

International Conference on Legal Aspects of Migration Management

6 March 2026, Friday

09.00-9.30: Registration

09.30- 10.00: Opening Remarks

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gülüm Özçelik, Jean Monnet Chair in Legal Aspects of Migration Management in the EU and in Türkiye

Prof. Dr. Başak Baysal, Dean, Bilkent University Faculty of Law

Prof. Dr. Kürşat Aydoğan, Rector, Bilkent University

10.00- 10.45: Keynote Address:

Prof. Dr. James Hathaway (Degan Professor Emeritus of Law, University of Michigan)

The Global Cop-Out on Refugees: Why the World Needs a Bold Plan to Save Refugee Protection

10.45-11.15: Q&A

11.15- 11.30: Coffee Break

11.30-13.00: Migration Management in Türkiye

Chair: Prof. Dr. Saime Özçürümez (Başkent University)

- **Prof. Dr. Murat Erdoğan (Hacettepe University) (r)**
The Administrative and Social Aspects of Migration and Process Management in Turkey
- **Prof. Dr. İbrahim Kaya (İstanbul University)**
Paradigmatic Shift in Turkey's Migration Management Policy and Law
- **Dr. Hülya Kaya (Birmingham Newman University)**
Containment by Cooperation? Türkiye and the EU's Indirect Rwanda-Style Asylum Model under the New Migration and Asylum Pact

13.00-14.00: Lunch Break

14.00- 15.30: Plenary Session

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gülüm Özçelik (Bilkent University)

- **Prof. Dr. Laura Carballo Piñeiro (University of Vigo)**
Circular migration and worker protection in the EU: A Critical Approach
- **Prof. Dr. Daniel Thym (University of Konstanz)**
Albania, Rwanda, and EU-Türkiye: Third Country Schemes in the EU's New Pact on Asylum and Beyond

- **Mr. Jean Barbé (Head of Section of Civil Society, Fundamental Rights, Judiciary and Home Affairs, Delegation of the EU to Türkiye)**
EU-Türkiye Cooperation on Migration

15.30-15.45: Coffee Break

15.45- 17.45: Private International Law Aspects of Migration

Chair: Prof. Dr. Bilgin Tiryakioğlu (Bilkent University)

- **Prof. Dr. Ece Baş Süzel and Assist. Prof. Dr. Candan Yasan (İstanbul Bilgi University)**
Migration in Later Life and Adult Protection
- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elif Çelik (Eskişehir Osman Gazi University)**
The CRC Committee and Individual Applications in Child Migration Cases
- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stefano Dominelli (University of Genova)**
Migration and Personal Status: Conflict of Laws as the Road to Change?
- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Neşe Baran Çelik (Dicle University)**
Birth Certificates Regarding Cross Border Recognition of the Personal Status of the Child: A Private International Law Approach

7 March 2026, Saturday

9.30-10.00 Registration

10.00-11.30: EU Migration Law

Chair: Prof. Dr. Sanem Baykal (TOBB University of Economics and Technology)

- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sedat Sirmen (Eskişehir Osman Gazi University)**
The Role of European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and Court of Justice of European Union (CJEU) Decisions Regarding the `Pushbacks` in the Progress of EU Migration Law
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Naziye Dirikgil (Sakarya University)**
New Rules for Managing Migration? Legal Perspectives on Return Hubs and EU Migration Policy
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Ege Okakın Erbaş (İstanbul Gedik University)**
Frontex and the Extraterritorial Exercise of EU Administrative Power

11.30-11.45: Coffee Break

11.45- 13.15: International Protection

Chair: Asst. Prof. Dr. A. Dicle Ergin (Bilkent University)

- **Assist. Prof. Dr. Çağla Mavruk and Seçkin Baykal (Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University)**
The Securitization of International Protection: Externalization, Instrumentalization, and the Judicial Defense of Non-Refoulement in 2026
- **Dr. Gökçe Konyalı (Akdeniz University)**
Data-Driven Asylum Decision-Making and Individual Risk: Problem with the EU's 20% Threshold
- **Elif Baykal (İGAM)**
The Effects of Digitalisation on Migration: The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Asylum Procedures in Türkiye

13.15-14.15: Lunch Break

14.15-15.45: Comparative and National Perspectives

Chair: Mr. Metin Çorabatır (President of IGAM)

- **Prof. Dr. Michael Ogwezzzy (Rivers State University)**
Comparative Asylum Rights: Exploring the Tensions between the EU Standards vs. African Frameworks
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Işıl Acehan (Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University)**
Legal Mechanisms of Exclusion: From the 1924 National Origins Act to the 2025 'America First' Immigration Overhaul
- **Dilahan Bice-Kurtoglu (University of Warwick)**
The Complexity of Exercising Right to Seek Asylum: A Socio-legal Inquiry into the Greek Asylum Procedures and Legal Aid Access

15.45- 16.00: Concluding Remarks by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gülüm Özçelik (Bilkent University)
