

## Statements Released by Universities and Various Departments in Response to Trump's Ban

### Universities Canada

Date: Jan. 29, 2017

Statement: Canada's universities are deeply concerned about a new executive order issued in the United States Friday preventing individuals from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S. for 90 days. This action affects students, faculty and staff at Universities Canada's 97 member universities.

The executive order restricting travel into the U.S. affects research partnerships, international studies, academic conference participation, field visits and in some cases family relationships of our university students, faculty and staff. The new order is having an impact on Canadian campuses and communities that is real, immediate and profound.

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities says the "ability of faculty to continue teaching or conducting research is uncertain" because of the order. Universities Canada supports the call from the American Association of Universities for this ban to "end as quickly as possible".

Canada's universities continue to welcome students, faculty and staff from around the world, including those seeking refuge from violence and hardship. They strengthen Canada's university communities, bringing new knowledge, talent and skills to higher education, research and innovation – to the benefit of all Canadians.

We support Prime Minister Trudeau's recent statement that Canada will continue to welcome those "fleeing persecution, terror and war" regardless of faith and affirming that "diversity is our strength".

Universities Canada does not typically comment on executive action being taken by another country, but we do so today because of the real impediment this new executive order poses to the free flow of people and ideas and to the values of diversity, inclusion and openness that are hallmarks of a strong and healthy society.

### University of Toronto and its Units/Departments

## **University of Toronto**

### ***Statement by President Meric Gertler***

Date: Jan. 29, 2017

The University of Toronto is keeping close watch on events related to President Trump's order restricting travel to the United States from seven countries.

"We are working collectively with Universities Canada to express our concern regarding the travel restrictions, and our support for international students and scholars across the country who may be affected by these actions," says President Meric Gertler. "The strength of research and teaching at the University of Toronto has always been based upon our ability to welcome the most talented individuals from around the world, and the freedom of our faculty and students to travel abroad for purposes of scholarship and study.

"Actions that impede this would be terribly harmful to our academic community, and to Canadian research and scholarship more broadly," Gertler added. "The idea of targeting and restricting the travel of individuals on the basis of their nationality or birthplace is antithetical to everything we stand for as an institution and a country."

Link: <https://www.utoronto.ca/news/university-toronto-keeping-close-watch-impact-us-travel-restrictions>

## **University of Toronto, Department for the Study of Religion**

Date: Jan. 31, 2017

Statement: The United States Government has issued an executive order temporarily banning refugees and immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries, including refugees from Syria indefinitely. This order has also been applied to current US visa holders who are citizens of those countries.

The Department for the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto categorically condemns this action. It is an affront and a scandal to impose such a blanket policy on any country's citizens, not least those fleeing war and persecution. This capricious act will increase international instability, emboldening those forces that seek to create division, fear and hatred. While there are many grounds on which this action could be criticized or condemned, we want to call particular attention to its implications for religion. By barring entry to citizens of these seven Muslim-majority countries, the US government enacts a de facto targeting of Muslims, raising serious concerns not only for the principles of religious freedom enshrined in the US constitution but also for the international community. The Department for the Study of

Religion, in its mission to promote better public understanding of the diversity of religious life worldwide, stands firmly against this action.

While normally a department at a Canadian university would not comment on executive action being taken by the United States, this action also affects students, staff, and faculty at the University of Toronto. Some members of our community may now be forbidden from traveling to the US, adversely impacting their professional activities and, in some cases, family relationships. More generally, as a university community we value and depend on the free flow of people and their ideas, as expressed in the University of Toronto's statement on the ban. This action thus offends the deepest professional values, mission, and identity that define us as an institution of higher learning. In this light, we also call on professional associations, including but not limited to, the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, the Society of Biblical Literature, and the American Academy of Religion, to condemn this ban. We would expect that associations with conferences or meetings scheduled in the United States will consider changing locations or, at minimum, creating participatory opportunities for those who cannot, or do not want to, travel to the United States at this time. We also stand with these institutions as they continue to educate the North American and global public about Islam and other religions.

We affirm to our students and colleagues our intention to provide departmental support should they be directly affected by this order. Our community is actively reviewing the specific ways that this hostile policy affects our students and colleagues, and it commits to taking concrete actions to attempt to mitigate those harms. As we make progress on that front, we will update this response.

In the meantime, we urge caution for students, faculty and staff from the affected countries in making travel plans. As noted by the University in its statement: "Students travelling abroad with concerns should call the Safety Abroad Office directly 416-946-3929; in the case of an emergency, reach us at the 24-hour collect emergency line via Campus Police at 416-978-2222. International students on all three U of T campuses who have concerns or questions can reach staff at the Centre for International Experience at 416-978-2564 or email [cie.information@utoronto.ca](mailto:cie.information@utoronto.ca)." Faculty and staff are also encouraged to notify the University of their international travel plans and pursue caution when travelling to, or through, the United States.

