



Training Course: **Refugee Law and Protection in Thailand**

Jointly hosted by the Asian Governance Foundation (AGF), German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG), Center for Asylum Protection (CAP), Foundation for Sustainability and Hanns Seidel Foundation

Venue: Room 123 (1st floor), Faculty of Law, Thammasat University (Tha Prachan)

Dates: 10-11 September, 1-2 October, 29-30 October 2019

Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday, 10 September 2019

Topic	Speaker
9:00-9:15: Welcoming words	Henning Glaser , Director, CPG Grover Joseph Rees , United States Ambassador (retired), Interim Director, Center for Asylum Protection (CAP) Kasit Piromya , Chairman, Foundation for Sustainability/ former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

<p>9:15-10:45 Introduction to Refugees in the Thai Context [Thai]</p> <p>This session is to give an overview of the different asylum-seeker / refugee / closed case populations in Bangkok, their recent history of migration, the basics of how they live with and outside Thai society, and the history of legal recognition of refugees in Thailand.</p>	<p>Waritsara Rungthong, Coordinator, Coalition for the Rights of Refugees and Stateless Persons (CRSP)</p>
<p>11:00-12:45 Thai Immigration Law [Thai]</p> <p>This session introduces the essential elements of Thai immigration law with regard to refugees. It covers the legal framework related to entering the Kingdom of Thailand, grounds to be permitted to stay in Thailand, the status of refugees and asylum-seekers under Thai laws, domicile restrictions and reporting obligations as well as penalties for violations of the immigration law.</p>	<p>Pol. Col. Pongnakorn Nakornsantipap, Deputy Commander, Investigation Division, Immigration Bureau</p>
<p>12:45-14:00: Lunch Break</p>	
<p>14:00-15:45 International Instruments [English]</p> <p>This session addresses international instruments relevant to the refugee status, including the United Nations Refugee Convention, relevant Covenants, Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and others.</p>	<p>Grover Joseph Rees, United States Ambassador (retired), Interim Director, Center for Asylum Protection (CAP)</p>

Day 2: Wednesday, 11 September 2019

Topic	Speaker
<p>9:00-10:45 Refugee Protection Criteria and Exclusion [English]</p> <p>This session introduces the criteria under the United Nations Refugee Convention for inclusion in and exclusion from refugee protection. It covers the general principles of protection, the scope of the inclusion clauses, cessation and exclusion clauses as well as special cases such as war refugees.</p>	<p>Aram Fahim Hashemi, RSD Officer, UNHCR Regional Office, Bangkok</p> <p>Chernjuti Tempithak, UNHCR Regional Office, Bangkok</p>
<p>11:00-12:30 Refugee Status Determination Procedure [English]</p> <p>This session addresses the procedural framework and protection mechanisms of refugee status determination. Topics to be discussed are the principles and methods to establish the facts, rules regarding the benefit of the doubt, and cases giving rise to special problems in establishing the facts such as mentally disturbed persons and unaccompanied minors.</p>	<p>Kristian Benestad, RSD Lawyer, Center for Asylum Protection (CAP)</p> <p>Chernjuti Tempithak, UNHCR Regional Office, Bangkok</p>
<p>12:30-13:30: Lunch Break</p>	
<p>13:30-15:15 Interviewing Techniques [English]</p> <p>This session introduces practical aspects and techniques of substantiating refugee claims through client interviews.</p>	<p>Grover Joseph Rees, United States Ambassador (retired), Interim Director, Center for Asylum Protection (CAP)</p>
<p>15:30-17:00 Providing Refugee Legal Aid [English]</p> <p>This session gives an introduction to refugee legal case management in practices. From creating a welcoming environment, it covers all major steps and strategies through to intake, monitoring and evaluation.</p>	<p>Kristian Benestad, RSD Lawyer, Center for Asylum Protection (CAP)</p> <p>Asifa Siddiqa, Refugee Advocate, People Serving People Foundation</p>

