



ALMA MATER STUDIORUM  
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ACCESS Seminar Series on  
**THE EU'S NEW LEGAL FRAMEWORK ON ASYLUM  
AND ITS IMPACT ON ACCESS TO ASYLUM**

University of Bologna

This series of 11 monthly seminars will explore the functioning and interplay of the various amendments brought by the New Pact on Migration and Asylum (Pact). It thereby pays particular attention to the effects of the reformed legal framework on access to asylum, the role of courts in shaping respective rights, and the impact on Member States' asylum adjudicating systems.

As outlined in the following pages, the seminars are dedicated to the central dimensions of the novel asylum rules of the EU. Each seminar invites perspectives of both academics and practitioners, including asylum judges and lawyers. Similarly, they aim to reach a broad audience and promote the exchange among academia, policymaking, and practice. The seminars will mostly be in English, and few in Italian, as indicated below, and in a hybrid format.

The seminar series is an initiative in the framework of the ACCESS project, which aims to develop an empirically driven theoretical model of how domestic and supranational courts develop international refugee law and advance the executive-driven model of migration governance in response to State-developed barriers to accessing asylum. Amongst others, the project investigates the socio-legal factors influencing asylum adjudication.

**ACCESS Seminar : SCHENGEN, RETURN, AND READMISSION**

**Date: Friday, 20 December 2024, 16.00-18.30**

While the Pact has not amended the Return Directive, its application will be affected by new procedures, such as the transfer procedure introduced by the 2024 revised Schengen Border Code. The relationship between the Schengen rules and the Return Directive at internal borders has been quite tense since the reintroduction of internal border controls, with several Member States falling back on national fast-track return procedures and readmission practices derogating from the common return procedure and its procedural safeguards.

This seminar will explore the interaction between the new transfer procedure, the reintroduction of internal border controls, and the application of the Return Directive and other forthcoming border procedures.

Chair: Madalina Moraru (University of Bologna)

Speakers:

**Madalina Moraru** (University of Bologna) – The Reform of the EU Return Legal Regime

**Luisa Marin** (University of Insubria) - Pre-entry screening procedure under the New Pact on Migration and Asylum

**Boštjan Zalar** (Administrative Court of Slovenia) - An analysis of Slovenian caselaw on push-backs

**Anna Brambilla** (ASGI) - Evolving Border Dynamics at the Italian-Slovenian Border

**Location:** Online and in Aula 4, Palazzo Hercolani – Strada Maggiore 45, University of Bologna

To join the event online, please [click here](#).

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Gatekeepers to International Refugee Law? – The Role of Courts in Shaping Access to Asylum (ACCESS)

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