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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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Biographies

Biographies of Speakers

Marko BOŠNJAK, President, European Court of Human Rights

President Marko BOŠNJAK graduated in Law from the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, in 1996. He worked as a research assistant (1996-2002), research fellow (2002-2006), and senior research fellow (2006-2008) at the Institute of Criminology, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law. He then pursued a Judicial traineeship at the Court of Appeal in Ljubljana from 1998 to 2000 and obtained a Masters' degree from the Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana in 1999. He completed the State Judicial Exam in 2001 and he obtained a Ph.D. in Law at the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law in 2002. He worked as an Independent advisor (2002-2006) and Superior advisor (2006-2008) to the Constitutional Court of Slovenia. He was Assistant Professor for criminal law and criminology at the Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana (2005-2015) and Lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ljubljana (2006-2012). He served as an Expert Member of the Council for Criminal Law of the Ministry of Justice of Slovenia (2008-2011) and as an Attorney specialised in criminal law (2009-2016). Since 2012, he has been Associate Professor of criminal law at the European Law Faculty of Nova Gorica, Slovenia. Since 30 May 2016 President Marko BOŠNJAK has served as Judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Slovenia, where he held the positions of Vice-President of Section (from 15 May 2019 to 17 May 2021), President of Section (from 1 January 2022 to 1 July 2024), Vice-President of the Court (from 1 November 2022 to 1 July 2024) and President of the Court (since 2 July 2024).



Clare BROWN, Head of Division in the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

Clare BROWN has been working in the Council of Europe for more than 15 years. She is currently Head of one of the three legal divisions of the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights. In that capacity, she works on the judgments pending before the Committee of Ministers related to over 20 member states. Previously, she also worked in the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights. Before joining the Council of Europe, she worked in the United Kingdom as a lawyer specialising in asylum and migration law.

Abel CAMPOS, Deputy Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights

Deputy Registrar Abel CAMPOS graduated in Law and Economics and Legal Sciences studies from the University of Coimbra (1983-1988). He worked as Lawyer to the Lisbon Bar between 1989 and 1991. He was Legal officer of the Secretariat of the former European Commission of Human Rights from 1991 to 1998. He worked as Legal officer (1998-2002), Head of Division (2002-2012), Deputy Section Registrar (2014-2016), and Section Registrar (since 2016) of the European Court of Human Rights. He was Seconded to the Secretariat of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Secretary to the Human Rights meetings (2012-2014). He has been Deputy Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights since 1 December 2020.



Jacek CHLEBNY, President, Supreme Administrative Court of Poland

President Jacek CHLEBNY has served as a judge of various courts in Łódź with responsibility in civil matters (1985–1993). He has served as Judge of the Supreme Administrative Court since 1994 and as President of this Court since 2022. He is also Full Professor of the Faculty of Law of the University of Łódź. His publications include books, commentaries and papers in the field of administrative law and immigration / refugee law. Since 1997 he has been member of the International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ, formerly International Association of Refugee Law Judges - IARLJ) and he is one of the co-founders of the IARLJ in 1997. In the past, he has been a member of the IARLJ Council (1997–2002), chairperson of the “Asylum Procedures” IARLJ working group, and member of the Board of the IARLJ (2009–2014). Since 2014, he has been member of the Board of the Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union (ACA–Europe: ACA–Europe). Since 2016, he is member of the Editorial Board of *Zeszyty Naukowe Sądownictwa Administracyjnego* (Scientific Bulletin of the Administrative Courts), and since 2017, he is also the National Contact Person for the Judiciary in Poland for the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA, formerly European Asylum Support Office - EASO).



Judith GLEESON, Tribunals International Lead Judge, Deputy Principal Resident Judge at the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) of the United Kingdom

Judge Gleeson is Deputy Principal Resident Judge at the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) and is the Senior President of Tribunals' International Lead Judge. She is Chair of the Supervisory Council of the International Association of Refugee Law Judges and speaks on refugee law around the world. She has a lifelong interest in comparative law. Judge Gleeson read Law at Lady Margaret Hall Oxford and was a Weiner-Anspach scholar at the Université Libre de Bruxelles before qualifying as a solicitor of the Supreme Court in 1981. Judge Gleeson practised as a solicitor for 15 years, specialising in cross-frontier legal issues. Her judicial career began in 1993, and she has been a judge at the second appeals level in the Immigration and Asylum judiciary since 2010. Judge Gleeson is the author of a number of leading country guidance decisions which are cited in English-speaking jurisdictions worldwide. Her country guidance decisions include SM (lone women - ostracism) Pakistan (CG) [2016] UKUT 67 (IAC), AR and NH (lesbians) (CG) [2016] UKUT 66 (IAC), LH and IP (gay men: risk) (CG) [2015] UKUT 73 (IAC), GP & Ors (South Korean citizenship) North Korea CG [2014] UKUT 391 (IAC), QH (Christians - risk) (China) CG [2014] UKUT 86 (IAC), GJ (post-civil war: returnees) Sri Lanka CG [2013] UKUT 319 (IAC), MN and others (Ahmadis - country conditions - risk) Pakistan CG [2012] UKUT 389 (IAC) and AX (family planning scheme) China CG [2012] UKUT 97 (IAC)).



