

Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law



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NEW COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER ELECTED

As a result of elections held in March 2018, a new member joined the Coordinating Committee of the Interest Group (IG) on Migration and Refugee Law: **Daniela Vitiello** (University of Florence). She will work alongside the current IG conveners Kristof Gombeer, Tamas Molnar and Tom Syring who will remain on the Committee for a further two years. The next Coordinating Committee elections are planned for January 2020.

The Coordinating Committee is the general administrative body of the IG, responsible for running its day-to-day business and organising the group's activities (drafting calls for papers, shortlisting of paper submissions, organising workshops, seminars, conferences at ESIL events or elsewhere, and organising publications that arise from IG events etc.).

Further details about IG governance can be found in the Policy Guidance and By-laws documents available on the [ESIL website](#).

REMINDER: WEBSITE

The website of the IG, which has been recently revamped, is [migreflaw \[dot\] wordpress \[dot\] com](http://migreflaw[dot]wordpress[dot]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 tamas.molnar@uni-corvinus.hu or kristof.gombeer@vub.be.

A call for papers will be published soon.

INTEREST GROUP'S SIDE EVENT AT THE 2018 ESIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MANCHESTER

The [14th Annual Conference of the ESIL](#) will take place in **Manchester (UK) on 13-15 September (Thursday – Saturday) 2018**. The theme of the conference is '*International Law and Universality*'.

On **13 September (Wednesday) 2018**, the IG on Migration and Refugee Law is organising a **pre-conference event** on the margins of the ESIL conference to discuss various legal questions and implications of the two Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees, which are currently being negotiated under the aegis of the UN.

NEGOTIATIONS ON THE GLOBAL COMPACTS: STATE OF PLAY

After the publication of the first drafts of the [Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#) and the [Global Compact on Refugees](#) earlier this year, negotiations are now ongoing on the two key instruments of future universal migration governance. The fourth round of negotiations on the global compact on migration took place between 14 and 18 May in the UN Headquarters in New York, and after subsequent rounds of talks, the final draft will be submitted for adoption to the Intergovernmental Conference in December 2018 in Morocco. Following consultations, the Global Compact on Refugees will be presented in the UN High Commissioner for Refugees' 2018 Annual Report to the General Assembly.

REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All members of the Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law are kindly reminded to pay their membership dues for the ESIL.

You have received reminder emails and there is a 'renew' button on the [ESIL website](#) which makes it easy to pay the 2018 fee.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The [Human Rights of Migrants in the 21st Century](#) (Routledge, August 2017), edited by E. Guild, S. Grant and C. A. Groenendijk, offers an accessible examination of the human rights of migrants in the context of the UN's negotiations on the Global Compacts on Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees in 2018. The book also intends to assist officials, lawyers and academics to ensure that the human rights of migrants are fully respected by state authorities and international organisations and safeguarded by national and supranational courts across the globe.

In her new book [Illegally Staying in the EU – An Analysis of Illegality in EU Migration Law](#), Benedita Menezes Queiroz (EUI / Lisbon Centre for Research in Public Law) provides a conceptual analysis of the illegality of a third-country national's stay by examining the boundaries of the overarching concept of illegality at the EU level.

The papers collected in the volume titled ***Migration and the Environment: Some Reflections on Current Legal Issues and Possible Ways Forward***, edited by Giovanni Carlo Bruno, Fulvio Maria Palombino and Valentina Rossi (CNR edizioni, 2017), analyse the links between migration and the environment from different perspectives, tackling significant international law issues in

this field as well as normative gaps and possible solutions with respect to the effective protection of people whose movements are induced by environmental factors. Free access to the book: click [here](#).

IG member Tamás Molnár published an article titled “**EU migration law shaping international migration law in the field of expulsion of aliens: the case of the ILC draft articles**” in the latest issue of the *Hungarian Journal of Legal Studies* (December 2017). The article is free of charge available [here](#). Another article from him on the **expulsion of aliens under the ICCPR over the past 50 years** appeared in the latest volume of the [Hungarian Yearbook of International Law and European Law](#) (Eleven, March 2018).

*We would also like to flag again the **publication catalogue** operated by the **Odysseus Academic Network**, which is available [here](#).*

We encourage Interest Group members to share their (upcoming) publications with the coordinating committee via kristof.gombeer@vub.be so that we can spread the word!

EVENTS

On the occasion of the XXIII Annual Conference of the Italian Society of International and EU Law (ISIL) on the *Codification in International and EU Law* (6-8 June 2018 – University of Ferrara), the ISIL Interest Groups on International and European Law on Human Rights (DIEDU), International and European Law on Migration and Asylum (DIEMA) and Law of International Litigation, in collaboration with the ESIL Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law and the Department of Law of the University of Ferrara, are organising a **round table on “Human Rights in Turkey: Which Role for International and EU Law?”** The round table will take place on **6 June in Ferrara**. The programme is available [here](#).

The Migration Policy Centre of the European University Institute is going to hold its **14th Migration Summer School** between **25 June – 6 July 2018** in Florence.

NEWSFLASH

The ECtHR published Factsheets on the [immigration detention of children with families](#) and [unaccompanied children](#) (Jan. 2018)

The Centre for Migration Law at the Radboud University published its [updated overview](#) of the CJEU judgments and pending cases on asylum, migration and borders (March 2018)

The *Institut de Droit international* (IDI) published a [report](#) (only available in French) and a [resolution](#) on international law governing mass migration (Feb. 2018)

Seventeen survivors of a pull-back incident off the Libyan coast [filed an application](#) at the ECtHR against Italy (May 2018)

29 academics issued a [Statement](#) on Italy seizing the rescue boat Open Arms

The European Citizens’ Initiative [#WelcomingEurope](#) asks the European Commission to ban the criminalisation of solidarity towards migrants and refugees

The Hungarian Helsinki Committee [calls](#) to stop the [bill](#) before the Hungarian Parliament which seeks ‘to prevent efforts intended to support migration and to allow unhindered alien policing procedures’

The **Arctic University of Norway** will host an international conference on ‘*Refugees and Minority Rights: Acceptable and Unacceptable Criteria for Accepting / Rejecting Refugees in a Non-Ideal World*’ on **14–15 June 2018 in Tromsø, Norway**. The program and a list of abstracts are available on the [conference website](#).

The Odysseus Academic Network is going to organise the 18th edition of their **Summer School on EU Migration and Asylum Law and Policy** between **2 and 13 July 2018 in Brussels**. The closing date for Summer School applications is Tuesday, 15 May 2018. The [programme](#) is available on the Odysseus Network website.

A workshop devoted to internally displaced persons will be held under the title ‘[Revitalising the IDP Field – 20 Years of the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement](#)’, organised by the Refugee Law Initiative of the University of London. The workshop will take place **on 20 July 2018** in London.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND ARTICLES

The World Border Security Congress Advisory Committee is inviting abstracts from those interested in speaking at [next year’s conference](#) that will be held in March 2019 in Casablanca. The three day event will examine policies, implementation issues and challenges related to technologies that contribute towards safe and [secure border and migration management](#). Proposals should be about 200 words in length and submitted by July 31, 2018.

The [Global Labor Migration Network](#) has announced its call for papers for the International Summit on ‘[Global Labor Migration: Past and Present](#)’, which will be held on 20-22 June 2019 at the International Institute for Social History in Amsterdam. Applications are due via the application portal by July 1, 2018.

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.