### **University of Toronto, Faculty of Law**

Date: Jan. 31, 2017

#### **Statement:**

President Meric Gertler issued a statement yesterday expressing dismay at recent events in the United States. He spoke on behalf of all of us when he said that discrimination on the basis of nationality or birthplace is antithetical to the University of Toronto's, and indeed Canada's

values. At the Faculty of Law, we have a special responsibility to champion the rule of law. This week's seemingly cavalier dismissals of international norms and shared legal understandings by the U.S. President are especially troubling for our community. Our thoughts are also with the Muslim community and Quebecers over the recent murders in Quebec. For President Gertler's comments on the Quebec tragedy, please see the following link.

In respect of events in the U.S., I want to let you know about a few Faculty of Law initiatives in response. For one, we have posted on social media and online our willingness to consider late applications from prospective students who may be affected, directly or indirectly, by the travel ban to the U.S. We have also reached out to some Canadian JD students in the U.S. who may wish to transfer to U of T in light of recent events. For another, we learned yesterday about a planned conference at Columbia Law School in New York in March that involves Yemeni colleagues who are now banned from travel to the U.S. Out of basic collegiality, and also to offer a concrete manifestation of our rejection of careless, heavy-handed, and intolerant approaches to national security, we have offered to host the workshop at the Faculty and are working with our colleagues at Columbia to see whether this is feasible. Finally, we are in the midst of organizing a panel discussion at the Faculty on the legal ramifications of the U.S. President's recent decisions – stay tuned for further details.

I know that many of you are also engaging in ways small and large. Universities are grounded on the simple, incontrovertible premise that ideas matter. Our community, and others, will continue to provide great and good ideas to counter the small and the bad.

Best,  
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Edward Iacobucci  
Dean and James M. Tory Professor of Law  
University of Toronto Faculty of Law

Link: <http://www.law.utoronto.ca/news/message-dean-ed-iacobucci-quebec-attack-and-us-travel-ban>

**University of Toronto, Message from Joseph Wong (Associate Vice-President and Vice Provost, International Student Experience)**

Date: Feb. 3, 2017

Statement: This has undoubtedly been a very difficult week for our university community. As expressed by President Gertler in his statement on the shooting in Québec City, our heartfelt condolences go out to the Muslim communities in Québec, across Canada, and here at home in Toronto.

Additionally, President Gertler issued a statement on Sunday expressing concern at recent events in the United States. He spoke on behalf of all of us when he said that targeting and restricting travel of individuals on the basis of their nationality or birthplace is antithetical to everything we stand for as an institution and a country.

Pertaining to the US travel restrictions, we are writing to highlight some information and resources in place to support our community. This information is also available on the Immigration at U of T website\* which will continue to be updated as the situation evolves.

## Resources

For students travelling or planning to travel abroad who have questions or concerns:

Contact the Safety Abroad Office at 416-946-3929;

In case of an emergency, reach the 24-hour collect emergency line via Campus Police at 416-978-2222.

For faculty and staff who may have questions or concerns about their own status overall:

Faculty, Visiting Professors, Guest Lecturers can contact [faculty.immigration@utoronto.ca](mailto:faculty.immigration@utoronto.ca);

Postgraduate Medical Trainees can contact [postgrad.med@utoronto.ca](mailto:postgrad.med@utoronto.ca);

Staff, Research Associates, and Postdoctoral Fellows can contact [hr.immigration@utoronto.ca](mailto:hr.immigration@utoronto.ca);

All other inquiries can be sent to [hr.immigration@utoronto.ca](mailto:hr.immigration@utoronto.ca).

For international students who may have questions or concerns about their own status overall:

UTSG international students can reach staff at the Centre for International Experience at 416-978-2564 or [cie.information@utoronto.ca](mailto:cie.information@utoronto.ca);

UTM international students can reach staff at the International Experience Centre at 905-569-4716 or [international.utm@utoronto.ca](mailto:international.utm@utoronto.ca);

UTSC international students can reach staff at the International Student Centre at 416-287-7518 or [isc@utsc.utoronto.ca](mailto:isc@utsc.utoronto.ca).

## Temporary Resident Status

On a related note, as of February 1, 2017, the Federal Government has approved, by executive order, a Temporary Public Policy for those affected by the Executive Order of the United States, which allows them to remain temporarily in Canada by applying for Temporary Resident Status. Divisions looking to support students, faculty, and staff affected by the US travel ban should highlight this Temporary Public Policy. Specific questions can be directed to one of the contacts listed above.

## How to Help

Many of us have begun to consider other ways we can assist. Examples of some of the ways the U of T academic community are engaging include:

Consideration of late applications for admissions;

-Speaking to US universities where graduate students may have job talks or conferences to request Skype access;

- Offering to temporarily host individuals stranded in Canada by the US ban;
- Offering to temporarily support impacted students and academic staff as visiting students and visiting professors at U of T;
- Supporting US-based colleagues by hosting events previously scheduled for the US here at U of T.
- If your division intends to provide assistance or would like to engage in new initiatives to support affected students and colleagues, please share your plans with Joseph Wong whose office can provide support and is compiling a list of our collective efforts:

Joseph Wong  
Associate Vice-President & Vice-Provost, International Student Experience  
avp.international@utoronto.ca

\*It is imperative that in our efforts to assist individuals that we do NOT provide immigration advice except through the contacts provided above. While well intended, unauthorized immigration advice can complicate matters for individuals and limit the University's ability to assist in the future.

