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MIGRANTS AS A SWORD OR AS A SHIELD?

Instrumentalization of migration and hybrid threats through the prism of international and EU law

Friday 21 | 11 | 2025

Chiesa di Sant'Antonio Abate – Palazzo Steri
Piazza Marina 6, Palermo

9.30 – 11.00
GREETINGS

Massimo Midiri | University of Palermo, Rector
Armando Plaia | University of Palermo, Dean of the Department of Law
Michele Calantropo | Unione Forense per la Tutela dei Diritti Umani

INTRODUCTION

Moderator – Diego Mauri | University of Palermo, HYDRA Project

CAN THE INSTRUMENTALIZATION OF MIGRANTS FIT IN THE CONCEPT OF 'HYBRID THREATS'?

Francesca Tammone | Assistant Professor of International Law, University 'Magna Græcia' of Catanzaro

11.00 – 12.30
PANEL 1

LITIGATING THE INSTRUMENTALIZATION OF MIGRANTS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Moderator – Lorenzo Acconciamezza | University of Palermo

LITHUANIA V. BELARUS BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Dana Schmalz | Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg

HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTALIZED? LITIGATING HYBRID THREATS BEFORE THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Daria Sartori | Human Rights Lawyer, Executive Director European Public Interest and Human Rights Clinic, New York University – Paris Campus

THE EFFECTS OF THE INSTRUMENTALIZATION OF MIGRANTS FOR COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S MEMBER STATES

Grażyna Baranowska | Full Professor of Migration Law and Human Rights, Erlangen-Nuremberg University,
Member of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced and Voluntary Disappearances

14.30 – 15.45
PANEL 2

INSTRUMENTALIZATION, MIGRATION AND EUROPEAN BORDERS

Moderator – Francesco Luigi Gatta | University of Palermo, Re:Constitution

PROTECT SCHENGEN AT ALL COSTS!

Daniel Thym | Full Professor of European, Public and International Law, University of Konstanz

THE EU'S REACTION(S): SOLIDARITY, EMERGENCY AND SANCTIONS

Federico Casolari | Full Professor of European Union Law, University of Bologna

16.00 – 17.15
PANEL 3

RESPONDING TO INSTRUMENTALIZATION THROUGH EU LAW

Moderator – Enzamaría Tramontana | University of Palermo, HYDRA Project

RETHINKING 'MIGRANT INSTRUMENTALIZATION': REALITIES ON THE GROUND AT THE EU-BELARUS BORDER

Aleksandra Ancite-Jepifánova | Research Associate in Refugee Law, King's College London

MIGRATION EMERGENCIES: TENSIONS BETWEEN MEMBER STATES AND EU LAW

Salvatore Nicolosi | Associate Professor of European and International Law, University of Utrecht

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Massimo Starita | University of Palermo, HYDRA Project

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