

## Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law



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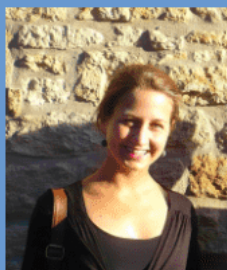
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### NEW MEMBERS



[Dana Schmalz](#) is a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law.



[Efthymios Papastavridis](#) is a lecturer in Public International Law at the University of Thrace and a Research Fellow at the Academy of Athens.

#### REMINDER / WEBSITE

For the members who haven't done so already, please write a short profile (max. 100 words) for the website of the IG.

The website of the IG can be found [here](#). If you have interesting content (a call for papers, a blog or publication, an event), or any questions regarding this newsletter, please send an email to [E.T.W.vanroemburg \[at\] uva.nl](mailto:E.T.W.vanroemburg[at]uva.nl).

### NEWS FROM THE IG: SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

On 1 July 2014, the Interest Group submitted its report on activities of the Coordinating Committee and the Interest Group to the ESIL Executive Board. The report includes information about, inter alia, membership, elections and events.

*Members who are interested in reading the full report are asked to send an e-mail to Isabelle Swerissen ([I.Swerissen@uva.nl](mailto:I.Swerissen@uva.nl)).*

### SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR IG MEMBERS

Exclusively for ESIL members, and especially interesting for members of our IG, is the offer by the International Association of Refugee Law Judges (the IARLJ) to become an Associate Member of the organization. Members can join for twelve months at the considerable reduced fee of 15 euro.

*For more information, click [here](#) or contact the IARLJ Secretariat in the Netherlands at [info@iarlj.org](mailto:info@iarlj.org).*

Hart Publishing has recently published three new titles in the area of immigration, asylum and refugee law. They can be obtained, exclusively by members of our IG, for a 20% discount.

*More information about the selected titles can be found [here](#); members who are interested in buying any of the selected titles can use the reference 'AN2' in the voucher code field.*

### PUBLICATIONS & BLOGS

Ruvi Ziegler, a member of our IG, has written a publication on the decision of Israel's High Court to strike down (again) the detention of African asylum seekers. The publication can be found [here](#).

Our member Nikos Sitaropoulos has written a blogpost, which has also been published on the Oxford Human Rights Hub, on migrants' rights to vote in local elections. The blog can be found [here](#).

Tamás Molnár, a recent member of the IG, has published a paper on statelessness and the protection of stateless persons under public international law. The paper can be downloaded [here](#).

Jane McAdam, member of the IG, has co-written a book on asylum policies in Australia, explaining the obligations of Australia towards refugees and asylum seekers. The book can be found [here](#).

*Members are invited to send their publications & blogs for inclusion on the website and in the newsletter. Our statistics show that the traffic to our website is increasing every month, so it really pays off to publish at the website!*

### NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

In 2013, UNHCR was the world's largest refugee status determination adjudicator. More on the issue can be found [here](#).

More news from UNHCR: in only three days, Turkey received as many Syrian refugees as Europe did in three years. Read more [here](#).

Human Rights Watch released a report on the treatment of Sudanese and Eritrean asylum seekers in Israel. The report can be found [here](#).

The European Court of Human Rights has rejected a Libyan national's complaint that his return from Sweden to Libya would expose him to a risk of persecution based on his homosexuality. The decision can be found [here](#).

*For more news, click [here](#).*

### NEWS FROM ESIL

On 4-6 September 2014, the ESIL 10th Anniversary Conference took place in Vienna. On Thursday 4 September, members of the Coordinating Committee of all ESIL Interest Groups were invited to attend a breakfast meeting with the ESIL Executive Board. During the meeting, participants openly discussed ideas about IG involvement in ESIL.

*Members who are interested in reading a short summary of the discussion during the breakfast meeting are asked to send an email to Isabelle Swerissen ([I.Swerissen@uva.nl](mailto:I.Swerissen@uva.nl)).*

The [Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law](#) (MigRefLaw) is one of the interest groups of the [European Society of International Law](#). The IG focuses on the law and policy of states and international organisations with regard to people who seek entry to their communities. The movement of people across borders is a defining reality of our time. This IG aims to provide a forum for discussion on the legal principles and processes governing the movement of people as well as their reception in host communities. By doing so, the group hopes to build a shared knowledge base among ESIL members interested in migration and refugee law.