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Final Conference

**6-8 March | 9AM-5PM |
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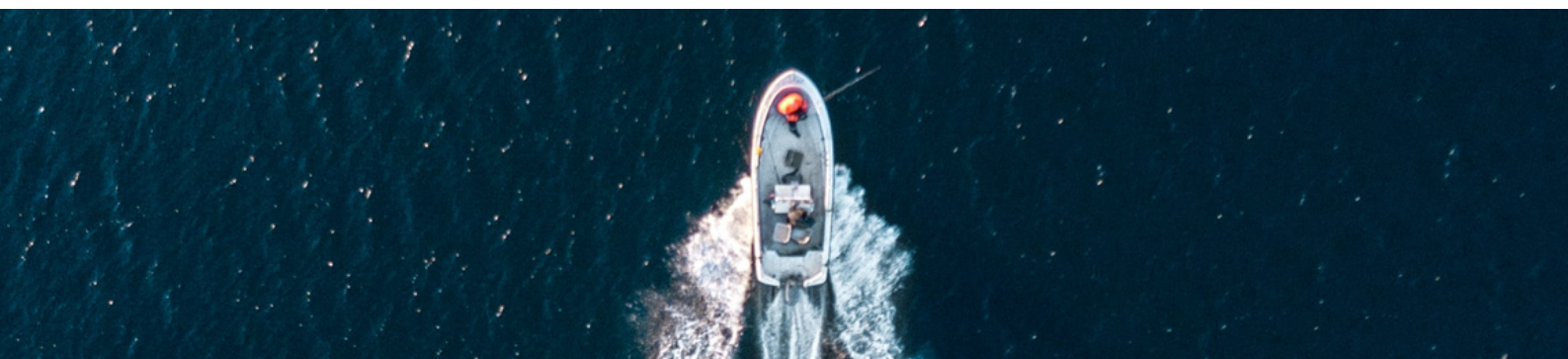
SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHT TO INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION

The PROTECT Final Conference will mark the culmination of a major international research project to understand the impact and potential of the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact on Migration on the refugee and asylum policies of the European Union, Canada and South Africa.

The operation of the principle of international protection has been one of the most significant challenges in the international system in recent years, with the volume of forced and involuntary migration reaching unprecedented levels and affecting many parts of the world that did not have to consider how they dealt with refugees and those claiming asylum. The conclusion of the Global Compacts had been seen as part of the international response to this challenge, recognising the need for the rights and responsibilities of all involved – individuals, states and civil society – to be properly taken account of, in order to produce more resilient and effective solutions.

With world-leading keynote practitioner and academic speakers, as well as practically-oriented roundtables, the PROTECT Final Conference will consider whether the Compacts' potential has been realised and how we might best move towards a more effective and legitimate system of international protection. Insights from PROTECT researchers working on the politics, law, public opinion and public discourse of protection will be brought together with figures from international organisations, states and NGOs to debate the social, policy and legal implications.

PROTECT's work has stressed the need for holistic approaches to these questions, with partnerships not only providing support for those working to implement effective international protection but also laying the groundwork for a wider and deeper shift in the **norms, institutions, procedures** and **public attitudes** that will be essential in the longer-term if the realisation of the Compacts is to be secured.



DAY 1 - INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION AS A SOCIAL VALUE PROGRAM

6TH MARCH

08.30 – 09.00 *Registration*

09.00 – 10.30 **Opening Remarks**

09.00-09.45: Keynote

Natasha Bertaud
*Deputy Head of the Cabinet of
Vice-President Margaritis Schinas*

09.45-10.30: Which policies are needed to
safeguard the international protection
system? - The Policy Implications of
PROTECT's research Findings

Hakan G. Sicakkan
*Professor and Scientific
Coordinator of PROTECT*

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.00 – 12.00 **Keynote: Cathrine Wollard**

*Director of the European Council
on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)*

12.00 - 13.15 *Lunch Break*

13.15 – 14.45 **Roundtable: Do citizens support international protection?**

Moderator: Cornelius Cappelen,
University of Bergen

Pierre Van Wolleghem, *University of Bergen*

Tobias Heidland, *Kiel Institute for the World Economy*

Violeta Wagner, *International Centre for Migration Policy Development*
MEP, TBA

14.45 – 15.30 *Coffee Break*

15.30 – 17.00 **Roundtable: International protection as a topic in traditional and social media**

Moderator: Sara Hanke,
University of Stuttgart

Boris Mance, *University of Ljubljana*

Anamaria Dutceac-Segesten, *University of Lund*

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DAY 2 - INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION AS A POLICY IMPERATIVE PROGRAM

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08.30 – 09.00 *Registration*

09.00 – 10.30 **Roundtable: How effective is policy?**

Moderator: Francesca Longo,
University of Catania

Pierre Van Wolleghem, *University of Bergen*
Nina Gregor, *European Union Agency for Asylum*
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10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.00 – 12.30 **Roundtable: Protection at the border zones**

Moderator: Christine M. Jacobsen,
University of Bergen

Marry-Anne Karlsen, *University of Bergen*
Philippe-Joseph Salazar, *University of Cape Town*
Alieu Jalloh, *Association of PADA Users*
Kudakwashe Vanyoro, *University of Witwatersrand*

12.30 - 13.30 *Lunch Break*

13.30 – 14.30 **Keynote**

The UN Refugee Agency

14.30 – 15.15 *Coffee Break*

15.15 – 16.45 **Roundtable: Civil society as a motor of protection**

Moderator: Alia Middleton,
University of Surrey

Simon Usherwood, *The Open University*
Charlotte Khan, *Care4Calais*
Brian Dikoff, *Migrant Organise*



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DAY 3 - INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION AS A LEGAL RIGHT PROGRAM

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08.30 – 09.00 *Registration*

09.00 – 09.45 **Keynote: Cathryn Costello** *University of Oxford / Hertie School of Governance*

09.45 – 11.15 **Roundtable: The Global Compacts and the International Protection Regime** Moderator: Idil Atak, *Toronto Metropolitan University*
LIBE Committee, TBA
Maja Grundler, *Queen Mary University of London*
Stefan Maier, Head of Policy and Legal Support Unit, UNHCR

11.15 – 11.30 *Coffee Break*

11.30 – 13.00 **Roundtable: The Global Compacts and Global Migration Governance** Moderator: Jurgen Bast, *University of Giessen*
Younous Arbaoui, *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*
Pauline Endres de Oliveira, *University of Giessen*
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13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch Break*

14.00 – 14.45 **Keynote: Alexander Aleinikoff** *The New School for Social Research*

14.45 – 15.00 *Coffee Break*

15.00 – 16.30 **Final Roundtable: How to make Protection work** Moderator: Frank Caestecker, *University of Ghent*
Alex Aleinikoff, *The New School for Social Research*
Hakan G. Sicakkan, *University of Bergen*
Sergio Carrera, *Centre for European Policy Studies*
The Umbrella Refugee Committee

16.30 – 17.00 **Closing remarks** Simon Usherwood, Main-organiser *PROTECT*
Hakan G. Sicakkan, *Scientific Coordinator PROTECT*
Leiv Marsteintredet, *UiB Chair of Comparative Politics Department*



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