Thank you for all of your combined efforts to support our community and all those affected.

Link: [http://memos.provost.utoronto.ca/us-travel-restrictions-pdadc-59/?utm\\_source=wysija&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20170203\\_WeeklyDigest](http://memos.provost.utoronto.ca/us-travel-restrictions-pdadc-59/?utm_source=wysija&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20170203_WeeklyDigest)

**University of Toronto, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics**

Date: Feb. 1, 2017-02-07

Statement: Dear students,

Given recent events in Quebec and the US, we, the faculty, would like to reaffirm our support for you -- all of you. We strongly believe in the principle that your success must not be limited by your identity, nor (so long as we have any say) bounded by borders. We are *firmly* and *unanimously* on your side.

Sincerely,

The faculty.

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**University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies**

Date: Feb. 3, 2017

Statement: The recent travel restrictions introduced by the United States require a timely and flexible response to prospective and current graduate students who may be impacted by these developments.

Please be assured that the School of Graduate Studies will support graduate units in any or all of the following initiatives:

- Waiving an application fee for new students applying from the seven countries most directly affected by the travel restrictions (Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen);
- Extending your unit's International admission deadlines; and
- Extending academic deadlines for current students impacted by such restrictions.

The SGS Admissions and International Student Advisor ([sgs.international@utoronto.ca](mailto:sgs.international@utoronto.ca)) and SGS Student Services will work closely with you and your unit to accommodate your requests.

As previously communicated, we also encourage graduate administrators with students whose Final Oral Examinations may be impacted by students or examiners unable or unwilling to travel to contact the School of Graduate Studies Doctoral Exams Office ([sgs.doctoral@utoronto.ca](mailto:sgs.doctoral@utoronto.ca)) so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Thank you in advance for your continued commitment to our graduate students and to promoting excellence in graduate education at the University of Toronto.

**University of Toronto, Department of History**

Date: Feb. 6, 2017-02-07

Statement: The United States Government has issued an executive order temporarily banning immigrants and visa holders from seven Muslim majority countries, as well as blocking all refugees for 120 days and Syrian refugees indefinitely. The Department of History at the University of Toronto categorically condemns this action. While we would not normally

comment on executive action taken by the United States, this action directly affects students, staff, and faculty at the University of Toronto. Members of our community may now be forbidden from traveling to the US, with adverse effects on their professional activities and personal relationships.

As a university community we value the free flow of people and ideas, as expressed in the University of Toronto's statement on the ban. As historians we are acutely aware of histories of discrimination and persecution, and particularly the targeting of minorities and refugees. We research and teach on racism and xenophobia, the importance of religious freedom, and the defense of pluralism and tolerance. The executive order represents an affront to human rights and basic decency; it offends democratic and ethical principles and it is a sober reminder that the closing of borders to vulnerable populations endangered by persecution and war is not a relic of the past.

We not only condemn this action, but affirm support to our students and colleagues should they be directly affected by this order. We call on our professional associations, including but not limited to the Canadian Historical Association, to condemn the executive order and to make accommodation for those who cannot travel due to the ban. As scholars in Canada, we urge our local and federal governments to work towards immediate, tangible, and decisive actions to support those communities most affected by these policies. We applaud Prime Minister Trudeau's affirmation that Canada will continue to welcome those "fleeing persecution, terror and war" regardless of faith or country of origin, and that "diversity is our strength." In this light we urge the government to take in more refugees and migrants, particularly those belonging to populations targeted by the ban, and to work toward the repeal of Bill C-24.

Our community is actively reviewing the specific ways that this hostile policy affects our students and colleagues, and commits to taking concrete actions to attempt to neutralize those harms. As we make progress on that front, we will update this response.

In the meantime, we urge caution for students, faculty, and staff from the affected countries in making travel plans – see the University of Toronto Safety Abroad website. As noted by the University in its statement: "Students travelling abroad with concerns should call the Safety Abroad Office directly 416-946-3929; in the case of an emergency, reach us at the 24-hour collect emergency line via Campus Police at 416-978-2222. International students on all three U of T campuses who have concerns or questions can reach staff at the Centre for International Experience at 416-978-2564 or email [cie.information@utoronto.ca](mailto:cie.information@utoronto.ca)." Faculty and staff are also encouraged to notify the University of their international travel plans and exercise caution when travelling to, or through, the United States.

- See more at: <http://history.utoronto.ca/news/department-history-university-toronto-statement-us-executive-order-immigration#sthash.57vq6rXP.dpuf>

Link: <http://history.utoronto.ca/news/department-history-university-toronto-statement-us-executive-order-immigration>



## **University of Toronto, Faculty of Music**

**Statement:** In what follows I am forwarding our Acting Dean's letter to our faculty regarding the current situations:

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students:

The past few days have presented some troubling events both here in Canada and in the United States. I refer specifically to the mass-shooting at the Islamic Center of Quebec and to the Executive Order restricting travel to the United States by citizens of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. In the former situation, people practicing their religion were injured or killed, while in the latter restrictions have been imposed based on national origin. These actions are contrary to Canadian values and to University of Toronto values. On the latter point, I refer you to President Meric Gertler's statement on the Quebec City attack and his comments on the US travel restrictions. The Faculty of Music stands in solidarity with all those impacted by these events.

