

# **Petra Molnar**

**Refugee Lawyer and Researcher at Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic**

Toronto , ON, CA

Specializing in refugee and migration issues, immigration detention, and the relationship between law, society and culture

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## **Description**

I am a migration researcher and refugee advocate in Toronto, Canada. I have also worked as a refugee settlement worker and interpreter, with 10 years of professional experience in forced migration and refugee issues in Canada and internationally. I regularly share my work at conferences and through publications, most recently focusing on the issues of immigration detention, and the politics of refugee, immigration, and international human rights law.

I hold a Juris Doctorate from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and a Master of Arts in Social Anthropology with a diploma in Refugee Studies from York University.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Government Relations, International Affairs, Legal Services, Political Organization, Non-Profit/Charitable, Women

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## **Topics**

Refugee and Human Rights Issues, International Law of Human Rights, Anthropology of Migration, Migration/Immigration, Ethnography and Ethnographic Writing

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## **Affiliations**

ESPMI Network Advisory Committee, Refugee Research Network - Asylum and Detention Research Cluster, Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic

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## **Past Talks**

**Many "Moving" Parts: Rethinking Refugees, Relief, and Knowledge Production on Migration in the Middle East**

16th Annual International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) Conference

**Canada's Response to the Global Refugee Crisis: Taking Stock and Moving Forward**  
CERIS and Factor-Inventash Faculty of Social Work Expert Panel

**Access to Justice in the Immigration Holding Centre: A Discussion of the Obstacles to Fair and Equal Treatment Facing Canadian Immigration Detainees**

14th Annual Canadian Association For Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) Conference

## **Information and Communication Technologies and Refugee Resettlement: An International Comparative Approach**

15th Annual International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) Conference

## **“Bogus Refugee: Bill C31 and the Discourses of Fraud in Canadian Immigration Policy”**

14th Annual International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) IASFM

## **"None is Too Many": Geographic and Legislative Segregation of Roma Refugee Claimants"**

Borders, Walls, and Securities Conference

## **International Refugee Law and HIV/AIDS**

Law In Action Within School Invited Lecturer

## **Health Rights, Security, and Stigma: Syrian Refugees in Turkey and Jordan**

Invited Lecture

## **Changes to Canada's Citizenship Act: A Primer**

Toronto Tibetan Buddhist Association

## **"Multiculturalism and Barriers to Citizenship,"**

Course: 208 Immigration Policy, Prof. Roohullah Shabon, Seneca College

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## **Education**

**University of Toronto Faculty of Law**

Juris Doctorate Law

**York University**

Master of Arts Social Anthropology

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## **Accomplishments**

### **John Yaremko Award in Human Rights**

John Yaremko Award in Human Rights to be awarded to an outstanding student in any year who, in the opinion of the faculty, merits special recognition for academic achievement in the area of human rights

### **Ting Sum Tang Memorial Prize in Canadian or International Human Rights Law**

Ting Sum Tang Memorial Prize in Canadian or International Human Rights Law to be awarded to the student taking the highest place in a course relating to Canadian or International Human Rights Law

### **University of Oxford Bob Johnson Graduate Scholarship**

Awarded by the Faculty of International Development at the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford

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