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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