



Call for abstracts for the second Jean Monnet NOVA-EU workshop

Migration and EU Borders



Format: 1.5-day workshop

Date: Monday 30 & Tuesday 31 March 2020

Venue: Maastricht, the Netherlands

1. Introduction and scope of the workshop

The **Maastricht Centre for European Law** is launching a **call for papers** for a workshop on **Migration and EU Borders**. This workshop forms part of a series of four workshops within **the Jean Monnet NOVA-EU project** coordinated by Professor Dr Andrea Ott. **NOVA-EU** aims to stimulate discussion and enhance research into four key challenges:

- **Digitalisation, Ethics and EU Fundamental Rights;**
- **Migration and EU Borders;**
- **Social and Sustainable Europe v. Free Trade Europe;**
- **EU Rule of Law and Democracy.**

These challenges heavily impact the European Union's governance structure, regulatory framework, identity and, most importantly, its future.

The EU's 2015-2016 'migration crisis' was a stress test for the EU's asylum and migration management. Member States' 'strategic non-use of Europe' in the aftermath of the 'crisis' raises

questions about the prospects for a truly common EU migration and asylum policy. The reintroduction of border controls by some Member States threatened to undo the major achievements under Schengen. Against the backdrop of growing populism, burden-shifting by member states, and the distraction of Brexit, the Commission's 'Agenda on Migration' has achieved mixed results. The divisions and disagreements between the Member States are illustrated by the fact that only some Member States signed the UN's Global Compact for Migration in December 2018. Meanwhile, both the Member States and the EU institutions continue to pursue cooperation with non-EU countries on migration management. However, the choice of countries for cooperation (such as Turkey, Libya and Afghanistan) and the format of these cooperative frameworks (non-legally binding, and excluding democratic oversight by the European Parliament) have been heavily criticized by both legal scholars and civil society.

2. Format of the workshop

The workshop **Migration and EU Borders** aims to contribute to the academic and policy debate by discussing these highly important issues in an interdisciplinary setting. It will include speakers from diverse disciplines such as **law, humanities, social sciences, and migration studies**. We expressly encourage both **junior (PhD or postdoctoral level) and senior researchers** to apply. Given the applied nature of NOVA-EU project, we strongly encourage participants **to reflect on the problems also from the policy perspective** with the view of

offering policy recommendations during the workshop. The latter will form a springboard for a policy brief to be presented to the European Commission as one of the outputs of the project.

Selected papers will be published online in the [Maastricht Faculty of Law Working Paper](#) series. At the end of the two-year NOVA-EU project (autumn 2021), selected papers from all four workshops of the NOVA-EU project will be published in an edited volume with a renowned publisher.

We specifically encourage interdisciplinary papers on the following topics:

- **Current state of (the common) EU migration and asylum policy 20 years after the Tampere conclusions and future developments.**
- **Institutional dynamics in EU migration and asylum policy**, including the role of the European Parliament and other actors such as civil society organizations and EU agencies.
- **The fundamental rights dimension** of the advancement of the European Agenda on Migration.
- **Norms, rule of law, and democratic governance of EU migration and asylum policy**, including ideas of equitable 'burden-sharing' of asylum-seekers, the EU plans for relocation and resettlement, and the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union.
- **EU migration and asylum policy in a global context**, including the recent adoption of the two UN Compacts on migration and refugees, other global regulation attempts, as

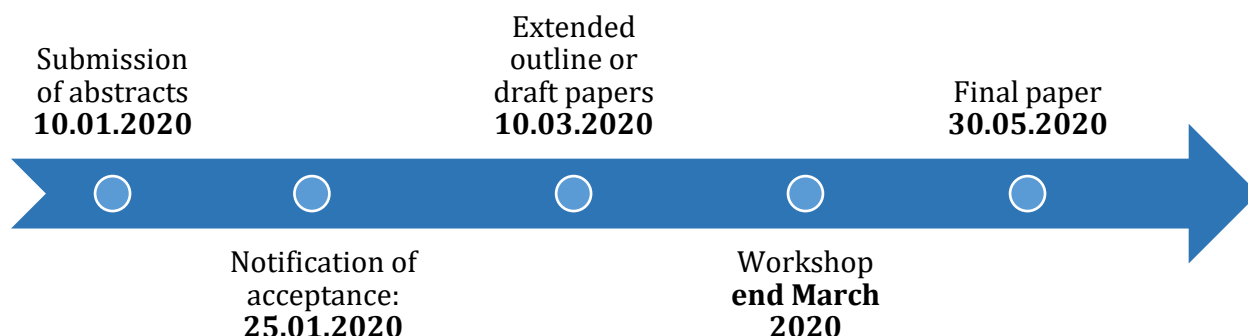
well as policies of traditional countries of immigration and resettlement such as Australia.

- **Externalisation of EU border management**, including the driving forces and legal effects of EU external migration policy as well as the parallel action of Member States and the issues arising from this externalization under EU institutional law and international law.

3. Practical information

If you are interested to participate as a speaker and deliver a paper, please upload a **300-500 words abstract** of your paper by **10 January 2020**, together with a short bio, through the online system, available under the following [LINK](#).

Important deadlines:



4. Organisational matters

Covered expenses: Accommodation costs (one night), travel costs (with a maximum limit) and a lunch & a dinner will be covered for paper givers.

For more information about the workshop, do not hesitate to contact **Ms. Elke Hundhausen** per e-mail: elke.hundhausen@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

5. Academic workshop committee

- Prof. Hildegard Schneider (Chair of the workshop committee), Professor of European Union Law and Jean Monnet Chair in European Migration Law, Law Faculty, Maastricht University;
- Prof. Andrea Ott (Coordinator of the Jean Monnet NOVA-EU project), Professor of EU External Relations Law and Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law, Law Faculty, Maastricht University;
- Prof. Sergio Carrera, Senior Research Fellow/Head of the Justice and Home Affairs Programme at CEPS, Brussels and Professor at the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute, Florence;
- Dr Lilian Tsourdi, Assistant Professor and Dutch Research Council grantee, Law Faculty, Maastricht University;
- Dr Zvezda Vankova, Researcher and Dutch Research Council grantee, Law Faculty, Maastricht University and Lund University.