At this time, I want to reaffirm the commitment of the Faculty of Music to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We strive to be a diverse community where the human rights of all persons are protected, with understanding and mutual respect for the dignity of every person. While the events of recent days might instill in us a feeling of powerlessness and hopelessness, let us remember the ability—and responsibility—that each of us possesses to uphold our shared values.

I know there are members of our community who are directly impacted by the events of this past week, and I offer my thoughts and support. If you have concerns about travel to the US, or if the travels of collaborators, students, or family intending to come to Toronto are impacted, I encourage you to talk to me or to other members of the Faculty of Music administration so that we can do what we can to assist and also to connect you with appropriate University of Toronto services.

I am certain that these recent events, and their connections to our activities as musicians and scholars, will be topics of discussion in classes and in informal conversations. I encourage these reflections.

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### **University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology Statement**

#### **Statement: Statement on US Executive Order on Immigration**

On January 27 2017, US President Donald Trump issued an executive order banning citizens from Iraq, Iran, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Libya and Yemen from entering the United States on any visa category. Those with green-cards or holding dual citizenship with one of these Muslim-majority countries are also affected. Additionally, the order suspends all refugee admissions for 120 days and bars refugees from Syria indefinitely.

Already there have been many reports of refugees being stranded in third countries, of people being prevented from boarding their flights, of students marooned overseas, of life-threatening medical procedures being cancelled, and of foreign workers being recalled by their companies owing to the uncertainty of the order's impact.

The Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto emphatically condemns this action as anti-Islamic, inhumane, and hate-mongering. This act creates incredible hardship for refugees and increases the sufferings of those already experiencing the dreadful effects of persecution and war. It also creates separation and hardship among family members of these countries, including young children and those already holding US visas, and will undermine long-standing patterns of travel, welcome, hospitality and scholarly exchange.

As a department, we condemn this act's blatant targeting of Muslims and for its willful fostering of division, fear and hatred of immigrants and asylum-seekers. As an academic unit of this university, we recognize and express gratitude for the tremendous contributions of scholars and students from these "banned" countries and unequivocally welcome their presence in our midst. We express solidarity with colleagues, students, staff and members of our community who may now be precluded from traveling to the US and who may be facing separation from family members.

The Department of Anthropology stands firmly against this executive action. Espousing deeply held values regarding the free flow of people and the unfettered exchange of ideas, we find this act offensive and unacceptable to our professional values, mission and identity. We therefore strongly support the University of Toronto's statement on the ban and reiterate the University's caution for students, faculty and staff from the affected countries regarding their travel plans:

"Students travelling abroad with concerns should call the Safety Abroad Office directly 416-946-3929; in the case of an emergency, reach us at the 24-hour collect emergency line via Campus

Police at 416-978-2222. International students on all three U of T campuses who have concerns or questions can reach staff at the Centre for International Experience at 416-978-2564 or email [cie.information@utoronto.ca](mailto:cie.information@utoronto.ca).”

We also wish to express our serious concern for how this act violates the principles of religious freedom enshrined in the US Constitution as well in the international community and are deeply concerned about its detrimental implications for international security and peace.

In this light, we support the American Anthropological Association’s (AAA) demand for the immediate reversal of this executive order and call on professional associations, including the Canadian Anthropology Society/La Société Canadienne d’Anthropologie (CASCA), to do the same. We encourage all academic associations with conferences or meetings scheduled in the United States to consider changing locations and to create alternative participatory opportunities for those who cannot travel—or wish to avoid travelling—to the United States while this executive order is in effect.

This letter affirms our commitment to principles of academic freedom and exchange, and to human dignity, respect and toleration. We also affirm to our students, staff and colleagues our intention to provide departmental support should they be directly affected by this order and to taking concrete actions to attempt to address these harms.

Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto

New College Statement on the United States Presidential Executive Order Travel Ban, February 16, 2017



**February 16, 2017**

On January 27, 2017, the United States Government issued an executive order that temporarily banned travel to the US for citizens from seven Muslim-majority countries, and included the indefinite barring of refugees from Syria and a 120-day suspension of all other refugee admissions.

New College has a historic commitment to education for social justice, conceived dynamically to reflect shifting historical conditions. Our academic programs exemplify socially responsive and engaged fields of scholarship and foster diversity, equity and global awareness for all students, faculty, staff, colleagues, alumni and community partners. In addition, we value the free flow of people and ideas, as expressed in the University of Toronto's statement on the ban. We honour the vital contributions of students and scholars from the affected countries to our academic goals and deplore the suffering this ban has caused to refugees and others. Consequently, we unequivocally denounce this executive order that goes counter to the values that underpin the foundations of our mission as a post-secondary institution.

