

Symposium on Refugee Rights in Records

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Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives at Central European University (CEU)
Budapest, Hungary

9:00 Registration

9:30 Welcome | István Rév, Director, Blinken OSA

9:45 Keynote, Problem Statement | Anne Gilliland, Professor, UCLA

10:00 Session 1 | Documenting Refugees' Identities, Archives as Sources
Chair: Tamara Štefanac, Independent Researcher

Mass Problems and the Search for Individual Solutions. Stakeholders and
Interests in Documenting the Refugee Crisis | Iván Székely, Senior Research
Fellow, Blinken OSA

“Who Does Not Leave Will Be Killed”: Refugee Narratives in Historical
Perspective | Csaba Szilágyi, Head of the Human Rights Program, Blinken OSA

10:50 Coffee Break

11:10 Session 2 | Refugee Perspectives? Or Geopolitical Trends?
Chair: Csaba Szilágyi

Protecting Refugees: An Overview of UNHCR's Mandate and the Rights of
Refugees and Other People of Concern to UNHCR | Yolande Ditewig, Senior
Regional Policy Officer, UNHCR Regional Representation for Central Europe
(Budapest)

A Non-European in Central Europe: Hungary | Boldizsár Nagy, Associate
Professor, CEU

The Refugee Experience: Shrinking Space for Protection | Anikó Bakonyi,
Advocacy and Project Officer, Hungarian Helsinki Committee

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Session 3 | Problems of Documentation and Technology in Migration
Chair: James Lowry, Lecturer, Liverpool University

State-based Actors and Security Challenges for Documentation | Cameran
Ashraf, Assistant Professor, CEU

Keep Your Eyes on the Information | Patricia Sleeman, Digital Archivist,
UNHCR Records and Archives (Geneva)

Syrian Archive Curating Visual Documentation for Justice and Human Rights:
Challenges and Opportunities | Hadi Al-Khatib, Founder and Director, Syrian
Archive

14:50 Film Screening

15:20 Coffee Break

15:40 Session 4 | Refugee Rights in Records Project and next steps
Anne Gilliland and James Lowry

17:00 Closing remarks | Anne Gilliland

17:30 Guided Tour of the Archives | Robert Parnica, Senior Reference Archivist,
Blinken OSA