

## Fundamental rights and access to asylum procedures at the external borders

### WHAT ARE THE EUAA EXPERT PANELS?



The EUAA Expert Panels are 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 and best practices in a specialized topic and related developments in the case law of the CJEU and ECtHR. This Expert Panel is jointly organized by the EUAA and FRA with a view to discussing fundamental rights issues at stake when accessing asylum procedures at the border.

### WHAT IS THE FORMAT?



- Webinar
- Participants ask their questions to the panel when registering
- Background note with applicable legal framework and *indicative* list of relevant case law available upon registration

### WHO CAN JOIN?

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



**WHEN? 27 April 2022**  
**(14:00 – 16:00 CET)**

### WHAT IS THIS PANEL ABOUT?

- EU primary and secondary law safeguarding access to asylum procedures at the borders
- Relevance of the European Convention on Human Rights.
- Pushback practices and the prohibition of collective expulsion
- Conditions in transit zones at the eastern EU borders
- The relevant case law of the two European courts
- Impact of the recent developments following the invasion of Ukraine

### EUAA MATERIAL

- EUAA (2020), [Border Procedures for Asylum Applications in EU+ Countries](#)
- EUAA (2019), [Judicial Analysis on Detention of applicants for international protection in the context of the Common European Asylum System](#)
- EUAA (2018), [Judicial Analysis on Asylum Procedures and the principle of non-refoulement](#)

### FRA MATERIAL

- FRA (2020), [Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration. Edition 2020](#)
- FRA & CoE (2020): [Fundamental rights of refugees, asylum applicants and migrants at the European borders](#)
- FRA (2020): [Border controls and fundamental rights at external land borders – Practical Guidance](#)

## THE PANEL EXPERTS

### **Barbara Simma**

Judge, currently seconded to the Directorate for European and International Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Austria

Barbara Simma was appointed an administrative judge at a first instance tribunal in Austria – the Bundesverwaltungsgericht – in 2014. In that role she adjudicates, among other legal subject matters, complaints against decisions of the Austrian Asylum Authority in proceedings concerning international protection. Before that she was an Assistant Lawyer at the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg from 2009 – 2013. Currently she is seconded to the Ministry of Justice to work in the Directorate for European and International Affairs. Barbara Simma further acts regularly as a lecturer and a contributor to relevant legal publications.

### **Tamas Molnar**

Legal Research Officer – Just, Digital and Migration Unit, FRA

His areas of expertise with respect to FRA's work include: fundamental rights of irregular migrants; return and readmission, including detention; anti-smuggling; EU asylum acquis as well as horizontal issues of public international law. Before joining the Agency in autumn 2016, he worked for a decade in various ministries in Hungary in the fields of international and EU migration law and their domestic implementation. In addition, he has been a part-time adjunct professor of international law and EU migration law at the Corvinus University of Budapest. He studied law in Budapest and Brussels (LLM on EU law) and holds a PhD in international law (Budapest). He has published widely in the fields of international law, EU migration and asylum law, and on statelessness (latest monograph: *The Interplay between the EU's Return Acquis and International Law*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2021).

### **Goran Selanec**

Judge, Constitutional Court of Croatia

Justice Selanec has been appointed as a judge at the Constitutional Court of Croatia in 2017. A holder of an LLM from the University of Michigan Law School and a PhD, he has a wealth of academic and research experience in Constitutional and European Public Law and has been involved as expert and advisor in numerous EU projects, pertaining to fundamental rights. He has been an occasional guest lecturer at the Academy of European Law (ERA) and has also lectured at the University of Zagreb. He acted as Deputy Ombudsman for Gender Equality, a position he held until his election as judge of the Constitutional Court in October 2017. He is the author of a wide range of papers in the fields of European law and the protection of human rights and has taken part in numerous national and international conferences, seminars, and other events.

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In order to attend, interested participants 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. Participants are required to register by 13 April 2022 and submit their question(s) to the panel of experts upon registration.