

HUMAN RIGHTS OF REFUGEES

LECTURE SERIES: REFUGEES

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AGENDA

1. Amnesty International
2. Relevant Human Rights
3. Human Rights and Refugee Law
4. Human rights abuses against refugees in Europe



1. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



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HISTORY & TODAY

- 1961: Foundation
- 1964: Consultative status at UN
- 1977: Nobel Peace Price

- 70 sections around the world
- 2 million supporters & 5 million activists



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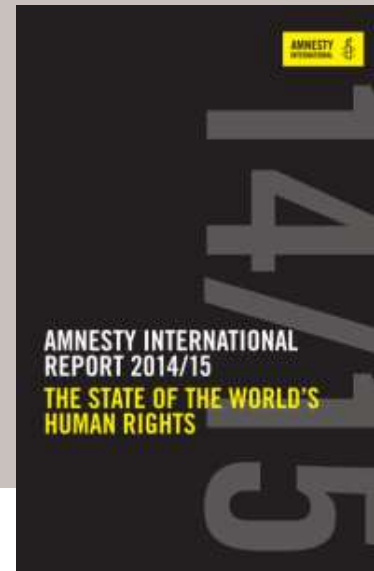
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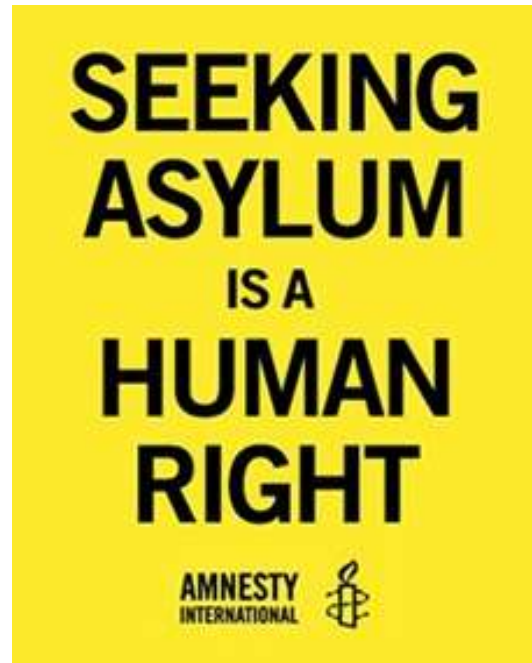
1. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

HOW WE WORK

- Research
- Reports
- Advocacy, Campaigns



2. RELEVANT HUMAN RIGHTS



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- **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**
- The UN International Covenant on **Political and Civil Rights**
- The UN International Covenant on **Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**
- The UN Convention Against **Torture** and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
- Convention on the **Rights of the Child**
- **European Convention on Human Rights**



2. RELEVANT HUMAN RIGHTS

The right to seek asylum

Art. 14 (1) Universal Declaration of Human Rights

„Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.“



2. RELEVANT HUMAN RIGHTS

The principle of „non refoulement“

Art. 3 (1) Convention against Torture

„No State Party shall expel, return ("refouler") or extradite a person to another State where there are substantial grounds for believing that he would be in danger of being subjected to torture.“



2. RELEVANT HUMAN RIGHTS

The right to the unity of the family

Art. 16 (3) Universal Declaration of Human Rights

„The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.“



3. HUMAN RIGHTS AND REFUGEE LAW



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Human rights law

- Monitor & deter abuses
- International law & institutions

Refugee law

- Surrogate protection
- Domestic law



3. HUMAN RIGHTS AND REFUGEE LAW

*„Underlying the (Refugee) Convention is the international community’s commitment to the assurance of basic human rights without discrimination ...“ **

* Supreme Court of Canada, Canada v. Ward, (1993), 2 S.C.R. 689, 733 (quoting James. C. Hathaway, The Law of Refugee Status, 104 f.)



4. HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN EUROPE



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Human rights violations at the border

- Push-backs at sea
 - Turkey
 - Greece
- Push-backs at land
 - Bulgaria
 - Macedonia



4. HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN EUROPE

Access to asylum procedure

- Chance to claim asylum
- Detention / refugee camps
- Fair and individual procedure



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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