

THE CANADA-U.S. SAFE THIRD COUNTRY AGREEMENT WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Join us as we mark Refugee Rights Day.

An interdisciplinary panel of experts and practitioners from the United States and Canada will discuss the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) and its impact. This 2004 bilateral agreement prevents (with some exceptions) refugee claimants who land first in the United States from making a claim in Canada, and those that land first in Canada from making a claim in the United States.

In light of the current U.S. immigration policies and political climate, the designation of the United States as a 'safe third country' as part of the STCA is being challenged in the federal court. Parties to the legal challenge believe that the designation violates refugee rights under international law and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Join us as we learn about and discuss threats to refugee rights at the Canadian border, the risks of irregular border crossings, the denial of gender-related rights, U.S. legal perspectives on refugee rights in the age of Trump and the STCA federal legal challenge.

Tuesday April 10 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Reception to follow

Grebel gallery at Conrad Grebel University College
140 Westmount Road North
Waterloo, Ontario

FREE ADMISSION

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Peter Noteboom, Acting General Secretary, The Canadian Council of Churches.



Sonal Marwah, Program Officer, Project Ploughshares (Moderator).



Alex Vernon, Assistant Professor of Law, Director of the Immigration Law Clinic, University of Detroit Mercy.



Andrew Brouwer, Senior Counsel in Refugee Law at Legal Aid Ontario, and lead counsel for the STCA federal challenge.



Eunice Valenzuela, member of the Canadian Council of Refugees Executive and Refugee Specialist at the K-W Multicultural Centre.



Erin Simpson, lawyer and counsel for the STCA federal challenge.

