



# ESIL Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law

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Pre-conference ESIL Interest Group Workshop

## *“Asylum in Times of Conflict: Unsettling the Boundaries of Refugee Protection”*

**Málaga (Spain), 3 September 2026, 9:00-12:00 CET**

### – PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME –

#### ***Opening remarks by the Co-Convenors***

#### **Panel #1 – *Protection under pressure in times of conflict***

*Discussant* | Sissy **KATSONI**

Sílvia **MORGADES GIL** | Pompeu Fabra University

*From refugee law to the international protection regime: An approach to the evolution of actors, subjects and normative intersections dedicated to the protection of international forced migrants*

Christopher **SZABLA** | Durham University

*Emerging levels of asylum protection in Europe: Prima facie, securitized, and weaponized*

Mariateresa **VELTRI** | University of Bologna

*Reconstructing asylum from within: Community sponsorship as a rights-based alternative in the EU*

Maria Teresa **ALEMANY JORDAN** | University of Valencia

*Gender persecution as a driver of displacement and a challenge for the protection of Palestinian refugees*

#### **Q&A**

#### **Panel #2 – *Contested boundaries of refugee law***

*Discussant* | Giulia **RAIMONDO**

Sharifah Nazneen **AGHA** | Independent consultant/researcher

*Palestinian refugees, corporate power, and the limits of state-centred refugee protection*



Alaa **ASSAF** | University of Kalamoon

*The territory of persecution: Rethinking refugee protection through the function theory of territory*

Eleni **KARAGEORGIU** | Danish Institute for Human Rights & Lund University, Amin **PARSA** |

Halmstad University, Karin **ÅBERG** | Gothenburg University

*The border as a grey zone: Conflict logics and the transformation of refugee protection in the EU and beyond*

Tamta **GVENTSADZE** | University of Tuscia

*Rebutting safety: Effective remedy and procedural externalisation for conflict refugees*

**Q&A**

**Concluding remarks and outlook**

### **The IG MigRefLaw Coordinating Committee**

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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.