<u>Joint Webinar of the ESIL Interest Group 'The EU as a Global Actor' and the University of Salamanca, Faculty of Law</u>

PROGRAMME

The externalisation of EU migration policies in light of EU constitutional principles and values: a global actor to trust?

10 June 2021 (Thursday)

[Online Event – Via Zoom. You can register here

9:00h – 13:00h

Concept

In recent years, the EU has substantially intensified its activities directed at externalizing immigration, asylum and border control management to the territories of third countries with the aim of reducing the pressure on Mediterranean Member States and preventing migrants and refugees from risking their lives when arriving at European soil. This process of externalisation of migration control comes together with an increased securitization of aims and means, even military ones; a more intense involvement of EU Agencies with extended mandates; and a constant informalisation of instruments of cooperation with third countries. The emergence and development of this specific model of EU migration policy, which appears to consolidate in light of the New Pact on Migration and Asylum, is being often realised at the expense of democratic scrutiny, judicial supervision, transparency and, most importantly, the protection of human rights, also entailing unprecedented challenges for the legitimacy of the EU in its international projection. The aim of this seminar is, therefore, to address the latest developments in the externalisation of EU migration management, particularly those implemented in cooperation with third countries, and to assess their compliance with the requirements imposed by the EU constitutional framework, specifically with the principles and values that should guide Union's external conduct in this area.

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9:00 – 9:15   **Introduction by the Convenors (Juan SANTOS VARA, Paula GARCÍA ANDRADE and Tamas MOLNAR)**

9:15 – 9:45   **Tineke STRIK (Member of the European Parliament, LIBE Committee) – Opening remarks**

9:45 – 10:50   <u>Panel 1</u> **– Chair: Christine KADDOUS** (University of Geneva)

Daniel THYM (University of Konstanz) – EU cooperation with third states on asylum: the false dilemma of values or interests

Valsamis MITSILEGAS (Queen Mary University of London) – The externalisation of migration control and Europe's rule of law deficit

Paula GARCÍA ANDRADE (Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid) – Tackling migration through CFSP/CDSP: legal basis, competence, and institutional questions

Caterina MOLINARI (University of Leuven) – Informal readmission deals: a no-win game?

10:50 – 11:10 Q & A session

11:10 –11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:35   <u>Panel 2</u> **– Chair: Melanie FINK** (Leiden University)

Juan SANTOS VARA (University of Salamanca) – The externalisation of border controls: the activities of Frontex in the territory of third countries

Mariagiulia GIUFFRÉ (Edge Hill University) – Extraterritorial jurisdiction in rescue operations on the high seas

Lilian TSOURDI (Maastricht University) – Steering through funding? The role of EU funding in externalisation practices

Tamas MOLNAR (Corvinus University of Budapest/EU Agency for Fundamental Rights) – EU Member States' international responsibility for breaching the *non-refoulement* obligation and the right to leave when cooperating with third countries: evolving areas of law

12:35 – 12:55 Q & A session

12:55 – 13:15 Closing remarks

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