
Conference

Governing Asylum at the EU External Borders

The Transformation of Border Governance under the New Pact on Migration and Asylum

Thursday 23 April 2026 - 9:00 > 16:30

Friday 24 April 2026 - 10:00 > 12:30

Scientific direction

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Programme

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9:30 – 10:00 **OPENING REMARKS**

Rebecca-Emmanouela Papadopoulou

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Sarah Durelle Marc

Dean of the Law Faculty, Université Catholique de Lille, France

Phil Worthington

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10:00 – 11:15 **PANEL I
NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATIONS OF SCREENING AND BORDER
ASYLUM PROCEDURES AT EXTERNAL BORDERS**

Chair and discussant:

Sian Donkers

PhD Candidate in EU law Scuola Superiore di Sant'Anna, Italy

Speakers:

**Italy's Border Regime ahead of the EU Pact: the Extraterritorial
Turn and the Right to Liberty**

Eleonora Celoria

Lawyer, Post-doc Università Studi di Torino, Italy

**Denial of Protection in Hungary: Challenges at the EU External
Border**

Anikó Bakonyi

*Director, Refugee Programme, Hungarian Helsinki Committee
Budapest, Hungary*

**Challenges in Reception and Asylum Procedures in Greece:
Observations from the Field?**

Chrysoula Archontaki and Christina Voulimenea

European Lawyers in Lesvos (ELIL), Greece

11:15 – 11:45 **BREAK**

11:45 – 12:30

PANEL II
CRISIS NARRATIVES AND EU BORDER GOVERNANCE

Chair and discussant:

Anastasios Brakatsoulas

Researcher and Teaching Assistant, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

Speakers:

The Codification of the Performativity of “Instrumentalised Migration”. Migration in Times of Crisis: Legal Insights and Humanitarian Challenges

Sian Donkers

PhD Candidate in EU law Scuola Superiore di Sant’Anna, Italy

Responding to migration instrumentalization pressure: fair human rights standards under the New Pact on Migration and Asylum?

Ketevan Khutsishvili

Professor in International Law, Director, International Criminal Law Centre, Tbilisi State University, Georgia

12:45 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 16:00

PANEL III
OPERATIONAL PRACTICES AND BORDER CONTROL TECHNIQUES

Chair and discussant:

Metaxia Kouskouna

Professor in EU law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

Speakers:

Finding the balance between effective migration management and safeguarding human rights under the New Pact on Migration and Asylum

Ioanna Theodoropoulou

Legal Advisor EUAA-MoMA, Greece

The Role of EU Agencies in the New Pact and the Protection of Defence Rights

Agostina Pirrello

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Migration in Calais: Bypassing Asylum in France to Reach the United Kingdom - Legal Challenges and Responses

Ioannis Panoussis

Professor in International Law, Université Catholique de Lille, France

Pullbacks in the English Channel: French Border Practices and the Transformation of Control

Silvia Bartolini

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16:00 - 16:30 OPEN DISCUSSION

Friday 24 April 2026 - 10:00 > 12:30

10:00 - 12:30 CONCLUDING EVENT - LEGAL CLINIC

10:00 – 11:00 PANEL IV
LEGAL CLINIC OF THE MASTER IN HUMAN RIGHTS, SECURITY
AND DEVELOPMENT - UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE DE LILLE,
FRANCE

Chair and discussant:

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Speakers:

Screening at the EU External Border and the Risk of De Facto Detention

Leonider Opande and Megi Tymi

Université Catholique de Lille, France

Age Assessment as a Gateway to Child Protection : Does the New Pact Ensure the Best Interests of the Child for Unaccompanied Minors?

Louise Coupez, Léonore Dubost and Mélanie Morel

Université Catholique de Lille, France

11:00 - 12:00 OPEN DISCUSSION

12:00 – 12:30 CLOSING REMARKS

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