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- Barbou des Places, S. & Audren, F. “Ce que le global fait aux juristes. L’irruption du droit global dans l’espace juridique francophone.” *Revue Enquête* (2024, in press).
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Recent Publications:

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Recent Publications:

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- Ganty, S., Sevrin, E. "Rule of Law Abnegated: The Illusion of Asylum Seekers' Rights in Belgium." *Verfassungsblog*, 17 January 2024. DOI: 10.59704/38a104c9cafofofo.



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Recent Publications:

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Recent Publications:

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- Jakuleviciene, Lyra, Pre-Screening at the Border in the Asylum and Migration Pact: A Paradigm Shift for Asylum, Return and Detention Policies? pp. 81-97, in: Daniel Thym (eds.), Reforming the Common European Asylum System.



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- National Security Creep in the Use of Modern Technologies at the EU's External Borders, *Transnational Legal Theory* (Special Issue editor: Ivana Isailovic), 2024



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Recent Publications:

- Responsibility-determination under the new Asylum and Migration Management Regulation: plus ça change..., EU Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy, 2024/18/06
- Gérer les migrations « avec efficacité et compassion » grâce au nouveau Pacte? Gatta Francesco Luigi, Maiani Francesco, 2023/12/07. Revue du droit des étrangers, 2023 (217-218) pp. 9-12.
- Intégration européenne, Maiani Francesco, 2023/05/09. dans Matthey Fanny, Dupont Anne-Sylvie, Défago Gaudin Valérie(eds.) Glossaire scientifique en l'honneur de Pascal Mahon, Helbing Lichtenhahn.
- Book review: Law and Judicial Dialogue on the Return of Irregular Migrants from the European Union, Edited by Madalina Moraru, Galina Cornelisse and Philippe De Bruycker. (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2020) Maiani Francesco, 2023/02/01. Common Market Law Review, 60 (Issue 1) pp. 276-277.



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Recent Publications:

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- Violeta Moreno-Lax, 'EU Constitutional Dismantling through Strategic Informalisation: Soft Readmission Governance as Concerted Dis-integration', 30(1) *European Law Journal*, 2024, pp. 29-59
- Violeta Moreno-Lax, 'Meta-Borders and The Rule of Law: From Externalisation to Responsibilisation in Systems of Contactless Control', (2024) 71(1) *Netherlands International Law Review*, 2024, pp. 21-57



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Recent Publications:

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- Steve Peers, EU Justice and Home Affairs Law, 23 Oct 2023, 5 ed. Oxford:Oxford University Press; Oxford.
- Peers, S. & Costa, M., Steiner & Woods EU Law, 27 Jul 2023, Oxford: Oxford University Press; Oxford.



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- Tsourdi, E. (2023). Policy Implementation and Enforcement Through EU Migration Agencies: A Brave New World? In Symposium on The Agencies of the European Union: Legal Issues and Challenges (pp. 47-49). EU Law Live.



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Recent Publications:

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