As noted by the University in its statement:

- “Students travelling abroad with concerns should call the Safety Abroad Office directly 416-946-3929; in the case of an emergency, reach us at the 24-hour collect emergency line via Campus Police at 416-978-2222.
- International students on all three U of T campuses who have concerns or questions can reach staff at the Centre for International Experience at 416-978-2564 or email [cie.information@utoronto.ca](mailto:cie.information@utoronto.ca).”

## **Other Universities**

### **University of Windsor**

Date: Jan. 27, 2017

#### Statement:

An executive order took effect January 27, 2017, banning entry into the United States by nationals from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

I am sure I speak on behalf of the entire University of Windsor community in reaffirming our belief in the importance of treating all people, regardless of their nationality, religion, skin colour, or ability, with respect and dignity.

We caution undergraduate, graduate students, faculty, and staff who are citizens of these seven countries against crossing the Windsor-Detroit border until otherwise notified, and remind all students holding visitor visas that a visa does not guarantee passage into the United States of America. US Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Officers have complete discretion on whether individuals are permitted entry into the USA.

We will provide every support we can in these uncertain times. The University will provide updates as they become available. General questions can be directed to the International Student Centre ([isc@uwindsor.ca](mailto:isc@uwindsor.ca)).

Alan Wildeman, President and Vice-Chancellor

## **Simon Fraser University**

Date: Jan. 29, 2017

Statement: The United States government's executive order imposing a 90-day ban on individuals from seven Muslim-majority countries visiting the U.S. has generated fear and anxiety on the part of many members of our community, and has implications that are real and disturbing.

SFU currently has about 450 students, and numerous faculty, staff and visitors from countries affected by the order, which has the potential to disrupt international studies, work placements, competitions, field visits, research partnerships, conference participation, and family relationships.

We must provide comfort and support to these individuals, and do everything in our power to [reaffirm our commitments to diversity, equity and inclusion](#).

Simon Fraser University is proud to be a globally engaged university and to welcome students, faculty, staff, and visitors from around the world. These international members of our SFU community bring a wonderful diversity of knowledge, experiences and perspectives, and make our university a better place for learning and living.

**SFU stands ready to support affected students with services ranging from visa advising to personal counselling. If you are in need of help, please** do not hesitate to contact [International Services for Students](#); or [Health and Counselling Services](#).

We are also committed to supporting international student mobility, and will do all we can to enable students to participate in programs around the world.

More generally, we at SFU must redouble our efforts to create a welcoming and supportive environment for all members of our community. To this end, I plan to host an event at which we can demonstrate our commitment to these values, and express our appreciation of our international students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Details of this event will be provided later this week. – Andrew Petter, President and Vice-Chancellor of Simon Fraser University

Link: [https://www.sfu.ca/pres/petterspeeches/2016/president\\_s-statement-on-u-s--travel-ban.html](https://www.sfu.ca/pres/petterspeeches/2016/president_s-statement-on-u-s--travel-ban.html)

## **University of British Columbia**

Date: Jan. 29, 2017

### Statement:

The University of British Columbia is deeply concerned about a new executive order signed by President Trump on Friday preventing individuals from seven countries from entering the U.S. for 90 days. We are especially concerned about the effect of the executive order on some UBC students, faculty and staff, as well as other scholars in Canada, the U.S., and around the world.

Therefore, I have established a task force, headed by Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President International pro tem Pam Ratner and including representatives from across the university and from both campuses, to determine what assistance the university can offer those affected.

The task force, with an initial budget of \$250,000.00, will begin its work immediately.

We will also work closely with the provincial and federal governments, responsible agencies and community groups and other universities across Canada, through Universities Canada, to respond to this unfolding situation.

UBC strongly affirms that it will continue to welcome students, faculty and staff from around the world, including those seeking refuge from violence and hardship. Along with the other members of Universities Canada, we support Prime Minister Trudeau's recent statement that Canada will continue to welcome those fleeing persecution, terror and war regardless of faith and affirming that diversity is our strength.

UBC's academic strength and stature depends upon the freedom of our faculty, staff and students to travel abroad for purposes of scholarship and study and upon our ability to welcome the most talented individuals from around the world to our campuses. Actions that restrict this movement based on a person's nationality or birthplace go against our values as a university.

We will continue to monitor developments and will keep the university community informed of the task force's deliberations and actions.

In the meantime, students, faculty, staff and other members of the UBC community with concerns about the implications and effects of President Trump's executive order should contact Adel el Zaim at 604-827-4140 or [adel.elzaim@ubc.ca](mailto:adel.elzaim@ubc.ca)

Link: <http://president.ubc.ca/featured/2017/01/29/statement-in-response-to-u-s-executive-order/>

## **York University, Osgoode Hall Law School**

Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Statement: Dear Students,

As you know, the recent executive order on immigration issued by President Trump has provoked anxiety, confusion, and protest around the world, including here in Canada. We are particularly mindful of Muslim communities who are experiencing fear and vulnerability in light of these recent events. To create an occasion to for learning, discussion, and exploring opportunities and advocacy, Parkdale Community Legal Services (PCLS), the Muslim Law Students Association (MLSA), the Osgoode chapter of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL), Legal & Lit, and my office have collaborated to arrange and host a community forum on Wednesday, February 1, at 1:00-2:30 in room 1002.

