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**Post-Colonial and Decoonial Perspectives to the study of Forced Migration**

**‘Mistress-class’ with Dr Lucy Mayblin**

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This week introduces students to post and de-colonial theory, exploring its impact on and relevance to, the study of forced migration and its gendered subjects. The course’s poster competition is introduced.

\*Indicative readings\*:

*Legal materials:*

\*CSR 1951, Article 1A and Article 40,

<http://www.unhcr.org/3b66c2aa10.html>

Article 40: Territorial Application Clause:

1. Any State may, at the time of signature, ratification or accession, declare that this Convention shall extend to all or any of the territories for the international relations of which it is responsible. Such a declaration shall take effect when the Convention enters into force for the State concerned.
2. At any time thereafter any such extension shall be made by notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and shall take effect as from the ninetieth day after the day of receipt by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of this notification, or as from the date of entry into force of the Convention for the State concerned, whichever is the later.
3. With respect to those territories to which this Convention is not extended at the time of signature, ratification or accession, each State concerned shall consider the possibility of taking the necessary steps in order to extend the application of this Convention to such territories, subject, where necessary for constitutional reasons, to the consent of the Governments of such territories.

\*ECHR 1950, Article 65.

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*Essential readings*

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