

Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law



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MESSAGE FROM THE IG COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The year 2020, with the outbreak of COVID-19, has deeply impacted the Interest Group's (IG) activities and challenged our capacity to be dynamic in a changing world. All planned meetings have been postponed and the elections for the Coordinating Committee's renewal in January 2020 had no candidates.

We made all possible efforts to keep the IG network alive while projecting a restyling of this Interest Group, departing from its mission and concept. Our idea is to make the IG a functional exchange platform for its members, capable of boosting the visibility and audience of both individual and network-based initiatives. With a view to making the IG an attraction pole for research spill-over while enhancing its visibility and audience, we have identified four key areas of intervention.

First, we need a more active posting activity on social media and sharing platforms, including revitalising our twitter account (https://twitter.com/ig_migreflaw). Second, and linked to the first point, we are envisaging the beefing up of our webpage (<https://migreflaw.wordpress.com/>) to make it catchier and more user-friendly. Third, we would like to unleash new synergies with national and European research groups and networks dealing with migration and refugee law, starting from the forthcoming Catania Research Forum (15 April 2021), organised in cooperation with the Academy of Law and Migration (ADiM) at the University of Tuscia, Italy. Fourth, we invite all of our members to have their say on the governance of the IG. Thus, we encourage you to share your thoughts, views and understandings on how to better organise and advertise the IG activities.

We believe this can make the difference. On top of this, if you have interesting content (a call for papers, a blog or publication, an event, etc.), or any questions regarding this

Newsletter, please do send an e-mail to migreflaw@gmail.com. We need your feedbacks and your inputs to make this IG vital and participated.

2021 ESIL RESEARCH FORUM – CATANIA

On **15 April 2021**, the IG on Migration and Refugee Law will host a Webinar titled *‘Understanding solidarity under international and EU refugee law: Between a rock and a hard place?’*.

The Webinar is organised in the framework of this year’s ESIL Research Forum in Catania (*‘Solidarity. The Quest for Founding Utopias of International Law’*), with the collaboration of the Academy of Law and Migration (ADiM) at the University of Tuscia, Italy. It targets scholars at an early stage of their careers, who have been selected through *Call for Papers* in 2020.

A new *Call for Papers* is now open; applications should be submitted to migreflaw@gmail.com by **10 March 2021**, with a short *curriculum vitae* containing the author’s name, institutional affiliation, contact information (e-mail and phone number), and whether the applicant is member of ESIL. Selected speakers will be notified by **25 March** via e-mail. After the selection process, we are not aiming for fully-fledged papers from the selected speakers but for contributions of up to 3000-3500 words (extended abstracts). The eventual short papers (extended abstracts) should be sent to the IG conveners by **10 April 2021** in order to circulate them amongst the panellists prior to the workshop.

The Webinar will deal with the following issues: 1) The criminalisation of solidarity towards refugees and migrants; 2) The crisis of solidarity within the Common European Asylum System; 3) European solidarity towards third transit countries; 4) Other regional approaches to burden and responsibility-sharing in the framework of asylum policies; 5) Solidarity and vulnerability in the Global Compacts on migrants and refugees.

The link to access the Webinar will be shared with the IG members via email in due time.

16th ESIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE – STOCKHOLM

The IG on Migration and Refugee Law will host a Pre-conference Workshop on **Wednesday 8 September 2021**, within the framework of the 2021 ESIL Annual Conference on *‘Changes in International Lawmaking: Actors, Processes, Impact’*, to be held in Stockholm on 9-11 September 2021.

Therefore, a *Call for Papers* will be launched by the end of **April 2021** and the selection process will be completed by the end of **May** with a view to publishing the Workshop programme by **mid-June**.

You will find further communications about travel/carers’ grants and the Young Scholar Prize on the ESIL website. Please send us an email if you have any questions.

REMINDER: ESIL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All Members of the Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law are kindly reminded to pay their membership dues for the ESIL. You have received reminder emails and there is a 'renew' button on the [ESIL website](#) which makes it easy to pay the 2021 fee.

RECENT & FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

- [Liv Feijen, The Evolution of Humanitarian Protection in European Law and Practice, Cambridge, 2021 \[forthcoming – May\]](#)
- [Tamas Molnar, The Interplay between EU's Return Acquis and International Law, Edward Elgar, 2021 \[forthcoming – April\]](#)
- [Jeffrey H. Cohen, Ibrahim Sirkeci \(ed.\), Handbook of Culture and Migration, Elgar, 2021](#)
- [Gian Luigi Gatta, Valsamis Mitsilegas, Stefano Zirulia, Controlling Immigration Through Criminal Law. European and Comparative Perspectives on "Crimmigration", Hart Publishing, 2021](#)
- [EU Agency for Fundamental Rights & Council of Europe, Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration. 2020 Edition, Publications Office of the EU, December 2020](#)
- [Simon Behrman, Law and Asylum. Space, Subject, Resistance, Routledge, 2020](#)
- [Devi Mays, Forging Ties, Forging Passports. Migration and the Modern Sephardi Diaspora, Stanford University Press, 2020](#)
- [Alison Mountz, The Death of Asylum. Hidden Geographies of the Enforcement Archipelago, University of Minnesota Press, 2020](#)
- [Romola Adeola, The Internally Displaced Person in International Law, Edward Elgar, 2020](#)
- [Moritz Jesse, European Societies, Migration, and the Law. The 'Others' amongst 'Us', Cambridge, 2020](#)
- [Anastasia Tataryn, Law, Migration and Precarious Labour. Ecotechnics of the Social, Routledge, 2020](#)
- [Jan C. Jansen, Simone Lässig, Refugee Crises, 1945-2000. Political and Societal Responses in International Comparison, Cambridge, 2020](#)
- [John Morrissey, Haven: The Mediterranean Crisis and Human Security, Edward Elgar, 2020](#)
- [Mira L. Siegelberg, Statelessness. A Modern History, Harvard University Press, 2020](#)
- [Dana Schmalz, Refugees, Democracy and the Law. Political Rights at the Margins of the State, Routledge, 2020](#)
- [Hülya Kaya, The EU-Turkey Statement on Refugees: Assessing Its Impact on Fundamental Rights, Elgar, 2020](#)
- [Matthew Scott, Climate Change, Disasters, and the Refugee Convention, Cambridge, 2020](#)
- [Trésor Maheshe Musole, Statut de réfugié et droits politiques: À la recherche d'un compromise en droit international, Anthemis, 2020](#)

LATEST REPORTS

- [International Displacement Monitoring Centre: 2020 Global Report on International Displacement](#)
- [UNHCR, Human Rights Research League & ICRC: Rapport de conférence : « Au-delà des mots: Conférence internationale sur les solutions durables aux situations de déplacement en République démocratique du Congo »](#)
- [UNHCR: Global Trends – Forced Displacement](#)
- [IOM: World Migration Report 2020](#)
- [EASO: EASO Asylum Report 2020: Annual Report on the Situation of Asylum in the European Union](#)

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.