



# ESIL Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law

in partnership with **REF-FIN** and **CoSME**

presents:

Pre-conference ESIL Interest Group Workshop

*“De/Re-Constructing Asylum: New Actors, Processes and Spaces”*

**Berlin (Germany), 11 September 2025 (9:00–12:00 CET)**

– PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME –

## ***Opening remarks***

Giulia **RAIMONDO** | University of Fribourg

## **Panel #1 – *Spaces***

*Moderator:* Daria **DAVITTI** | Lund University

Andrea Maria **PELLICONI** | University of Southampton & Veronica **BOTTICELLI** | University of Milan  
*The Changing Landscape of Global Migration Management: How Externalization Practices are Shifting the Boundaries of International Refugee Law*

Ayşe Dicle **ERGIN** | Bilkent Üniversitesi  
*The Role of Externalization in Shaping Temporary Protection Regime in Türkiye and Lessons Learned*

Ibtissam **GHAICH** | Mohammed V University of Rabat  
*Deconstructing Asylum at the EU's Southern Border Morocco as a Strategic Partner and Non-Asylum State*

## ***Q&A***

## **Panel #2 – *Processes***

*Moderator:* Daniela **VITIELLO** | University of Tuscia

Runar Hilleren **LIE** | University of Oslo  
*International Law in Asylum Practice – A Legal Fiction?*

Zvezda **VANKOVA** | Lund University  
*A European Model of Sponsorship: What's European about it?*



Lucía **ÁLVAREZ ALBARENGA** | Universidad de Vigo  
*A “System of Exception” for EU Asylum Law: The Crisis Regulation and the Role of International Law in Security-Governance*

#### **Q&A**

#### **Panel #3 – Actors**

*Moderator:* Marco **BORRACCETTI** | University of Bologna

Daniel **MEKONNEN** | Independent Researcher  
*“Agency and Inclusion” in Global Responses to Forced Displacement: The Emerging Role of Refugee Led Organizations (RLOs)*

Marilù **PORCHIA** | University of Tuscia  
*Reconstructing Asylum from Within: Community Sponsorship as a Rights-Based Alternative in the EU*

Sara **ARAPILES** & Pablo **PASTOR VIDAL** | Lund University  
*Financial Actors as New Protection Actors? Insights from Fieldwork in Colombia*

#### **Q&A**

#### **Concluding remarks and outlook**

Sissy **KATSONI** | Ruhr-Universität Bochum

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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.