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is pleased to invite you to a joint research seminar by

David Passarelli

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Doctoral student at Oxford Department of International Development (ODID, Oxford University),
UNU-GCM Honorary Associate Research Fellow

Public framing of obligation: interpretations of irregular migrant rights in public discourse

This research seminar draws on a doctoral research project that looks at how obligations to provide education to irregular migrant children are understood and instantiated in practice both in Canada and the United Kingdom. The main aim of this seminar will be to highlight differing narratives invoked by public authorities with respect to the rights of irregular migrant children to education. I am specifically interested in exploring the ways public authorities and civil society actors at the city level articulate notions of obligation in public forums.

AND

Dr Sarah Leonard

Senior Lecturer in Politics,
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Prof Dr Christian Kaunert

Prof of International Politics, Jean Monnet Prof EU
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Refugees, Security and the European Union

The main aim of this work is to analyse the extent and the modalities of the securitization of asylum-seekers and refugees in the European Union (EU). There is a commonly held view in the existing literature that migrants and asylum-seekers in the EU have been securitized, that is, socially constructed as security threats. This research distinguishes the asylum policy of the EU from its policies on migrants and border controls on the basis of the literature on 'venue-shopping' and policy venues. It also makes a distinction between the EU asylum policy and the EU's policy towards asylum-seekers and refugees. The paper argues that the development of the EU asylum policy has actually led to the strengthening and codification of several rights for these two categories of persons. However, the securitization of irregular migration has led to a significant strengthening of EU external border controls, which has made it more difficult for asylum-seekers and refugees to access the protection granted by asylum systems in the EU. Thus, security concerns have had mainly an indirect impact.

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