

Rethinking the EU's Cooperation with Third Countries Under its new Migration and Asylum Pact

Thursday, 10 September 2026

Harvard Lecture Theatre (Room 1.01), Royal Docks School of Business and Law, University of East London, 1 Salway Road, London E15 1NF.

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 9:30-16:30		
Time	Paper	Discussant
09.30-10.00	Participants' Arrival, Registration & Coffee	
10.00-10.15	Opening session: Welcome, Introductions, and Discussion of the Goals of the Workshop Romit Bhandari and Susan Rottmann	
10.15-10.45	Elsa Fernando Gonzalo (University of Salamanca), <i>From Informality to Extraterritoriality: Return Hubs as the New Chapter of EU's Returnmania.</i>	Romit Bhandari
10.45-11.15	Levent Pişkin (University of Dundee), <i>Valid but Inoperative: De-Formalisation and the Architecture of Accountability Gaps in the EU's Cooperation with Third Countries.</i>	Elsa Fernando Gonzalo
11.15-11.45	Neva Öztürk (Ankara University), <i>Behind the Veil of Voluntariness: Constructive Refoulement and Preventive Responsibility in the EU's Externalised Migration Control.</i>	Levent Pişkin
11.45-12.00	Coffee Break	

12.00-12.30	Romit Bhandari and Annalisa Meloni (University of East London), Whose Emergency? Geopolitics and the Constitutional Role of Instrumentalisation in EU law.	Michael J. Geary
12.30-13.00 [ONLINE]	N. Ela Gokalp-Aras , (Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul), Financialised Externalisation under the EU's Migration and Asylum Pact: Funding, Power, and Third-Country Agency in EU-Türkiye Migration Governance.	Susan Beth Rottmann
13.00-14.30	Lunch	
14.30-15.00	Saila Heinikoski (Finnish Institute of International Affairs), <i>The External Dimension of Migration and Return Hubs: Conditionality and Externalisation as Migration Diplomacy Tools.</i>	Johan Ekstedt
15.00-15.30	Paula Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik (Sciences Po Paris) and Frowin Rausis (University of Geneva), <i>Externalisation and the New "European Way of Life"? Strategic Face-Work and Inter-Institutional Dynamics in EU Migration Policy.</i>	Saila Heinikoski
15.30-16.00	Johan Ekstedt (Université Libre de Bruxelles), <i>Modelling Legitimate Partners – the EUAA and Externalization of Migration Control.</i>	Paula Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik
16.00-16.30	Wrap-Up and Discussion of Next Steps Michael J. Geary	

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