Professors Sean Rehaag and Amar Bhatia, joined by a student representative from CARL (who is also involved in the Law Union and PCLS), will begin by offering some updates, context, history, perspective, and opportunities for involvement, followed by an open discussion. Points for conversation will include:

- The history of race- and religion-based immigration bans in Canada;
- How this executive order fits within modern trends in immigration law and policy;
- The implications of this order for Canadian Immigration Policy;
- Emerging opportunities for law students and lawyers to become active on this issue;
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The event has been arranged on short notice, given the pace at which events have been unfolding, but we hope that you will be able to join us on Wednesday. Lunch will be available.

On behalf of the administration, I want to add that we are sensitive to the fact that members of the Osgoode community might have been personally affected or touched by these events in any range of ways. We are here to offer support as best we can and remind you to consult and reach out to the resources available on the MyJD counselling page (<http://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/my/jd/counselling/>) or to contact my office directly.

With best wishes,  
Ben

## Memorial University

Date: Jan. 30, 2017

Statement: Memorial University welcomes and supports students, faculty and researchers from all over the world who contribute knowledge and expertise locally, nationally and internationally.

Our university community is stronger, more vibrant, innovative and progressive because of the diversity of the people who choose to engage in teaching, learning and research activities here.

### Executive order

We are deeply concerned about the executive order issued in the United States Friday preventing individuals from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S. for 90 days.

The executive order restricting travel into the U.S. affects international studies, academic conference participation, and in some cases family relationships of our university students and faculty, and it poses a significant threat to the free flow of people and ideas and to the values of diversity, inclusion and openness, hallmarks of a strong and healthy society.

Memorial is dedicated to providing immediate and tangible support to students and faculty affected by this travel restriction:

-We are waiving application fees for students from the seven countries affected, which include Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen for a 90-day period. At this time we will also waive application fees for students from the U.S. To learn more, please get in touch with the Office of the Registrar here, by emailing registrar@mun.ca.

-We are also exploring first-semester scholarship support for students from the countries affected, and will provide further details as soon as they become available. **Our Internationalization Office staff members are trained and available to provide support** and advice to individuals who are concerned and troubled by this situation, and we welcome all undergraduate and graduate students, as well as post-doctoral fellows from the countries affected who may need support and guidance.

-All students considering future travel to the U.S for academic purposes are encouraged to contact the Internationalization Office to discuss their decision to proceed or cancel.

-Memorial's certified immigration advisors are here to assist students, post-doctoral fellows, faculty, staff and other members of the university community who may need support in obtaining visas, study permits or other immigration documents. For inquiries, please contact Natasha Clark, nclark@mun.ca.

-Our School of Graduate Studies is dedicating extra supports for students affected by the travel restrictions who may be seeking to identify graduate supervisors and is also extending



deadlines for admissions for students affected. For more details, please contact Andrew Kim, [akim@mun.ca](mailto:akim@mun.ca).

Additional information, including answers to frequently asked questions, has been posted online.

Link: <https://gazette.mun.ca/campus-and-community/statement-from-memorial/>

## **University of Western**

Date: Jan. 30, 2017

### Statement:

Dear faculty, staff and students,

Western is adding its voice to those of universities across North America expressing grave concern regarding the recent executive order banning individuals from seven countries with Muslim majorities from entering the United States for 90 days.

Western is home to approximately 175 students and many faculty, staff and visitors from countries included in the ban, and we are deeply concerned about the potential hardship this could cause them and their families.

As highlighted in a statement made by Universities Canada, the travel ban also affects research partnerships, international studies, academic conference participation, and field visits. Indeed, the executive order is having an impact on Canadian campuses and communities that is real, immediate and profound.

We join Universities Canada, the Association of American Universities, and the Association of Public Land-grant Universities, along with our U.S. colleagues and partner institutions, in their calls to the American government to rescind this executive order as soon as possible. We worry about the chilling effect this ban will have on the transfer of knowledge. The problems of our world are highly complex and no one nation has all the answers. It is through the sharing and exchange of ideas and research findings that progress is and will be made.

We echo Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's commentary: "To those fleeing persecution, terror and war, Canadians will welcome you, regardless of your faith. Diversity is our strength." The same spirit holds true here at Western, where we welcome students, faculty and staff from around the world, including those seeking refuge from violence and hardship. They strengthen our campus community, bringing new knowledge, ideas, perspectives, talent and skills for the benefit of all Canadians.

Western's Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President International is striking a committee to monitor the situation and will provide updates on new developments that directly affect our campus community. A website will be developed for this purpose. Plans are also underway to host an event at which we can demonstrate our commitment to the values of diversity and inclusion, as well as express our support and appreciation of international students, faculty and staff.

