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INTEREST GROUP EVENT - PANEL DISCUSSION

The IG will, in cooperation with the Amsterdam Center for International Law of the University of Amsterdam and the Centre for Migration and Law of the Radboud University Nijmegen, organize a panel discussion on 'Migration by Sea in the Mediterranean - Heading to Europe: Safe Haven or Graveyard?'. The panel discussion is scheduled to take place on **16 May 2014** in Nijmegen. Confirmed speakers include Elspeth Guild, Tineke Strik and Maarten den Heijer. A final announcement will be posted on the IG website shortly.

NEWS FROM ESIL

The ESIL 10th Anniversary Conference will be held in Vienna, 4-6 September 2014. The conference will explore the interplay between international law and other fields of law and between international law and other disciplines. More information about the conference can be found [here](#).

ESIL requests every member to renew his / her membership for the year 2014. More details on how to proceed can be found [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS & BLOGS

Sergio Mananashvili, a recent member of the IG, has written a paper named 'Access to Europe in a Globalized World: Assessing the EU's Common Visa Policy in light of Stockholm Guidelines'. More information can be found [here](#).

Nikolaos Sitaropoulos, another member of the IG, has written a case analysis on the Suso Musa v. Malta Case before the European Court of Human Rights. More information can be found [here](#).

Francesca Ippolito and Cristiano d'Orsi, both members of the IG, have contributed to a new book entitled 'Regional Approaches to the Protection of Asylum Seekers: An International Legal Perspective'. The book is scheduled to be published in April 2014. More information about the book can be found [here](#).

Any member who wants to publish a blog or bring a publication to the attention, please let us know!

NEW MEMBERS



[Tamás Molnár](#) is an assistant professor in the Corvinus University of Budapest.



[Lisa Heschl](#) is a research and teaching fellow at Institute of International Law and Relations of the University of Graz.



[Wolfgang Benedek](#) is Head of Institute of International Law and Relations and Director of the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy of the University of Graz.



[Carmen Pérez González](#) is a lecturer in Public International Law at Carlos III University in Madrid.

OTHER NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Jane McAdam has, with the generous help of Andrew and Renata Kaldor, founded a new research centre at the Faculty of Law of the University of New South Wales entitled 'The Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law'. The centre was officially established on 30 October 2013. More information on the centre can be found [here](#).

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

UNHCR has published new Guidelines on asylum applications by persons avoiding military service. These guidelines were necessary in light of considerable developments in the practice of states and in the restrictions placed on military service by international law. Read more on these guidelines [here](#).

More news from UNHCR: the refugee agency has called upon states participating in the Dublin Regulation to suspend the transfer of asylum-seekers back to Bulgaria. Read more [here](#) on UNHCR position.

The Council of Europe has criticised Greece for a large number of reported collective expulsions of migrants and for allegations of ill-treatment of migrants by members of the coast guard and border police. Read more on this topic [here](#).

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

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 is migreflaw.wordpress.com. 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).

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 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.