



# Tackling Root Causes? EU Aid and Governance to Control Migration

## *Call for Papers*

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Human Rights Law Centre, Forced Migration Unit

After launching the European Agenda on Migration in May 2015 in response to the European refugee ‘crisis’, the European Union (EU) is now intensifying the external dimensions of its migration policy. Central to this is an increased reliance on aid to fund agreements with third countries of transit and origin and entrench a ‘more for more’ approach to stem the migration flows towards the EU. The 2016 Migration Partnership Framework and the agreements (‘compacts’) that it promotes are just two key examples of the ongoing push to externalise migration at the core of current EU policies. These ‘compacts’ aim at prompt cooperation on expulsion and readmission of irregular migrants to countries of origin or transit, in exchange for development aid and technical cooperation on border management.

Such initiatives and agreements raise various concerns, both in terms of their compatibility with existing obligations of international protection and in terms of international and EU standards for development and humanitarian aid.

This workshop aims to bring together scholars, non-governmental organisations, policy and lawmakers to discuss the nexus between EU development policies and EU migration policies, and their broader legal and political implications. For the purposes of this call for papers, the term ‘aid’ is defined broadly to encompass both development aid and humanitarian aid, reflecting the ambiguity and overlap which characterise the current approach to the refugee ‘crisis’.

Papers from different interdisciplinary perspectives are welcomed. Contributions are expected to examine the implications of current EU migration and/or development policies, with a special focus on any of the following thematic areas:

- The intersection between development aid and migration in the various EU ‘compacts’ and agreements (both bilateral and multilateral) on migration control;
- The implications of current migration policies for a broader consensus on development and/or for the SDGs;
- Legal implications and reflections on issues of complicity and shared responsibility;
- Perspectives from third countries of transit and origin: the implications of EU policies in practice (partners from Afghanistan and Sudan have already agreed to participate);
- Implications for humanitarian aid and actors on the ground (e.g. their criminalisation and current attempts at regulation at sea)

Papers on related topics and comparative perspectives from other countries are also encouraged.

Selected papers will be considered for publication purposes (arrangements to be made with the authors).

**Abstracts of no more than 600 words** should be submitted to Ms Agnes Flues, Coordinator of the Human Rights Law Centre, at [agnes.flues@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:agnes.flues@nottingham.ac.uk) by **1 September 2017**. Please include name, email address and affiliation in your abstract.

Abstracts will be selected on a rolling basis and authors notified by 11 September 2017. Full drafts of the selected papers must be submitted by **25 October 2017** and will be circulated in advance to discussants and participants.

Submissions by Early Career Scholars and NGOs are encouraged and limited funding is available to cover for travel and accommodation of selected participants who do not have access to institutional funding. A case for allocation of such funding should be made by email at the time of submitting the abstract.