Armen HARUTYUNYAN, Judge, European Court of Human Rights

Judge Armen HARUTYUNYAN graduated in Law from Yerevan State University, Law Department (1981-1986). He was awarded a PhD from the Institute of State and Law of Academy of Science of the USSR, Moscow (1986-1989). He worked as an Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Senior Professor of Yerevan State University, Law Department, Division of Constitutional and International Law (1989-2002) and became Doctor of Law of the Academy of Public Administration of Russian Federation, Moscow (1996-1997). He served as Member of the Commission on Constitutional reforms (1997-2001), as Legal Advisor of the Constitutional Court of Armenia (1997-2005), and as Representative of the President of the Republic of Armenia on Constitutional reforms (2001-2005). He worked as Rector of the Public Administration Academy of Armenia (2002-2006) and as Deputy Representative of Armenia to the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) (2002-2011). He has been a Member of the Council of Justice of Armenia (2004-2005) and President of the European Law Association of Armenia (2004-2011). He became Human Rights Defender (Ombudsman) of Armenia to the Human Rights Defender's Institution of Armenia (2006-2011). He has been Member (2008-2011) and external member (2011-2015) of the Board of European Ombudsman Institute. In 2007, he Graduated from the Human Rights Law Centre, School of Law, University of Nottingham. He then became Member of the Armenian Bar Association of North America, Los Angeles (2007-2011) and Honorary Member of the French Association of Armenian Advocates and Lawyers (AFAJA), Paris (2008-2011). He worked as Regional Representative of the Regional Office for Central Asia of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2011 and 2014) and as Head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2014-2015). In 2015, he became Member (external) of the Commission of Constitutional amendments of Ukraine. Since 17 September 2015, he has served as Judge of the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Armenia.



Michael HOPPE, Judge of the Higher Administrative Court of Baden-Württemberg, Mannheim, Germany, Vice-President, IARMJ-Europe

Judge HOPPE has been Presiding Judge at the Higher Administrative Court of Baden-Württemberg, Germany since January 2024 and has been dealing with refugee and migration law as a judge since 2000. From 2019 until January 2024, he served as Vice-President of the Administrative Court of Karlsruhe. During his career, he was seconded to the Federal Constitutional Court and the Federal Administrative Court, which is the Supreme Administrative Court in Germany. He is member of the Judicial Experts' Pool of the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA), Vice-President of the European Chapter of the International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ) and member of the Council and Rapporteur of the Working Party on procedures of IARMJ Global.



Filippos KARATSIDIS, Public Prosecutor, Greece

Filippos KARATSIDIS graduated in Law from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Faculty of Law, in 1998. He worked as Attorney, specialized in criminal law (1999-2005). He was admitted in the National School of Judiciary, in 2005 and after graduation and traineeship, he was appointed as deputy public prosecutor in Thessaloniki, in 2006. In 2012, he obtained an MSc from the faculty of Law/Section of criminal and criminology sciences, of the Democritus University of Thrace. Participated in scientific seminars on criminal law, criminal procedures and criminology on specialized matters as domestic violence, money laundering, violence in athletic meetings, organized crime. He was appointed as teaching professor of criminal law at the Police Academy in the cities of Didymoteicho, Komotini and Xanthi (2007-2010 and 2021-2024). He served as deputy public prosecutor in Thessaloniki, Orestiada, Alexandroupoli, Komotini and Serres and as chief public prosecutor in Naxos, Agrinio, Orestiada (2006-2023) and, in 2023, he was appointed as chief public prosecutor in the city of Xanthi. Due to his service in cities located in Thrace and near the Greek-Turkish borders he obtained experience in the field of the legal procedures for refugees at state borders and investigations on allegations for illegal expulsions.



Philippe LECLERC, Director, UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe, Geneva

Philippe LECLERC is the Europe Bureau Director of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) since 2 October 2023. He graduated in International Law in Paris in 1986 and served as Cultural Attaché for the Embassy of France in Tirana, Albania (1987-1988). He has been working for UNHCR since 1990 in various positions throughout the world. He has been in charge of protection of refugees in Cameroon (1990-1992), in Bosnia-Herzegovina and in Serbia (1993), in Slovenia (1994-1995), in Brussels (1996), in Geneva UNHCR Headquarters as the Head of the Liaison Office for Switzerland and Liechtenstein (1996-2000), then in charge of the organization of the first Ministerial Meeting of State Parties to the UN Convention on the Status of Refugees held in the context of the Global Consultations on the protection of refugees on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention (2001). He was Assistant Chief of Mission in Kabul, Afghanistan (2002-2003), Head of the Statelessness Unit within the Division of International Protection at UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva (2004- 2008), and Deputy-Representative in Damascus, Syria (2008-2010). He also participated to many emergency missions to the field, the last of which was in the Central African Republic from December 2013 to February 2014. He was the Representative in France (2010-2015) and in Greece (2015-2020). He lastly served as the Representative in Türkiye between January 2021 – September 2023, before his assignment as UNHCR Europe Bureau Director.



