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Introduction

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This issue of *Refuge* is intended to provide a forum for both the participants and faculty of the 1998 Summer Course on Refugee Issues to discuss and elaborate upon the topics addressed in the course. Throughout one intensive week in June, the Centre for Refugee Studies hosted 52 participants and 34 faculty who came together to share insights on refugee protection and related human rights issues. Due to the enthusiastic response we received to our call for papers, the forthcoming issue of *Refuge* will include additional Summer Course contributions.

The papers presented here touch on a diversity of seemingly unrelated themes: an analysis of genocide and humanitarian disaster in Acholiland in northern Uganda, an examination of the theoretical basis for establishing an international mechanism to promote accountability for international crimes, an overview of the recently negotiated *Rome Statute* for an International Criminal Court and its potential for reducing human rights violations, a study of how

the "language of law" serves to justify asylum decisions that defy both common sense and logic, and finally, an exploration of the ethical challenges faced by researchers conducting interviews with refugees and refugee service providers. Yet the articles all speak to a shared commitment to the struggle for

justice and human rights, for a world in which global initiatives to eradicate the root causes of forced migration are supported and complemented by efforts to enhance genuine protection for refugees and the internally displaced.

Ogenga Otunnu's article on genocide in northern Uganda examines the

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