



Annual Conference on European Asylum and Migration Law 2020

- Ongoing CEAS reforms
- The impact of COVID-19 on asylum and reception systems
- Cooperation with third countries
- Recent case law

CONFERENCE WILL BE LIVE STREAMED

Trier, 15-16 October 2020

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**Asylum and
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Speakers

Katelijne Declerck, Judge; Immediate Past President of International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges, Brussels

Nicolas Jacobs, Head of Sector Courts and Tribunals, EASO, Valletta (to be confirmed)

Dries Lensen, Senior Coordinating Officer, Frontex, Warsaw

Markella Papadouli, Litigation Coordinator for Europe, AIRE Centre, London

Achilles Skordas, Professor of International Law, Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg

Borbala Szigeti, Policy Officer, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission, Brussels

Flip Schüller, Partner, Prakken d'Oliviera, Amsterdam

Key topics

- Reform of the Common European Asylum System
- Priorities of the German EU presidency
- The impact of COVID-19 on asylum and reception systems in the EU Member States
- Challenges in policy management
- The European Courts' contribution to shaping the CEAS
- Cooperation with third countries in light of COVID-19

Language
English

Event number
420R27

Organiser
Magdalena Kędzior, ERA



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Thursday, 15 October 2020

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants

09:30 **Opening of the conference**
Magdalena Kędzior

I. REFORMING THE COMMON EUROPEAN ASYLUM SYSTEM (CEAS) – STATE OF PLAY AND OUTLOOK

09:45 **A new Pact on Asylum and Migration – where do we stand? The European Commission perspective**
Borbala Szigeti

10:15 Discussion

10:30 **Managing migration and asylum policy – Priorities of the German Presidency of the EU**

11:00 Discussion

11:15 Coffee break

II. CHALLENGES IN POLICY MANAGEMENT IN UNSETTLING TIMES

11:45 **The impact of COVID-19 on asylum and reception systems in the EU and in the Member States**

- COVID-19 emergency measures in asylum and reception systems
- Changes to the asylum and immigration process due to COVID-19
- Specific measures on the Dublin procedure, detention and return procedure

Nicolas Jacobs

12:30 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

III. SELECTED ASPECTS OF THE CEAS AND RELATED EU POLICY INSTRUMENTS IN THE LIGHT OF COVID-19

13:45 **Qualification for international protection – a judicial perspective**

- Recast Qualification Directive: revocation of international protection
- The proposed Qualification Regulation: a key factor for an effective and efficient common asylum system?

Katelijne Declerck

14:15 Discussion

14:30 **Asylum procedures and the principle of *non-refoulement***

- Asylum Procedures Directive (recast): applicability in relation to existing international protection instruments in the Member States
- Basic safeguards, principles and procedural guarantees?
- Towards a common standard of procedural guarantees for asylum-seekers?

Flip Schüller

15:00 Discussion

15:15 Coffee break

15:45 **Detention of applicants for international protection during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond**

16:15 Discussion

Objective

The aim of this conference is to provide legal practitioners with an update on the reform of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), the efforts undertaken to harmonise standards in EU asylum policy, as well as challenges in the management of asylum and migration policy due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recent developments in the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights will also be addressed.

Who should attend?

Staff of government bodies and national asylum authorities, asylum lawyers and judges in national courts, NGOs, EU civil servants

You will learn...

- the state of play in reforming the CEAS
- about challenges in managing European asylum and migration policy in unsettling times
- the impact of COVID-19 on asylum and reception systems in the EU and Member States
- about relevant new legislative developments
- about asylum procedures and the principle of non-refoulement
- about the problems related to the detention of applicants for international protection
- about cooperation with third countries in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic
- about new case law of the European courts

Live Stream

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Venue

ERA Conference Centre
Metzer Allee 4, 54295 Trier

- 16:30 **Developments in legislative areas directly related to asylum**
- Regulation on interoperability of EU information systems in the areas of justice and home affairs
 - Recast Return Directive
 - Return decisions in times of COVID-19
- Dries Lensen*
- 17:15 Discussion
- 17:30 End of first conference day
- 18:00 Guided city walking tour
- 19:30 Dinner

Friday, 16 October 2020

IV. CONTRIBUTION OF THE EUROPEAN COURTS TO SHAPING THE CEAS

- 09:30 **The European Court of Human Rights jurisprudence on current issues related to asylum and return decisions**
- Markella Papadouli*
- 10:00 Discussion
- 10:15 **Asylum and return: recent jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the EU**
- 10:45 Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee break

V. COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- 11:30 **Greek-Turkish border crisis in times of pandemics and beyond – geopolitics of asylum and migration law**
- Achilles Skordas*
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:15 **Ensuring safe and legal pathways for global migration:**
- The global compact on responsibility-sharing for refugees
 - UNHCR emergency assistance in times of conflict and COVID-19
 - Cooperation with the EU and other actors
- 12:45 Discussion
- 13:00 Light lunch and end of conference

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What participants liked in 2019

- “High standard of organization! Top!”
- “The choice of topics and interesting contribution of speakers”
- “Impressive speakers”
- “Meeting people working with asylum and migration in different functions”
- “Documents were well organized”
- “Recent jurisprudence on current issues related to asylum and return”
- “Detailed insight in policy and case law, excellent”

Your contact persons



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 Online conference, 22-23 October 2020

Annual Conference on European Immigration Law 2020
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