

A Human Act or Devil's Pact?

Human rights aspects of migration agreements between EU and third countries

The Hague Institute for Global Justice, Sophialaan 10, The Hague

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

12.00 – 12.45 Registration and lunch

12.45 – 13.05 Welcome and introduction by the chair- Ms. Adriana van Dooijeweert,
President of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

Opening speech – Prof. Theo de Roos, *President of the Meijers Committee*

SESSION 1 – THE NEW EU MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

13.05 – 13.30 **European Union policies to better manage migration; the case of Western Balkans and Turkey**

Speaker **Ms. Angelina Eichhorst**, *Deputy Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia, Director for Western Europe, Western Balkans and Turkey at the European External Action Service*

13.30 – 13.45 **Commentary by Mr. Jan Willem Beaujean**, *Deputy Director-General for International Migration, Ministry of Security and Justice*

13.45 – 14.00 **Commentary by Ms. Katrien Coppens**, *Delegate Director Medecins Sans Frontiers Holland*

14.00 – 14.20 Q&A



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SESSION 2 – ALTERNATIVES TO MANAGING MIGRATION

- 14.20 – 14.45 **A global vision: fixing the international refugee system**
Speaker **Prof. James C. Hathaway**, *founding Director of Michigan Law's Programme in Refugee and Asylum Law and distinguished Visiting Professor of International Refugee Law at the University of Amsterdam*
- 14.45 – 15.00 **Commentary by Ms. Tineke Strik**, *PhD, Member of the Dutch Senate and Member of the Dutch Delegation to the the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe*
- 15.00 – 15.15 **Commentary by Mr. Joris Schapendonk**, *PhD, Assistant Professor in Geography, Planning and Environment at the Radboud University Nijmegen*
- 15.15 – 15.35 Q&A
- 15.35 – 16.00 Coffee break

SESSION 3 – EU MIGRATION AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES: HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

- 16.00 – 16.25 **Saving lives in the Mediterranean, which agreements are feasible to manage migration?**
Speaker **Mr. Gerald Knaus**, *Director of the European Stability Initiative*
- 16.25 – 16.40 **Commentary by Mr. Maarten den Heijer**, *PhD, Assistant Professor in International Law, University of Amsterdam*
- 16.40 – 16.55 **Commentary by Ms. Fransje Molenaar**, *Research Fellow at the Conflict Research Unit of Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael*
- 16.55 – 17.15 Q&A
- 17.15 – 17.30 Closing remarks
- 17.30 Drinks and networking



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