



EASO EXPERT PANELS

A webinar series for judicial professionals

## EASO Expert Panels in cooperation with IARMJ, CJEU & ECtHR

### *The asylum judge in search of European convergence: Protecting what and how?*

#### WHAT ARE THE EASO EXPERT PANELS?



EASO Expert Panels are a new set of online activities aimed at members of courts and tribunals who wish to deepen their expert knowledge in specific areas of the CEAS covered by the [Professional Development Series](#).

The panels facilitate the exchange of views, interpretations, recent national case law, best practices on challenging topics and recent developments in the case law of the CJEU and ECtHR. This EASO expert panel is organised by EASO in close cooperation with the IARMJ-Europe.

#### WHAT IS THE FORMAT?



- Webinar
- Panel of experts from ECtHR, CJEU and national courts/tribunals
- Participants ask their questions to the panels when registering.
- Background notes for each session made available to participants upon registration.

#### WHO CAN JOIN?

Members of courts and tribunals from EU Member States and Associated Countries



**WHEN? 18 November 2021  
(14:00 – 16:30 CET)**

#### WHAT ARE THE TOPICS UNDER DISCUSSION?

##### Session 1

The panel of experts will consider CJEU/ECtHR case law in the field of asylum and fundamental rights, highlighting convergence or divergence, in particular:

- Protection against persecution / serious harm / ill-treatment - are there divergent concepts of effective protection?
- 'Internal protection'/'internal flight alternative' – different thresholds?

##### Session 2

The panel will also explore the question of the principles of mutual trust (EU law) and presumption of equivalent protection (ECHR) and whether common criteria for assessing deficiencies in another Member State affecting the fundamental rights of an individual can be identified.



## THE PANEL EXPERTS

### Lars Bay Larsen

Vice-President, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

Judge Larsen has been an official at the Ministry of Justice, a lecturer, then Associate Professor in Family Law at the University of Copenhagen. He held the positions of Head of Section at the Advokatsamfund (Danish Bar Association), Head of Section at the Ministry of Justice, Head of the Police Department and Head of the Law Department at the Ministry of Justice. He represented Denmark in the K-4 Committee, the Schengen Central Group and the Europol Management Board. He sat as judge at the Højesteret (Supreme Court) before becoming a CJEU judge in January 2006.

### Jolien Schukking

Judge, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg

Judge Schukking has sat as judge since 2009 and previously acted as lawyer before national courts and as agent for the Kingdom of The Netherlands before the ECtHR. She has been a guest lecturer on human rights law at the Netherlands Institute for training of Magistrates (SSR), at the High School of Justice (HSOJ) of Georgia and at several Dutch universities. She has also been member and chair of various groups of experts, advisory boards and associations of judges, such as the Committee of Experts for the development of Human Rights (DH-DEV) of the Council of Europe and the International Association for Refugee Law Judges. Judge Schukking was appointed to the ECtHR in April 2017.

### Raffaele Sabato

Judge, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg

Judge Sabato has sat as judge since 1991 at the Tribunal of Naples and the Italian Supreme Court of Cassation.

He has been a judicial expert in a number of programmes of multilateral international co-operation and a visiting scholar at the University Federico II, Naples, since 2006. Judge Sabato also acted as a member of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) within the Council of Europe, of the European Law Institute (ELI) and of the Board of Directors of the Italian School for the Judiciary. Judge Sabato was appointed to the ECtHR in May 2019.

### Hugo Storey

Former Judge, Member of the International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges

Judge Storey is one of IARMJ's founding members and immediate past President of its European Chapter. He was one of the experts utilised by the Commission when drafting the Refugee Qualification Directive (/2004/83/EC) and, more recently, its "recast". He has been active for many years in the training of judges within and outside Europe. He has headed both of IARMJ's projects with EASO to produce and update various publication in the Professional Development Series. Having recently retired as a judge of the UK Upper Tribunal, he is currently writing a book with Oxford University Press on The Refugee Definition in International Law.

### Bostjan Zalar

Senior Judge, Administrative Court of the Republic of Slovenia

Judge Zalar has been sitting at the Administrative Court since 2004 and is President of the IARMJ-Europe since 2018. He has also been an *ad hoc* Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 2010 and member of the EASO Network of Courts and Tribunals since 2011. He is also a Law Professor and Lecturer at the Legal Clinics on Refugee Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana. He is a trainer within numerous networks, such as EASO, ERA, EJTN, TAIEX, IARMJ, AEAJ, Hungarian Helsinki Committee, ELENA, UNHCR, ECRE, national training institutions for judges in Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Croatia, Northern Macedonia, Hungary, Montenegro, BiH, Belarus, Serbia, Slovenia.



## Liesbeth Steendijk

Judge, Vice-president Zwolle first instance Court, Netherlands

Judge Steendijk has been sitting as judge since 1995 and she dealt with cases of criminal and administrative law, including immigration/asylum. Since 2001 she has been appointed Vice-president of the Zwolle first instance Court and since 2011, she has been Member of the Judicial Department of the Council of State. Judge Steendijk has been a lecturer at the Judicial Studies Centre (SSR) Zutphen and from 2000 onward she participated in several international seminars in various European countries on training of judges and asylum law.

## Peter Nedwed

Judge, Supreme Administrative Court of Austria

Judge Nedwed has been sitting as judge for thirty years and was appointed to the Supreme Administrative Court of Austria in 2004, where he mainly deals with Refugee Law matters, Telecommunication and Media-Law and cases related to public infrastructure. Until 2010 he was Co-Chair of the Asylum and Migration Law Working Group of the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ), currently he is board member of the Fundamental Rights Section of the Austrian Association of Judges. He is a trainer at national institutions for judges and a guest lecturer at several Austrian universities in the field of asylum law.

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In order to apply, interested candidates should demonstrate that they are a serving **member of a court or tribunal** and/or a **current judicial trainer**, working in the field of **international protection**. Candidates are required to register by **29 October 2021** and **submit their question(s)** to the panel of experts upon registration.