Kaisa PÄRSSINEN-KNIGHT, Judge Referee, Supreme Administrative Court, Finland

Kaisa PÄRSSINEN-KNIGHT has been working as a judge referee at the Supreme Administrative Court of Finland since 2016. She has been dealing with a wide variety of administrative law issues with a special focus on questions linked to EU law and international human rights and non-discrimination. Prior to that, she worked as a permanent official for the European Commission (currently on leave since 2016) and in an international law firm in Brussels. In addition to a law degree from the University of Turku, she holds an LL.M. from the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium).

Luca PERILLI, Judge, Specialised Court for the International Protection of Catania (Italy)

Luca Perilli is an Italian Judge since 1996, experienced in asylum law. Since January 2016, he has served as the Italian National Contact Point for the Courts and Tribunals Network of the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA) and he is a member of the Judicial Experts' Pool of Agency (EUAA). From 2016 to January 2020, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Italian School for the Judiciary (SSM) and, from November 2016 to January 2020, a member of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) Steering Committee. From 2008 to 2017, as an EU independent expert, he took part in more than 20 peer-based missions organised by the EC DG Just and DG NEAR in the context of the negotiations (chapter 23: Judiciary and fundamental rights) for the accession of candidate Countries to the EU. In this capacity, he assessed facts and legislation in light of the Rule of Law standard and Fundamental Rights protection and drafted public independent reports containing fact findings, evaluations, and recommendations. Since 2005, he has been a speaker at several international conferences and workshops about human rights, the rule of law, asylum law, effectiveness and quality of justice, and judicial training.



Kateřina ŠIMÁČKOVÁ, Judge, European Court of Human Rights

Judge Kateřina ŠIMÁČKOVÁ graduated from a Master of Law of the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University in Brno in 1988. She was a Lecturer for the Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science, Faculty of Law, Masaryk University in Brno (1990-1993) (2001 – 2007), a Law clerk to the Constitutional Court of the Federal Republic of Czechoslovakia in 1992 and a Practising lawyer and litigator between 1994 and 2009. In 2007, she was awarded a PhD in Law from the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University in Brno. Since 2007, she has been Assistant Professor at the Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science, Faculty of Law, Masaryk University in Brno. She served as a Member of the Government Legislative Council of the Czech Republic (2007-2009), as a Member of the Committee on the selection of judges of the Civil Service Tribunal at the Court of Justice of the European Union (2009-2013) and as a Judge to the Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic (2009-2013). She was a Substitute Member of the European Commission for Democracy Through Law (Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe (2010-2021) and a Member of the Examination Committee for the purpose of judicial qualification exams in the area



of constitutional law, organisation of justice and organisation of public prosecution (2010-2021). She has served as Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic (2013-2021) and as *Ad hoc* Judge of the European Court of Human Rights (2016-2021). She is a Member of the Scientific Board of the Faculty of Law of Charles University, Prague, since 2016 and a Certified trainer of the HELP Programme of the Council of Europe since 2020. Since 13 December 2021, she has served as Judge of the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Czechia.

Andreas WISSNER, UNHCR Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg

Andreas Wissner has been UNHCR's Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg since 2020. Before, he served as Head of National Office for UNHR in Belize between 2017 and 2020, following terms as Senior Staff Development Officer for UNHCR's Global Learning Center since 2015 and as Senior Protection Officer for UNHCR in Nairobi (Kenya), in 2013 and 2014. From 2007 to 2013, Mr. Wissner worked as a Senior Legal Officer at the Bureau for Europe of UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva, covering UNHCR's operations in Europe, with an initial responsibility for the EU countries and later as of 2009, covering Eastern Europe, Türkiye and the Balkans. Between 2004 and 2007, Mr. Wissner was Protection Officer with UNHCR in Paris (France), subsequent to his assignments in similar functions in Dili (Timor Leste), from 2002 to 2004 and in Mashad (Iran), from 2000 to 2002. His initial posting was as Associate Protection / Repatriation Officer in Quetta (Pakistan), where he started out his career with UNHCR in 1997. Mr. Wissner is a lawyer by training and speaks English, French, Portuguese and Spanish besides his native German.



Catherine WOOLLARD, Director, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), Brussels

Catherine WOOLLARD took up the position of Director of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles in 2016. ECRE is a pan-European alliance of 127 NGOs in 40 European countries working to defend the rights of displaced people in Europe and in Europe's external policies. ECRE's work covers litigation, advocacy and communications. She holds a BA, LLB and LLM and is an adjunct Professor of Law at the VUB (Free University of Brussels).

