

The Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law was established in 2013 to inject rigorous, evidence-based research into an increasingly divisive and misinformed debate about people seeking asylum, refugees and other forced migrants. Based at the Faculty



# Our purpose

The Centre provides a principled, independent voice on refugee law and forced migration, generating high-quality research that informs public debate, policy and law reform.

Acting as a bridge between scholarship, policy and practice, we connect, resource and collaborate with others in the feld to develop rights-based solutions.

We cultivate and empower future thought-leaders, including through partnering with scholars who have themselves experienced displacement.

# Our values

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We embrace scholarly excellence and rigorous analysis as the foundation of all of our work.

### Independence

We are non-partisan and value academic integrity.

### Thought-leadership

We shape and inform public policy debates on forced migration and cultivate thought-leaders of the future.

# Human rights

We are driven by a commitment to human rights and the rule of law, which we believe are essential to good governance and social cohesion, from the local to the international levels.

# Coll aboration

We foster an environment of mutual respect, teamwork and cooperation, both within and outside the Centre, including through partnerships with other academics, organisations, policymakers and people with lived experience of displacement.

# **Representation**

We work to ensure that a diversity of voices is heard and meaningfully incorporated into research, policy and practice relating to refugee law and forced migration. We actively listen to, partner with and support scholars with lived experience of displacement.

Researchers can play a unique role in the forced migration policy 'eco-system'.

Consistent feedback shows that our ability to provide authoritative analysis

It's vital to set the historical record straight.

Holding lawmakers to account for their international obligations can help to

# 2021–28: Our future focus

### We will:

- Rethink international protection frameworks to ensure they are ft for 21st century displacement challenges, including movement in the context of climate change and disasters.
- Enhance regional protection, particularly in the Asia-Pacific, through examining protection challenges (including offshore processing, pushbacks and interceptions, and responses to major displacement crises) and accountability mechanisms.
- Support Australian law and policy reform, and promote refTd[t)5(c88193né)10.88 (fbj)45(o0.46 (e)-3.6(1 a)3.7.1 (u)-1.1 r)-6.4(e (ng)-8)-41 w 0 -02(n c)- w)-9(t o)16(nd a8

#### We will:

- Produce and publish high-quality scholarly research.
- Lead and contribute to collaborative research projects within our areas of expertise, including through cross-disciplinary approaches and with scholars with lived experience of displacement.
- Be recognised internationally as scholarly leaders on law and policy concerning refugees and other forced migrants.

We will continue to leverage our reputation as trusted experts to inform and drive principled debate and decision-making.

We will actively foster constructive dialogue with policymakers at home and abroad to advance law and policy reform. We will continue to use our seat at the table to encourage principled and evidence-based policy decisions. For example, we will build upon our highly regarded Policy Brief Series to seize upon and inf uence opportunities for policy change, linking rigo(u)3.6(s)-31kf-0dr m i6(e)ng2 (a)3.

# Connect:

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# We will:

 Provide an independent, accessible, trusted and non-partisan source of expert analysis that informs the work of civil society.

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# We will:

• Connect people within and across sectors to encourage collaboration and sharing of knowledge and ideas.



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