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AthensPIL Research Exchange 2024 Kick-off Meeting

We are pleased to announce the launching of the Athens PIL Research Exchange for its third year!

Building on our meetings from past years, the Research Exchange will be a monthly meeting starting in October 2024, with the ultimate goal of bringing together AthensPIL young researchers, PhD Candidates, recent doctorate holders, and postgraduate students in the field of public international law.

Our kick-off meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 23 October, 19:00-20:30**, at the AthensPIL Premises (47 Academias Str., 3rd floor). We are delighted to announce that Ms Agostina Pirrello, PhD Candidate at the University of Utrecht, will present her research titled:

“Access to Justice vis-à-vis Migration Agencies: Judicial remedies to the test of cooperative migration management”

Abstract: In recent years, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) and the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA) have been progressively involved in managing migration together with national authorities. Initially designed to provide national authorities with technical expertise, the two Agencies have progressively acquired - de jure and/or de facto - operational powers that put them in growing proximity with migrants. This tight and ever-growing cooperation between national authorities and EU staff has been revealing serious gaps of accountability, highlighted by scholars but not satisfactorily addressed by the CJEU. The actions of the agencies can in fact heavily influence national decisions and operations, yet challenging them in court comes with significant hurdles because of the EU judicial architecture. In this seminar, Agostina Pirrello will explore how the entrance of Frontex and EUAA in the EU landscape has affected the effectiveness of the judicial remedies available both at national level and at EU level, underscoring the challenges this new model of governance poses to migrants' fundamental rights and to the rule of law.

Brief bio: Agostina Pirrello is a PhD researcher at Utrecht University. Her research seeks to expand the concept of access to justice within the European Union, not only by ensuring the availability of effective judicial remedies, but also by incorporating the guarantees of transparency and good governance. Through empirical investigation, she explores how this broader model of access to justice may be applied to the EU management of migration which involves EU Agencies.

We look forward to meeting you and exchanging ideas with you!

More details on the meeting and a link for those wishing to attend online will be made public at the site of AthensPIL.

Convenors,
Ms. Matina Papadaki,
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