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Seminar

Protecting the Rights of Refugees in the Global South

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1:00 - 2:00 pm

Room 306, 3/F KK Leung Building, HKU

Barbara Harrell-Bond is a legal anthropologist with many years of research experience in West Africa, specializing in family law, administrative law, and dispute treatment in 'customary' courts. From 1982-1996, Professor Harrell-Bond founded and directed the Refugee Studies Centre at the University of Oxford. On retirement, she conducted research in Kenya and Uganda on the extent to which refugees enjoyed their rights in exile with teams of lawyers in both countries. One of the outgrowths of this action research was the establishment of the Refugee Law Project at Makerere University in Uganda. From 2000-08 she was Distinguished Adjunct Professor at the American University in Cairo, establishing and teaching for the graduate programme in refugee studies. From 2007 she has been developing the 'Southern Refugee Legal Aid Network (SRLAN)', promoting the development of legal aid for refugees in the global south. She is now the Programme Director of Fahamu's Refugee Programme and Coordinator of the Southern Refugee Legal Aid Network.

In 1996, she received the Distinguished Service Award, from the American Anthropological Association; she was also elected Honorary Fellow at Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford; and in 2005, she received the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for her contribution to refugee studies. Professor Harrell-Bond has a long list of ground-breaking research in the field of refugee studies, including *Imposing Aid: Emergency Assistance to Refugees* Oxford University Press, 1984, and is co-author with Dr. Guglielmo Verdirame of *Rights in Exile: Janus-Face Humanitarianism*, 2005, Berghahn Books.

Please email Flora Leung at fkleung@hku.hk if you would like to attend.

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