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2024 ESIL PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

On 4 September 2024, in Vilnius, our Interest Group's Workshop on [Advanced Digital Technologies in Migration Management: A Means to What End?](#) opened the ESIL 19th Annual Conference on Technological Change and International Law. The workshop was co-organised in collaboration with the [Human Rights Research League](#) (HRRL) which every year funds young researchers coming from non-OECD countries, and the [CoSME project](#), which deals with the development of community sponsorship for migrants and refugees in Europe, including high-tech matching tools for resettlement and relocation.

The overarching theme of the workshop was the role of advanced digital technologies in migration management. In line with the general theme of the 2024 ESIL conference, this workshop explored the (positive or negative) impact of recent technological developments on refugee and migration management, and in particular on the balancing exercise between administrative sustainability and procedural fairness.

Inspired by the high level of the papers presented and the thought-provoking debate they generated during the workshop, the ESIL IG MigRefLaw is aiming for a Symposium, to be hosted on [Völkerrechtsblog](#), which will collect contributions from the speakers willing to participate. We will keep you posted on this initiative!

In addition, the full recording of the session will be soon available at <https://www.cosmeproject.eu/>.

2024 ESIL JOINT COLLOQUIUM (IG on 'The EU as a Global Actor' and IG on Migration and Refugee Law)

The ESIL Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law, in partnership with the ESIL Interest Group on 'The EU as a Global Actor' (IG EUGLOBAL), is organising an online workshop on various facets of search and rescue (SAR) of people in distress at sea on 7 November 2024 (Thursday). The topic lies at the intersection of various branches of international law and EU law, such as human rights law, migration/refugee law, law of the sea, and international criminal law. The following speakers will address these issues in two panels: M. Gkliati (Tilburg University), V. Kapogianni (University of Reading), M. Porchia (University of Ferrara), S. Vasishta (Bennett University, India), D. Endres (University of Geneva) & V. Piovesan (Durham Law School), and A. Jiménez Laurence.

IG COORDINATING COMMITTEE (renewal 2024)

Following the elections held in March 2024, the IG MigRefLaw welcomes two new members, Sissy Katsoni and Giulia Raimondo, who will join the Coordinating Committee for a 4-year term. The IG MigRefLaw warmly thanks the former members of the Coordinating Committee, Chiara Scissa and Tom Syring, for their invaluable contribution to the success of the IG's activities.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND CALL FOR PAPERS

- Call for Papers: [Journal of International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict](#), 15.01.2025.
- Call for Papers: '[The autonomy of EU law under pressure? The changing landscape of the interactions between EU law and international law](#)', WU Vienna University of Economics and Business, 16-17 January 2025 (deadline for abstracts 31.10.2024).
- Call for Papers: [University of Bologna Law Review](#) (deadline 19.10.2024).
- Call for Papers: [Indian Journal of Law and Technology](#) (on a rolling basis).
- Call for Papers: [MeschenRechtsMagazin](#) (on a rolling basis).

CONFERENCES, SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS

- [European Conference](#), Odysseus Network, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) 17-18 October 2024
- ESIL Interest Groups 'The EU as a Global Actor' and Migration and Refugee Law Joint Colloquium, *The EU as a (bad) global actor in search and rescue at sea? – EU (in)actions in troubled waters*, 7 November 2024
- All-European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana, 19-22 November 2024 (deadline 20 September 2024)

- Certificate of Advances Studies, [Droit des Migrations](#), Universités de Berne, Neuchâtel et Fribourg (BENEFRI)

IG MEMBERS: NUMBERS AND INVOLVEMENT

The IG currently counts 289 members from all over Europe and beyond.

In order to get involved in the activities of the Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law, all Members are kindly reminded to renew their ESIL membership on the dedicated page on the [ESIL website](#).

Is your institution holding a call for papers/contributions, or organising a summer/winter school? Did you publish a book, an article, or a report and would like to have it advertised in the IG Newsletter and webpage?

Please let us know by emailing us at: migreflaw@gmail.com.

We look forward to your contribution!

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Catherine Dauvergne, Kate Jastram, Special Issue on Gender, *International Journal of Refugee Law*, 36 (2024) 1-2.
- Mariana Gkliati, Shaping the joint liability landscape? The Broader Consequences of *WS v Frontex* for EU Law, *European Papers*, 9 (2024) 1.
- Luisa Marin, Mariana Gkliati, Salvo Nicolosi, 'The external borders of the European Union: Between a rule of law crisis and accountability gaps', *European Law Journal*, 30 (2024) 1-2.
- S. Nicolosi, 'Externalisation of Migration Controls: A Taxonomy of Practices and Their Implications in International and European Law', *Neth Int Law Rev* 71 (2024) 1–20.
- G. Raimondo, The European Integrated Border Management. Frontex, Human Rights, and International Responsibility (Hart 2024).
- S. Progin-Theuerkauf and M. Berger, 'Die Haftung von Frontex für Grundrechtsverletzungen Eine Analyse des Urteils des Europäischen Gerichts EuG «WS u.a. gegen Frontex» (Rs. T-600/21)' *Sui Generis* (2023).
- J. Santos Vara, P. García Andrade and T. Molnár, 'The Externalisation of EU Migration Policies in Light of EU Constitutional Principles and Values: Reconciling the Irreconcilable? An Introduction to the Special Section' *European Papers* 8 (2023) 2.

LATEST REPORTS

- Council of Europe, Report of the PACE Committee on Migration, Refugees, and Displaced Persons ([Draft Report on Migrant Smuggling](#)). With the contribution of IG member M. Gkliati.
- FRA, [Fundamental Rights Report 2024](#), 5 June 2024.

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.