



ESIL Interest Group on Migration and Refugee Law

in partnership with the Human Rights Research League



presents:

Pre-conference ESIL Interest Group Workshop

*"In/Ex-clusivity of International Migration and Refugee Law:
The Rights Holders' Perspective"*

Utrecht (The Netherlands), 31 August 2022

-- CALL FOR PAPERS --

The Interest Group (IG) on Migration and Refugee Law ([MigRefLaw](#)) of the European Society of International Law (ESIL), in partnership with the [Human Rights Research League](#), is organising a workshop on **31 August 2022 (Wednesday)** in Utrecht (The Netherlands), as a side event of this year's [ESIL Annual Conference](#).

This year's theme of the ESIL Annual Conference concerns the *"In/Ex-clusivity of International Law"*, which will be addressed by the IG MigRefLaw workshop from the perspective of the rights' holders, within the framework of international migration and refugee law.

The IG pre-conference workshop will look at the triggers for inclusion and exclusion in the legal framework governing (forced and voluntary) human mobility, as well as international protection, with the aim to outline how dialectic tensions underpinning this legal framework shapes individual access to and enjoyment of rights. Whom does international law protect and through which legal framing of the subject of the protection? Is a right-based approach to protect non-nationals always the answer?

The IG MigRefLaw – acting as the organising committee for this workshop, in cooperation with the Human Rights Research League – welcomes proposals for papers addressing mainly (but not limited to) the following themes:

- Borders as dynamic demarcation lines and the impact of 'externalisation' of migration control on rights holders;
- The dichotomy of economic migrant – refugee under international law: still fit for purpose?;
- Safe pathways to asylum versus perilous journeys: how does the pathway shape individual rights?;
- The right to an effective remedy and the specialty of international migration/refugee law: how to strike a fair balance?;
- The North/South axis of EU migration and asylum law: an appraisal of the bifurcation of asylum rights in the aftermath of the war in Ukraine;
- A “soft inside-hard outside” model of integration for third-country nationals in the EU and beyond. What role for the non-discrimination principle?;
- In- and exclusiveness of international law and the protection of stateless persons.

The IG MigRefLaw invites submissions of abstracts, written in English or French, of no more than **300 words**. Applications should be submitted to migreflaw@gmail.com by **30 April 2022**, with a one-page curriculum vitae containing the author's name, institutional affiliation, contact information (e-mail and phone number), and whether the applicant is member of ESIL. Selected speakers will be notified by **10 May 2022** via e-mail.

After the selection process, we are aiming for **Blogposts** from the selected speakers, of up to 3000-3500 words. The Blogposts should be sent to the IG conveners by **30 May 2022**. Selected speakers who are ESIL members can apply for [travel grants](#) and [carers' grants](#), **before the deadline of 1 June 2022**. In addition, up to five eligible authors from low-income economies, whose abstracts are selected for presentation, will receive a one-year ESIL membership, including an online subscription to the European Journal of International Law, **sponsored** by the **Human Rights Research League**.

We also encourage applicants to submit applications for the [Young Scholar Prize \(YSP\)](#), which will be notified to the ESIL Secretariat by the IG MigRefLaw. By 1 July 2022, final papers to be considered by the YSP jury should be sent to the ESIL Secretariat (as per [online instructions](#)).

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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.