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Impression of the IG Event on 16 May 2014:



NEWS FROM ESIL

INTEREST GROUP EVENT: PANEL DISCUSSION

On 16 May 2014, the Interest Group, in close cooperation with the Centre for Migration Law of the Radboud University Nijmegen and the Amsterdam Center for International Law of the University of Amsterdam, organized a panel discussion on migration by sea in the Mediterranean, entitled 'Heading to Europe: Safe Haven or Graveyard?'. The panel discussion brought together about 50 scholars, government officials and practitioners working in the field of migration and refugee law and policy.

The panel discussion made clear that the European rules regulating migration by sea do not always have the intended effect of decreasing the number of arrivals in Europe. Therefore, it is important to critically reflect on the legal framework, bearing in mind that the developments at the external borders cannot be viewed in isolation. Read more [here](#).

FUTURE ACTIVITIES: BLOG SYMPOSIUM

In the fall of 2014, the Coordinating Committee of the IG will organize a blog symposium, preferably on EJIL: Talk! The idea is that one member of the IG writes a longer piece about a topic related to international refugee and migration law, to which three or four member react.

Members are invited to send in ideas for topics for the blog symposium.

PUBLICATIONS & BLOGS

Tamás Molnár, a recent member of the IG, has written two publications on statelessness: a report on the Expert Meeting on Statelessness within the European Partnership Panel on Migration and Asylum (to be found [here](#)), and an article on Moving Statelessness Forward on the International Agenda (to be found [here](#)).

Jane McAdam, another member of the IG, wrote an article for the International Journal of Refugee Law on the origins of the concept of 'persecution' in international refugee law. The article can be found [here](#).

Ruvi Ziegler, the top-publisher of our IG, has blogged about the Amendment No. 3 of the Prevention of Infiltration Act of the Israeli government, following up on his previous blogs about this subject. The blog can be found [here](#).

Isabelle Swerissen, chairperson of the IG, has also written a blog: about the shared responsibility for the abuse of migrant workers in Sochi. The blog can be found [here](#).

Members are invited to send their publications & blogs for inclusion on the website and in the newsletter!