

AGENDA

Round table discussion

Unlocking Rights: Due Process and Human Rights of Refugees Deprived of Liberty

Monday 23 June 2025
18:00-19:30 – reception to follow
Geneva Academy
Rue de Lausanne 120B, Geneva, Switzerland

Agenda

Moderated by **Felix Kirchmeier, GHRP**

18:00-18:05	Felix Kirchmeier , GHRP Exec Director: welcome and introduction
18:05-18:10	Elizabeth Tan , DIP Director, UNHCR: Protection of Detained Refugees and Asylum-Seekers
18:10 – 18:20	Vincent Chetail , Professor: Overview – legal issues in detention of migrants and refugees
18:20-19:00 (40 minutes total)	Q&A with PIERR members: moderated by Felix Kirchmeier
Q1 (3 minutes)	<p>Question 1: To Siobhan Mullally: <i>As the Chair of the PIERR, could you please tell us more about the PIERR, how it came to be, its purpose, membership, and some of the areas of prioritization? (She could also introduce the PIERR members here.)</i></p> <p><i>Now, coming back to the issue of deprivation of liberty of refugees and asylum-seekers, let us bring in the other members of the PIERR here today as well:</i></p>
Q2 (minutes – appx 2 minutes each)	<p>Question 2 to Matthew Gillett, Jorge Contesse, Gehad Madi: <i>What are some of the key concerns or trends that you see regarding deprivation of liberty of refugees and asylum-seekers from your mandate perspectives?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M. Gillett (WGAD) - J. Contesse (CAT) - G. Mahdi (SR Migrants)
Q3:	

<p>(3 minutes each; 2 minutes for S. Mullally)</p> <p>Q4: (2 minutes each)</p>	<p>Question 3 to Andrea Pochak, Selma Sassi, and Alan Mitchell: <i>Could you please update us on the regional trends you and your mechanisms have observed in relation to deprivation of liberty of refugees and asylum-seekers?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A. Pochak (IACHR – Americas) - S. Sassi (ACHPR – Africa) - A. Mitchell (CPT/CoE – Europe) - S. Mullally (SR Trafficking, to speak briefly of Asia-Pacific) <p>Question 4 to all PIERR members: <i>We would like to end on a more positive note. I would like to ask each of the members to please describe a good practice or experience you have encountered in your work, a vision for the future, or a proposal for future work on this issue that you would like to share.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M. Gillette - G. Madi - J. Contesse - A. Pochak - A. Mitchell - S. Sassi - S. Mullally
19:00-19:25 (25 minutes)	Open discussion moderated by Vincent Chetail <i>(If questions remain, remind attendees that there will be time for informal discussion during the reception to follow.)</i>
19:25-19:30 (5 minutes)	Closing statement by Vincent Chetail
19:30-20:00	<i>Informal reception</i>