In the meantime, students, faculty, staff and other members of the Western community with concerns about the implications of the executive order can contact Western International at [iesc@uwo.ca](mailto:iesc@uwo.ca)

Sincerely,  
Amit Chakma  
President & Vice-Chancellor

## **Royal Society of Canada**

Date: Feb. 1, 2017

Statement: The recent decision by the United States to bar entry to the United States by refugees and by nationals of seven Muslim-majority countries, as stated in the U.S. Presidential Executive Order "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States" is a deeply troubling development that will have a profound impact on Canada and the rest of the world. The Royal Society of Canada anticipates that this decision will limit, in unreasonable ways, the flow of scholars and students across national boundaries, and create uncertainty and hardship for many. It runs counter to the efforts of the RSC and other National Academies to support the open communication of ideas between peoples, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or nationality. The research of our own scholars-scientists has shown that diversity in its many forms is key to social strength and resiliency.

The RSC is appreciative of Prime Minister Trudeau's statement that Canadians will continue to welcome those "fleeing persecution, terror and war...regardless of your faith". We encourage the Government of Canada to do all in its power to mitigate the immediate impact of the ban on the refugees and the foreign nationals affected, and urge the United States to rescind this ill conceived Executive Order as soon as possible.

## **University of Ottawa**

Date: Feb. 1, 2017

Statement:

At the University of Ottawa, we have the great privilege to live, study and work as part of a diverse community that embraces people from all over the world.

“Universities must serve as a model for the diversity of disciplines, perspectives and people among us. This lies at the very heart of our mission and must not be questioned,” said Jacques Frémont, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ottawa.

We were deeply concerned to learn about the United States’ executive order currently preventing individuals from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S.

In response, the University immediately sought ways to support our own community and students and academics elsewhere who may need our assistance.

For students from the affected countries currently studying in the U.S., we will:

Make every effort to integrate those enrolled in U.S. universities and participating in graduate-level research programs into uOttawa research teams under the supervision of a professor who can provide support.

Evaluate all possible measures to immediately enroll them into similar courses.

Accelerate the processing of admissions into undergraduate and graduate programs by closely examining the possibility of crediting courses taken in the U.S.

Work with Canadian immigration officials so that affected students are assigned a status allowing them to pursue studies in Canada without returning to their country of origin.

Implement a tuition fee exemption program to allow students to pursue their studies in the fall semester at the same tuition rates as Canadian students.

Help affected students identify summer courses, find housing and access uOttawa’s support services.

For academics from the affected countries working in the U.S., we will:

Consider visiting appointments.

Help them find housing and grant access to our support services.

Please contact the University at [Intl-US@uottawa.ca](mailto:Intl-US@uottawa.ca) for more information.

For current students and academics:

If you are planning to travel to the U.S., for academic or other reasons, the University strongly encourages you to contact our International Office to discuss whether to proceed.

The University will continue to monitor the situation and is open to taking further measures to protect students and academics.

## **Brock University**

Date: Feb. 2, 2017

Statement: Brock University has announced immediate steps to streamline its admissions process and waive certain fees for students from countries impacted by U.S. travel restrictions.

University officials have spent several days consulting faculty and students affected by the new measures, and monitoring the plight of international students whose education plans have been thrown into uncertainty by the political situation in the United States.

Last week, President Donald Trump triggered anxiety and protests in his own country and globally when he imposed U.S. travel restrictions on citizens from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Sudan, Somalia and Yemen.

In a communiqué sent to Canadian embassies and high commissions, as well as partner institutions and international colleagues around the world, Brock listed steps it is taking to help eligible undergraduate and ESL students register for classes starting in May or September this year. For students affected by the travel ban, Brock has pledged to:

- accelerate admissions for academically qualified students holding passports from the listed countries;
  - waive application fees for admissions and residence;
  - cut tuition deposits by 50 per cent;
  - provide a \$1000 “transition award” to help students get to Brock’s main campus in Niagara; assess current university studies for use as transfer credits; and
  - guarantee residence spaces for the upcoming spring, summer and fall terms.
- Financial aid and guaranteed residence space is also being extended to graduate students from the affected countries.

Applicants might also be eligible for additional funding through Brock’s existing scholarships and awards for international students from all countries.

University Provost Tom Dunk said senior administration and staff have been working most of the week on ways to help potential students who have been impacted by the Trump order.

“Brock welcomes individuals from around the world,” said Dunk. “Fostering an inclusive, safe and accessible environment is at the heart of this university’s core values.”

Jamie Mandigo, Brock’s Vice-Provost for Enrolment Management and International, calls the move “a gesture to help support those caught in the middle of all this mess.”

“We have been urged by members of our own community to be part of a solution, to step up and help people who are trapped in a political quandary that is not of their making,” said Mandigo.

To request more information on the Brock plan, email [international@brocku.ca](mailto:international@brocku.ca)

Link: <https://brocku.ca/brock-news/2017/02/brock-offers-help-to-foreign-students-stranded-by-u-s-ban/>

## **University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law**

Date: Feb. 6, 2017

Statement: he Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa is hosting a day of solidarity on Parliament Hill on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

The goal of the event is to promote human solidarity, universality and togetherness in the wake of the Quebec City shootings, and the new immigration/refugee policy implications of the United States.