Day 3: Tuesday, 1 October 2019

Topic	Speaker
<p>9:00-10:45 Child Protection [Thai]</p> <p>This session covers the legal protections under the Child Protection Act of Thailand. It addresses the purpose and scope of the law, the main guarantees regarding the treatment of children, provisions regarding children's welfare, protection and rehabilitation centers and the governmental authorities responsible for enforcement.</p>	<p>Naiyana Thanawattho, Country Director, Asylum Access Thailand (AAT)</p>
<p>11:00-12:30 Labor Rights [Thai]</p> <p>This session introduces the legal framework for labor rights, with a focus on labor protection for undocumented individuals, women and children. Aspects include protection against exploitation, unjustified lay-offs and health hazards, as well as procedures for complaints.</p>	<p>Koreeyor Manuchae Polition, Lawyer, NSP Legal Office</p>
<p>12:30-13:30: Lunch Break</p>	
<p>13:30-17:00 Working with Trauma Victims [English]</p> <p>This session details the considerations for working with trauma survivors. In particular, it addresses interview guidelines and protocol, methods to lead and understand minimal facts interviews as well as frameworks for understanding compliant victims.</p>	<p>Joseph Fonseca, FBI Assistant Legal Attaché, Embassy of the United States of America, Bangkok</p>

Day 4: Wednesday, 2 October 2019

Topic	Speaker
<p>10.30 Registration The Immigration Detention Center, Thung Maha Mek, Sathon, Bangkok (IDC Meeting Room)</p> <p>11:00-12:00 Detention Authority [Thai]</p>	<p>Pol. Col. Winyu Amnuay-sombat, Deputy Commander, Investigation Division, Immigration Bureau</p>
<p>12:00-13:00: Lunch Break (at the Immigration Office)</p>	
<p>13:00-14:00 Immigration Detention Center [Thai]</p> <p>This firsthand field visit to the detention center provides the students an opportunity to see and experience the detention environment. Participants will be shown the detention center's compound, the visiting area and other parts of the detention facility.</p>	

Day 5: Tuesday, 29 October 2019

Topic	Speaker
<p>9:00-10:45 Registration and Nationality Law [Thai]</p> <p>This session covers the major elements of Thai registration and nationality law. The relevant aspects include the legal framework related to identification documents, household registration, birth and death certificates, as well as the rights of children born in Thailand.</p>	<p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pantip Kanjanajitra Saisoonthorn, Faculty of Law, Thammasat University</p>
<p>11:00-12:45 Access to Health Care, Education and Housing [Thai]</p> <p>This session introduces the practical challenges to undocumented persons accessing health care and education in Thailand. It also covers the legal framework, in particular the relevant rights, and complaint mechanisms.</p>	<p>Monsuda Chansiri, Urban Refugee Project Director, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)</p>
<p>12:45-14:00: Lunch Break</p>	
<p>14:00-15:45 Women, Gender & Diversity in Refugee Law and Practice</p> <p>The session covers the specific vulnerabilities of women and sexual minority groups among refugees. It addresses a description of the factual situation/statistics, actual cases of mistreatment and discrimination, and strategies for NGOs, lawyers and state authorities to improve the current situation.</p>	<p>N.N., Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network</p>

Day 6: Wednesday, 30 October 2019

Topic	Speaker
<p>9:30-11:30 Urban Refugee Community Center [Thai]</p> <p>This field trip to an urban refugee community center provides insights into how communities manage their daily lives in Bangkok.</p>	<p>N.N., Host International (TBC)</p>
<p>11:30-13:30: Transport to Thammasat and Lunch Break</p>	
<p>13:30-15:00 Access to Justice [Thai]</p> <p>This session addresses methods and strategies how to overcome practical barriers for undocumented individuals to access justice. It introduces successful approaches for dealing with governmental authorities, lawyers and courts. In particular, it covers frameworks for legal aid and assistance as well as the correct ways to make use of existing complaint mechanisms.</p>	<p>Paranda Pankaew, Lawyer, NSP Legal Office</p>
<p>15:15-17:00 Ethical Issues in the Provision of Legal Services to Refugees [Thai/English]</p> <p>This session is an open forum for discussion on effectively managing ethical issues while providing legal services to refugees.</p>	<p>Waritsara Rungthong, Coordinator, Coalition for the Rights of Refugees and Stateless Persons (CRSP)</p>