



International Migration Law (IML)  
NGO Learning Initiative

Session One

International Migration Law: An overview

⇒ Introduction: organisers (5')

⇒ First speaker: **Alice Sironi (IOM)**

Overview of IML (25')

- International law and its relation to national law;
- Sources of international law;
- What is international migration law?;
- Branches of international migration law;

⇒ Second speaker: **John Bingham (NGO Committee on Migration)**

The role of NGOs in upholding the rights of migrants (15')

- NGOs as service providers;
- NGO engagement with human rights mechanisms at global and regional level;
- NGO advocacy work at country level;
- Strategic litigation and standard development;

⇒ Third speaker: **Laurel Townhead (Quaker United Nations Office)**

Working with the human rights mechanisms at global level (15')

- Charter-based bodies;
- Treaty-based bodies;
- Examples of NGO engagement with human rights mechanisms: the example of Quaker;

⇒ Questions and Answers (Q&A) session (25')

⇒ Closing remarks: organisers (5')

Further reading:

- Shaw, M. N., *International law*. 1997 Fourth Edition, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- Chetail, V., Sources of International Migration Law. In: *Foundations of International Migration Law* (B. Opeskin, R. Perruchoud, J. Redpath-Cross, eds.), 2012, Cambridge University Press, New York.

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