

**Benoit Mayer** is Associate Professor at the International Law Institute and the Environmental Law Institute of Wuhan University (China). His research focuses in particular on the relations between climate change and human mobility.

**Delphine Nakache** is Professor at the School of International Development and Globalisation of the University of Ottawa. She teaches international public law and immigration and refugee law.

**Christian Peterson** is a filmmaker and photographer whose main research topic is the link between cinema, photography and architecture, and the expression of personal and collective memory through the built environment.

**Michel Peterson** is a psychoanalyst, social worker and professor of literature. He is also a clinician for asylum seekers who were victims of organized violence, and has written books and articles on the subject.

**Victor Piché** is a sociologist and a demographer specialized in international migrations. Honorary Professor of the University of Montreal, he now works specifically on migrant workers' rights.

**Anna-Lise Purkey** is the 2015-2016 Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Human Rights Research and Education Centre at the University of Ottawa. She works on the role of refugees in the diverse post-conflict transitional justice processes.

**Aranzazu Recalde** is a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow at the Hans & Tamar Oppenheimer Chair in Public International Law, where she teaches and conducts research on the increasing participation of migrant women in the “transnational care industry” along with the emotional and socio-economic implications that it brings about for these women and their families.

**Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko** is a Lecturer at the Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR), School of Law, National University of Ireland, Galway. Her research interests include human rights with a particular emphasis on the international protection of women's rights, relationship between Islam and human rights protection, international refugee and migration law, comparative law and legal cultures, feminist analyses of law, law and humanities.