During these tough times, we as law students and law schools must come together and stand accountable in the facilitation of justice. More importantly, as privileged students, we must come together and use this stage to encourage the furtherance of peace and understanding within our culturally and religiously diverse society.

The broader goal is to co-ordinate a day of solidarity with other law schools in Canada. We are hoping to have all other Canadian law schools join us in leading a nation-wide event on February 8, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

**WHAT:** A day of solidarity in the wake of the Quebec City shootings and U.S. immigration/refugee restrictions.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 8, 2017, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Parliament Hill, Ottawa

The event is open to all students and the public.

Please spread the word and mark your calendars! We will see you all on Parliament Hill!

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## **Events**

### **University of Toronto, Department for the Study of Religion**

Action Taken: Held a Town Hall meeting for its faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students to discuss the EO and any anxieties, concerns, ideas for response, etc.

Date: Feb. 9, 2017

**Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) and International Human Rights Program (IHRP)'s Interdisciplinary Discussion at the Centre for Ethics:**

Date: Friday February 3rd, 4:30 - 6PM

Relevant Text:

The Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) and the International Human Rights Program (IHRP) invite you to conversation sponsored by the Centre for Ethics to discuss the implications of Trump Administration's Executive Orders on immigration and refugee policy in the US, and political change in Canada.

- Salina Abji, SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellow, Carleton University & Rights of Non-Status Women's Network
- Idil Atak, Assistant Professor, Ryerson University
- Andrew Brouwer, Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers
- Stephanie J. Silverman, Bora Laskin National Fellow in Human Rights
- Ethel Tungohan, Assistant Professor, York University
- Hodan Ahmed Mohamed, Canadian Association of Muslim Women in Law

Introduced by Samer Muscati, Director, IHRP, and facilitated by Petra Molnar, migrant rights researcher, CARFMS

This interdisciplinary conversation will situate the Executive Orders into a historic and sociolegal pattern of violence against specific communities and discuss how to effect positive change in Canadian law and policy.

Throughout the sixteen year-old "War on Terror," Muslim and other minorities have been exposed to racially-, religiously-, and ethnically-motivated targeting. Although history demonstrates time and again that refugees are not terrorists, Trump's Orders specifically link the two and perpetuate the dangerous fallacy that Muslim individuals are sources of danger.

In the wake of the attack at the Quebec City Islamic Cultural Centre, this interactive dialogue will address how to effect realizable change quickly and effectively in Canada, as well as how to combat Islamophobia and negative discourses around migration.

Key points of intervention include:

- the Safe Third Country Agreement which limits asylum seekers from coming to Canada through the US and results in needlessly life-threatening journeys and drawn-out legal battles
- the Designated Countries of Origin regime, which works in tandem and separately from the Safe Third Country Agreement to curb and discourage asylum claims from people originating from +40 countries, including the US, Mexico, and Hungary
- the Barbaric Practices Act, a Canadian predecessor for “extreme vetting”
- reopening the ‘quota’ on Groups of Five and Community Sponsors resettling Syrian and Iraqi refugees to Canada

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/261907274241544/>

### **“Law in the Age of Trump” Panel Discussion**

Monday February 6th, 4:10-5:30pm

Jackman Law Building, Moot Court Room

Panelists: Professors Lisa Austin, Jutta Brunnée, Anver Emon, Audrey Macklin and David Schneiderman

Discussion topics will include:

- Does Trump’s ban violate U.S. international human rights commitments toward no citizens, and the implications for Canadian policy, in particular the Safe Third Country and Beyond the Border agreements?
- What is the potential impact of Trump Administration policy on specific treaties, such as the Paris Climate Agreement, and on the international legal order writ large?
- What is the intersection between law and Islamophobia?
- Trump’s possible conflicts of interest and available legal remedies

### **Osgoode Community Forum on the US Entry Ban and Implications for Muslim Communities at Home and Abroad**

Date: Feb. 1, 2017-02-07

Relevant Text: s you know, the recent executive order on immigration issued by President Trump has provoked anxiety, confusion, and protest around the world, including here in Canada. We are particularly mindful of Muslim communities who are experiencing fear and vulnerability in light of these recent events. To create an occasion to for learning, discussion, and exploring opportunities and advocacy, Parkdale Community Legal Services (PCLS), the Muslim Law Students Association (MLSA), the Osgoode chapter of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL), Legal & Lit, and my office have collaborated to arrange and host a community forum on Wednesday, February 1, at 1:00-2:30 in room 1002.

Professors Sean Rehaag and Amar Bhatia, joined by a student representative from CARL (who is also involved in the Law Union and PCLS), will begin by offering some updates, context, history, perspective, and opportunities for involvement, followed by an open discussion. Points for conversation will include:

- The history of race- and religion-based immigration bans in Canada;
- How this executive order fits within modern trends in immigration law and policy;
- The implications of this order for Canadian Immigration Policy;
- Emerging opportunities for law students and lawyers to become active on this issue;
- ...

The event has been arranged on short notice, given the pace at which events have been unfolding, but we hope that you will be able to join us on Wednesday. Lunch will be available.