



## TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL STUDENT HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

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# Forced to flee: when migration is the only alternative

### CALL FOR PAPERS

Armed conflict, human rights violations, climate change, and natural disasters are issues which appear in the news daily and they all share one critical link, that of forced migration. In the last few years, we have seen images of children washed up, drowned on beaches and we have accepted refugees into our towns and cities.

The phenomenon of forced migration has existed for centuries. However, over the past few years, it has increased to the point that we are currently facing the record number of 70,8 million internally displaced persons and refugees (UNHCR 2019). Therefore, forced displacement can rightfully be considered one of the most serious humanitarian crises of our time.

Accordingly, the 21st Annual Student Human Rights Conference aims to analyse the reasons that cause people to leave their life, their home and their country, as well as identify the consequences of this phenomenon. Furthermore, the conference will question the role that States and the international community play in this issue.

Papers are welcome addressing any substantive aspect of forced migration, including but not limited to those related with the following topics:

- Forced migration due to international or internal armed conflict, human rights violations and political persecution
- Forced migration due to climate change and natural disasters

*How do countries on the front lines of climate change plan to respond to climate-induced displacement?*

- The adequacy of international human rights guarantees
- States and International Community (UN, EU and other international organisations) responses to migration

*Do States have a responsibility to take in refugees? How should responsibility-sharing be implemented at the international level? What are the impacts of increased border security and the externalisation of borders on forced migration? How should States approach and coordinate search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean?*

- Refugee camps  
*Are they really a place of refuge?*

- Forced migration from gender and child perspectives

The Conference Committee encourages the submission of papers from postgraduate students in any discipline on any of the above themes. Authors of selected papers will be offered the opportunity to discuss their work in panels which will take place as part of the conference, alongside leading practitioners and academics working in the field. Papers and presentations should be in English.



### **Submission Details:**

Using the application form available attached to this email, please provide a short abstract of **no more than 1000 words by 1:00pm Friday 10 January 2020**, clearly stating the author's postal address, email, telephone number and institution.

The abstract should be submitted electronically to the following address:  
**HumanRightsConference@nottingham.ac.uk**

Further information:

#### **Migration as the only alternative**

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