



## **SEMINAR**

**European Convention on Human Rights and international refugee law compliant procedures at state borders**

***Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and measures taken in the context of the execution of judgments***

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*Registry of the European Court of Human Rights and the UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg*

## **AGENDA**

**European Court of Human Rights, Seminar Room**

*Allée des Droits de l'Homme*

**Strasbourg, 25 October 2024**

Working languages: English & French

- 09:00 – 09:30**      **Registration (including welcome coffee/tea)**
- 09:30 – 09:50**      **Welcome address and introduction to the seminar**  
**Marko BOŠNJAK**, President, European Court of Human Rights
- 09:50 – 10:20**      **Opening remarks: Main challenges faced by persons seeking international protection at state borders and applicable principles of international refugee law**  
**Philippe LECLERC**, Director, UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe, Geneva
- 10:20 – 12:30**      **Session 1: Prohibition of collective expulsions (Art. 4 Prot. IV), Admission to territory and to procedures for persons seeking international protection**
- 10:20 – 10:50**      **Key principles from the ECtHR’s case-law on genuine and effective access to means of legal entry and asylum procedures**  
**Armen HARUTYUNYAN**, Judge, European Court of Human Rights
- 10:50 – 11:20**      Observations, Questions and Answers
- 11:20 – 11:40**      *Coffee Break and group photo (forecourt of the Court- weather permitting)*
- 11:40 – 12:30**      **Panel Discussion** moderated by Filippos **KARATSIDIS**, Public Prosecutor of First Instance, Xanthi, Greece; with Judge **Jacek CHLEBNY**, President, Supreme Administrative Court, Poland; **Kaisa PÄRSSINEN-KNIGHT**, Judge Referee, Supreme Administrative Court, Helsinki, Finland, **Armen HARUTYUNYAN**, Judge, European Court of Human Rights
- 12:30 – 14:00**      *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 16:40**      **Session 2: Protection against Refoulement under Art. 3 ECHR & Removal to “Safe Third Country” – procedural obligations and legal considerations under international law**
- 14:00 – 14:20**      **Overview of main challenges encountered by applicants**  
**Catherine WOOLLARD**, Director, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), Brussels
- 14:20 – 14:45**      **Key principles from the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights**  
**Kateřina ŠIMÁČKOVÁ**, Judge, European Court of Human Rights

- 14:45 – 15:10** Questions, Answers, Observations
- 15:10 – 15:30** **Measures taken by states to implement relevant judgments by the European Court of Human Rights**
- Clare BROWN**, Head of Division, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
- 15:30 – 15:45** Questions, Answers, Observations
- 15:45 – 16:00** *Coffee Break*
- 16:00 – 16:40** **Panel Discussion** moderated by Upper Tribunal Judge Judith **GLEESON**, Tribunals International Lead Judge, Deputy Principal Resident Judge, The Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber), The United Kingdom, with Luca **PERILLI**, Judge, Civil Court of Catania, Italy, Specialized Division for Immigration, International Protection and Free Movement of EU Citizens; **Michael HOPPE**, Judge, Higher-Administrative Court Baden-Württemberg, Mannheim, Germany, Vice-President IARMJ-Europe; **Kateřina ŠIMÁČKOVÁ**, Judge, European Court of Human Rights
- 16:40 – 17:00** **Wrap-up and Closing Remarks**
- Andreas WISSNER**, UNHCR Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg  
**Abel CAMPOS**, Deputy Registrar, European Court of Human Rights
- 17:00 – 18:00** *Reception*