9:00 a.m. 
**Introduction and Welcome**
Maureen O’Rourke, Dean, Boston University School of Law  
Susan Akram, Boston University School of Law

**Panel 1 – 9:15-10:45 a.m.**  
*Protracted Refugee Situations Relating to Historical Unresolved Conflicts*

While there are more than 20 protracted refugee situations in the world today, this panel will give an overview of some of the largest and longest-standing unresolved ones among them, i.e. the case of Tibetans, Sahrawis, Afghans, and Palestinians, highlighting the differences and similarities in the underlying issues that relate to their protracted nature.

Moderator:  
- Richard Wright, UNRWA
Panelists:  
- Randa Farah, University of Western Ontario  
- Robert Sloane, Boston University School of Law  
- Karen Abu Zayd, UNRWA

**Break – 10:45-11:00 a.m.**

**Panel 2 – 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
*Current Major Global Refugee Crises*

This panel will highlight current major refugee crises and their root causes, addressing the particular political and legal tensions undermining solutions in a Middle Eastern, African, and Latin American context.

Moderator:  
- Susan Akram, Boston University School of Law
Panelists:  
- Vincent Cochetel, UNHCR  
- Bill Frelick, Human Rights Watch  
- Timothy Longman, Boston University African Studies Center  
- Michele Pistone, Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services (CARES) & Villanova University School of Law

**Lunch – 12:30-1:45 p.m.**
Panel 3 – 1:45-3:15 p.m.
Existing Refugee Law Frameworks and Protection Gaps

This panel will bring together experts in international humanitarian, human rights, and refugee law, focusing on existing legal frameworks and identifying major weaknesses in legal protection for refugees.

Moderator:
• Elizabeth Badger, Boston University School of Law
Panelists:
• Agnes Hurwitz, UNDP
• Karen Musalo, U.C. Hastings College of Law
• Andrew Schoenholtz, Georgetown University

Break – 3:15-3:30 p.m.

Panel 4 – 3:30-5:00 p.m.
State Responses to Refugee Flows

In the face of increasing refugee flows, states have adopted various responses negatively affecting groups of people fleeing their country. This panel will discuss barriers to access such as the adoption of ‘safe third country’ and ‘internal relocation’ policies, and exclusion from refugee status based on ‘material support of terrorism’, specifically comparing approaches taken in the US and Europe with a view to evaluating their impact and legitimacy.

Moderator:
• Tom Syring, Norwegian Immigration Appeals Board & ASIL International Refugee Law Interest Group
Panelists:
• Juan Garcés, Garcés and Prada
• Kristine Huskey, Physicians for Human Rights
• André Nollkaemper, University of Amsterdam

Panel 5 – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Where Do We Go from Here?

Can the law provide solutions? What is missing, what is needed, or is the current framework simply inadequate? This final roundtable will pick up on the thematic elements raised in all the previous panels and address solutions and barriers to solutions that must be overcome to reduce the massive global refugee crisis.

Moderator:
• Pamela Goldberg, UNHCR
Panelists:
• Claude Bruderlein, Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research at Harvard University
• Guy Goodwin-Gill, Oxford University
• Tom Syring, Norwegian Immigration Appeals Board & ASIL International Refugee Law Interest Group