

2026 WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Beyond 75 Years: The Future of Refugee Protection in a Changing World

Joint event by ELTE Faculty of Social Sciences and UNHCR

Venue: ELTE Social Sciences Campus, 1117 Budapest, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A., Zsuzsa Ferge Faculty Council Room (0.100C – ground floor, North Wing)

Date, time: Thursday, 25 June, 09:30 – 15:00

Online participation is also available via [this](#) link.

I.	Academic panel (working language: English)		
09:30 – 10:00	Registration (coffee)		
10:00 – 10:40	Opening remarks	Zoltán Gábor Szűcs-Zágoni , Vice Dean, ELTE Faculty of Social Sciences Nicole Epting , Representative, UNHCR Central and South-East Europe	
10:40 – 11:00	Keynote speech	Questions on the fundamentals: whom and where to protect? Reflections on the Geneva Convention and on the future – Boldizsár Nagy , Prof. Emeritus, CEU, Honorary Professor, ELTE Faculty of Law	Past and present in refugee protection - 75 th anniversary of the 1951 Convention and the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum
11:00 – 12:10	Academic presentations Moderated by Balázs Majtényi , Professor, Head of Department of Human Rights and Political Science ELTE, Faculty of Social Sciences	The Refugee and the Future of Rights: Arendt, Agamben, and the Hungarian Experience – András Léderer , Head of Advocacy, Hungarian Helsinki Committee Fundamental rights in the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum: FRA's perspective – Tamás Molnár , dr. habil. in public international law (ELTE Faculty of Law); Senior Legal Researcher – Project Manager, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) Mare Nero: Externalized Borders and the Racial Limits of Refugee Protection in Tunisia – Amina Ghazouani , PhD Candidate at ELTE, Faculty of Social Sciences	
12:10 – 12:30	Coffee break		

12:30 – 13:30	Academic presentations continued Moderated by Balázs Majtényi , Professor, Head of Department of Human Rights and Political Science ELTE, Faculty of Social Sciences	The Refugee Convention Meets the Climate Crisis: Are Children Protected? – Ágnes Lux , Associate Professor, Institute of Political and International Studies, ELTE, Faculty of Social Sciences Performing Protection: International Refugee Frameworks, Domestic Nationality Law, and the Limits of Compliance in Jordan and Lebanon – Nisreen Alsoudi , PhD Candidate at ELTE. Faculty of Social Sciences Applying the Geneva Conventions in the Sahel Armed Conflicts: Protection Failures and Displacement Dynamics in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger – Adama Traoré , PhD Candidate at ELTE, Faculty of Social Sciences	Past and present in refugee protection - 75 th anniversary of the 1951 Convention and the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum
II.	Buffet Lunch Featuring a UNHCR Photo Exhibition (13:30 – 14:00)		
III.	Panel discussion of frontliners (working language: Hungarian) - Building a system of international protection in Hungary		
14:00 -15:00	NGOs, community-based / refugee-led organizations in the frontline Moderated by Dorottya Átol , Assistant Protection Officer, UNHCR Hungary	Vivien Vadasi , Head of Legal and International Affairs, Menedék — Hungarian Association for Migrants Eszter Benkő , Senior Legal Officer, Hungarian Helsinki Committee Attila Mészáros , Refugee Affairs Officer, Lutheran Diaconia Viktoria Petrovszka , UNITY Ukrainian Association Bianka Balázs , Hungarian Interchurch Aid, Coordinator of Support Centre for Ukrainian Refugees	