

**CALL FOR PAPERS:****Workshop:****The Global Compacts, Mixed Migration and the Transformation of Protection**

29 March 2019, Senate House, London

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The 2016 New York Declaration calls for two Global Compacts, one on refugees and one on migrants. It sets out a range of proposed ‘commitments that apply to both refugees and migrants’ in order to ensure their rights, protection and integration with the aim of working towards sustainable development. Yet neither Compact squarely addresses issues relating to mixed migration, where flows of migrants and refugees move along the same routes and are, for all but legal purposes, indistinguishable.

Research shows that the mobility which the Global Compacts are trying to capture in the concept of ‘large-scale flows’ cannot be neatly defined as ‘voluntary’ or ‘forced’. Indeed, such ‘category fetishism’ is itself problematic. Yet the Global Compacts starkly differentiate between refugees and migrants and fix in place their respective politico-juridical statuses. Whilst such legal categories matter, they are also politically situated: they can be used to police demarcations, but they can also be used progressively.

To promote scholarly reflection on the new Global Compacts, their drafting process and their future significance, this Workshop **invites papers** that think critically about ‘protection’ in contexts of mixed migration. For instance:

- How do the Global Compacts narrate the forces that represent and categorise forms of mobility?
- How is ‘protection’ now to be constituted in light of the two Global Compacts?
- Is a progressive approach to ‘protection’, or to rights and freedoms, possible in mixed migration?
- How can the tricky dynamics between political discourse and requirements of international and national law be negotiated?
- Can we envisage a way in which protection is offered without contesting the validity of anyone’s existence, in whichever legal category they might be placed?

Please send paper abstracts for the Workshop to Dr Christina Oelgemoller [e.c.oelgemoller@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:e.c.oelgemoller@lboro.ac.uk) by **Monday 29 October 2018**.

The Workshop will be hosted by the Refugee Law Initiative at the School of Advanced Study, University of London and will take place in Senate House on the **29th March 2019**. Confirmation of successful papers will be sent by mid-November 2018 with instructions for authors. It is envisaged that papers will be published in a special issue (tbc).