

The UNHCR and the Global Cold War, 1971–1984

19 October, 2007

Public Conference

GIIS Building (16, rue de la Voie-Creuse), Room 342

PROGRAMME

09.00 – 09.30

Welcome Remarks

JUSSI HANHIMÄKI, Professor, Department of International History and Politics, GIIS

LEE McDONALD, Senior Archivist, UNHCR

AMBASSADOR FRED TANNER, Director of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, GCSP

RANDALL HARBOUR, Executive Secretary, Geneva International Academic Network, GIAN

09.30 – 09.45

Presentation of the Joint Research and Archival Project: The UNHCR and the Global Cold War

JÉRÔME B. ELIE, Department of International History and Politics, GIIS

KATRIN MILZOW, Department of International History and Politics, GIIS

RÜDIGER SCHÖCH, Department of International History and Politics, GIIS

09.45 – 10.45

Panel I: “Afghan Refugees Then and Now”

Chair: *AMBASSADOR FRED TANNER*, GCSP

RÜDIGER SCHÖCH, Department of International History and Politics, GIIS:

“UNHCR and the Afghan Refugees in the Early 1980s: Between Humanitarian Action and Cold War Politics”

ALESSANDRO MONSUTTI, Lecturer, Graduate Institute of Development Studies, Geneva:

“Afghan Migratory Strategies and the Three Solutions to the Refugee Problem”

10.45 – 11.00

Coffee Break

11.00 – 13.00

Panel II: “Roundtable – Perspectives from the UNHCR: Afghan Refugee, the Orderly Departure from Vietnam and, Protection Issues during the 1970s and 1980s”

Chair: *DANIEL WARNER*, Executive Director, PSIO, and Deputy to the Director, GIIS

GERALD WALZER, former Chief of Mission in Pakistan and former Deputy High Commissioner

- Short Presentation on: “UNHCR operations in Pakistan in the early 1980s”

JUDITH KUMIN, UNHCR Regional Representative in Brussels and former head of UNHCR program for Orderly Departure from Vietnam

- Short Presentation on: “The Orderly Departure from Vietnam”

GILBERT JAEGER, former Director of Assistance and Director of Protection, UNHCR

- Short Presentation on: “Protection Issues during the 1970s”

IVOR C. JACKSON, former Deputy Director of International Protection, UNHCR

- Short Presentation on: “Certain later Protection Issues”

NICHOLAS MORRIS, former UNHCR Inspector General

ANGELO RASANAYAGAM, former Director of the UNHCR Office in Peshawar, Pakistan

13.00 – 14.45

Lunch Time

14.45 – 15.45

Panel III: “The Evolution of UNHCR Activities”

Chair: *GUY S. GOODWIN-GILL*, Professor, All Souls College, University of Oxford

VINCENT CHETAIL, Lecturer, Department of International Law, GIIS:

“The Evolution of the UNHCR's Mandate”

NICHOLAS MORRIS, former UNHCR Inspector General:

“The Evolution of Humanitarian Action”

15.45 – 16.00

Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.00

Panel IV: “UNHCR’s Relations with ExCom Member States”

Chair: *JEFF CRISP*, Head of the Policy Development and Evaluation Service, UNHCR

KATRIN MILZOW, Department of International History and Politics, GIIS:

“Anatomy of a Crisis: Relations between the UNHCR and the Federal Republic of Germany from the 1970s to the 1980s”

JÉRÔME B. ELIE, Department of International History and Politics, GIIS:

““Protection is the Art of Possible”: Relations between the UNHCR and the United States in the 1980s”

17.00 – 17.15

Coffee Break

17.15 – 18.15

Plenary Session

Chair: *JUSSI HANHIMÄKI*, Professor, Department of International History and Politics, GIIS

Guest-speaker: *GUY S. GOODWIN-GILL*, Professor, All Souls College, University of Oxford:

“UNHCR and the Cold War: The Politics of Refugee Protection”

18.15 – 18.30

Concluding Comments



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