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As part of our popular Lunch Talk series McLaughlin College Proudly Presents:

"The Moral and Legal Philosophical Justification of Article 1F Exclusion from Convention Refugee Status"

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This paper will seek to explicate both the moral and legal philosophical justification for Article 1F of the *1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees*; that is, the so-called Exclusion Clauses. All of those who have committed serious international crimes such as war crimes, crimes against humanity, crimes against peace or aggression, or are guilty of actions that are contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, or have committed a serious non-political crime prior to their arrival in their host country are excluded from refugee protection. The UNHCR has described such persons as "undeserving" or "unworthy" of international protection and, therefore, should not be eligible for refugee protection. But, can anyone ever be denied of their most fundamental human rights such as the right to seek asylum? And, in the modern human rights era should anyone ever be labelled as "undeserving" or "unworthy" of international protection?

Dr. James C. Simeon is the Head of McLaughlin College and an Associate Professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration. His areas of research interest include public international law and public policy and administration and he has published and presented widely in these disciplinary fields. Some of his edited book publications include: Critical Issues in International Refugee Law; The UNHCR and the Supervision of International Refugee Law; Forced Migration and the Advancement of International Protection; and, forthcoming, The Criminalization of Migration: Context and Consequences (edited with Idil Atak).

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