

Comparative Refugee and Asylum Law

(Two Semester Credits)

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Today an unprecedented **65.6 million** people around the world have been forced from their homes. Among them are nearly **22.5 million refugees**. Students will examine the different protections available to asylum-seekers, migrants, and refugees and consider the efficacy of the 1951 Refugee Convention, created in the aftermath of World War II. US interpretation of the Refugee Convention will be compared to the corresponding Directives of the European Union, and attention will be given to the effect of this migration of people on the environment, public health, foreign policy and national security.