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Gregor Noll

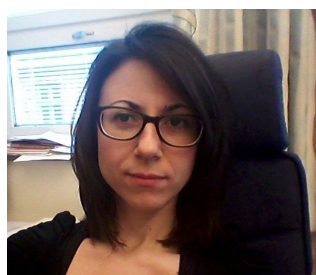
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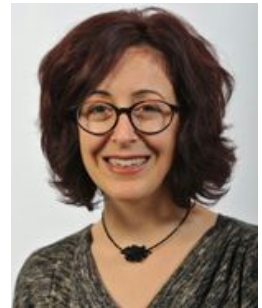
Eleni Karageorgiou is a doctoral candidate in Public International Law at Lund University, Faculty of Law. Her research is part of the Lund/Uppsala Migration Law Network (L/UMIN) and focuses on solidarity and responsibility sharing for persons in need of protection within the EU, seeking to analyse the distributive effects of the sharing mechanisms within the Common European Asylum System and the way they trigger questions of solidarity and justice.

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Pascal Schumacher studied law and criminology. At the European Union level, he has represented Luxembourg in the Europol and Frontex Management Boards. Nowadays he has integrated the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is currently delegated to the Luxembourgish Permanent Representation to the European Union. As a Justice and Home Affairs Counsellor, he is in charge of immigration, legal migration, borders, Schengen, free movement of persons and visa policies. During the Luxembourg Presidency he chaired the Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum (SCIFA).

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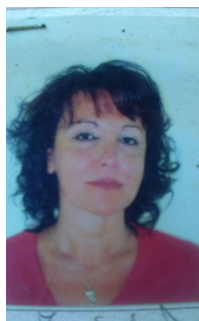
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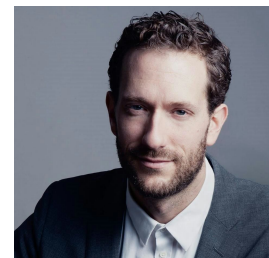
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