SUMMER COURSE 2024 SCHEDULE
Please note this schedule is subject to change

We are curating a lively course that will bring together leading policy makers, adjudicators, researchers, refugees, and NGO actors together from across the world, to share varied perspectives and encourage course participants to share their experiences throughout our week together.

All programmatic events will take place at **Friend's House 60 Lowther Ave, Toronto, ON M5R 1C7, Canada** and surrounding areas.

June 3rd: Day 1
INTRODUCTION AND STATE OF THE FIELD

MORNING

8:30am Registration and breakfast
60 Lowther Ave, Toronto, ON M5R 1C7, Canada

9:00-9:30am: Welcome and introductions!
> Simon Wallace, Refugee Lawyer and PhD Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School
> Petra Molnar, Associate Director, Refugee Law Lab and Faculty Associate, Berkman Klein Center, Harvard

9:30 – 10:30am: Year in Review: Migration trends globally
> Ethel Tungohan, York University

Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:15pm: Year in Review: Border Technologies
> Lucia Nalbandian, Research Affiliate CERC In Migration and Integration, Toronto Metropolitan University
> Nick Dreher, PhD Student, Toronto Metropolitan University

Lunch

AFTERNOON

1:15-2:45pm: **"Nothing About Us Without Us:" Panel with the Migration and Technology Monitor Fellows**
> Wael Qarssifi, Syrian journalist examining surveillance of migrants in Malaysia
> Nery Santaella, Venezuelan refugee and the Director of Voices Of Venezuela
> Simon Drotti, a Data Analysis, Graphics and UX Designer, and a refugee in Uganda
> Rajendra Paudel, a returnee migrant worker from Saudi Arabia and UAE
> Veronica Martinez, multimedia reporter from the frontier of the US/Mexico border
>> In conversation with Petra Molnar

3:00-3:30: Special Workshare – European Union's AI Act
    Simone Penasa, CRS Visiting Scholar and Associate Professor, University of Trento

3:30-4:30pm Interactive session: Intro to machine learning and AI
    Simon Wallace, Refugee Lawyer and PhD Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School

5:00-6:30pm Evening Keynote 1 and Reception: Texas House of Representatives Mary Gonzales

Representative Mary E. González is currently serving her sixth term in the Texas House of Representatives, where was elected in November 2012, to represent House District 75 — an area that encompasses much of eastern El Paso County. Mary has authored numerous bills to improve public schools, increase economic development, and support agriculture in District 75 and throughout Texas. She is Vice Chair of the House Appropriations Committee and serves on the House Higher Education Committee. Mary chairs the Texas House LGBTQ Caucus and is Treasurer of the Information Technology Caucus.

June 4th: Day 2
THE SHARP EDGES: Border Technologies, Spyware, and Digital Discrimination

MORNING

9:00 – 10:30am: Interactive session with Summer Course Participants
    Discussion in small groups the two "state of the union talks" and present back on developments in your field

Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:15pm: Panel on tech-in-use and discriminatory impacts in the Majority World
    Mariam Jamal, lawyer and project officer with Haki na Sheria, Kenya
    Mona Shtaya, researcher with the Middle East Institute
    Aapti Institute, Bengaluru, India

AFTERNOON
1:15-2:45pm: **Panel on border surveillance and regulation**
    Mizue Aizeki, Surveillance Resistance Lab
    Santiago Narvaez, R3D
    Laura Bingham, Temple University, Institute for Law, Innovation and Technology
    Derya Ozkul, Warwick University and Oxford University

3:00-4:15pm: Panel on spyware and targeting of human rights defenders
    Nana Mgbechikwere Nwachukwu, lawyer and Affiliate with Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society, Harvard
    Florian Schmitz, journalist with Deutche Welle

4:15-5:30pm Evening Keynote 2: **Nanjala Nyabola**

Nanjala Nyabola is a political analyst, activist, and writer based in Nairobi, Kenya, including books such as *Travelling While Black: Essays Inspired by a Life on the Move*. Ms Nyabola writes extensively about African society and politics, technology, international law, and feminism. She recently authored a report called Digital Identities and Border Cultures with the Atlantic Council

June 5th: Day Three
DOWNTOWN SITE VISITS

MORNING
10:30 am (please meet outside the address at 10-10:15am)
25 St. Clair Ave E., Suite 200

Visit with the **Immigration and Refugee Board**, the Canadian decision-making body that oversees refugee protection claims.

LUNCH (downtown Toronto) with a walk around UofT campus and surrounding areas

AFTERNOON

Visit with the **Citizen Lab,** an interdisciplinary laboratory based at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto, focusing on research, development, and high-level strategic policy and legal engagement at the intersection of information and communication technologies, human rights, and global security.

June 6th: Day Four

HELPING TOOLS: How can technologies strengthen refugee protection?

MORNING
9:00-10:30am: Canadian Government representatives and reflections
Benoit Richer, Policy Analyst for Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada
Hana Kazmi, Counsel for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
Wassim El-Kass, Assistant Director, Advanced Analytics Solutions Centre, Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada

Coffee

10:45 – 12:15pm: Perspectives from the UN's High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Hovig Etyemezian, Head of Innovation Service · UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency
Rebeca Moreno Jimenez, Innovation Officer and Lead Data Scientist, UNHCR

12:30 to 2pm: Lunch and Special Work Share: Racism(s), Refuge and Resistance

Christopher Kyriakides, Gemechu Abeshu, Bonsa Bekele, Amal El Kordi, Rahel Gettu, Maan Alhmidi

AFTERNOON
2:15pm to 3:45pm: Tools for critical research in migration and tech
Sean Rehaag, Director of the Centre for Refugee Studies and the Refugee Law Lab
Asta Sofie Stage Jarlner, PhD student, University of Copenhagen

4:00pm Book Launch and discussion for *The Walls Have Eyes: Surviving Migration in the Age of Artificial Intelligence* by Petra Molnar (May 2024)
The Duke of York Pub Reception and Drinks

June 7ʳᵈ: Day 5
FUTURES: How Do We Build a Different World?

MORNING
9:00-10:30am: Panel on how new technologies can deliver services to refugees and people-on-the-move
Craig Damian Smith, Pariity
Jen McIntyre, Canada-US Border Rights Clinic
Elisa Ertl, Re:Match Project, Germany and Canada, using algorithms for refugee resettlement

Coffee

10:45 – 12:15pm Panel: Data Governance and Law Making
Younes Ahouga, research fellow, CERC in Migration and Integration, TMY
Zainab Ziaie, lawyer specializing in algorithmic decision-making in Canada's immigration system
Will Tao, lawyer specializing in algorithmic decision-making in Canada's immigration system

Lunch

AFTERNOON

1:15-2:45pm: Interactive wrap up session and visioning
Led by Petra Molnar