



ASILE

Global Asylum
Governance and
the European
Union's Role

What is ASILE about?

The ASILE project studies the interactions between emerging international protection systems and the United Nations Global Compact for Refugees (UN GCR), with particular focus on the European Union's role. Adopting an interdisciplinary perspective, it examines the characteristics of international and country-specific asylum governance instruments and arrangements, and their compatibility with international and regional human rights and refugee laws. A key objective of the project is to provide the cutting edge of academic knowledge, promising practices and a collection of evidence-based tools for the development of future asylum policies.

ASILE represents an advance in comparison to the current state of the art. It seeks to facilitate a ground-breaking understanding of the role and impacts of legal and policy responses - instruments and arrangements - on refugee protection and sharing of responsibility from the perspective of their effectiveness, fairness and consistency with international and regional legal and human rights and refugee law standards. It will do so through an interdisciplinary examination and mapping of UN GCR actors and key policy and legal instruments on mobility and containment, and the impacts of vulnerability and status recognition assessments over individuals in search of international protection.

What we are aiming at

The ASILE project aims at creating new interdisciplinary research and evidence on emerging international protection systems and asylum governance regimes across several world regions and countries, as well as the EU arrangements with third countries. The ASILE Project will establish a new and gender-balanced global academic network of universities and associated scholars contributing with scientifically rigorous research, policy dialogues and training activities to the advance of the knowledge-based on global asylum governance and a principled implementation of the UN GCR.

ASILE will draw lessons learned and promising practices to inform future policy options, which are effective, fair and consistent with international and regional human rights and refugee standards. It will develop tools for EU policy makers to devise optimal strategies and increase EU's role and contribution in the UN GCR implementation.

Who we are

The Consortium brings together international research universities and think tanks, as well as an international non-governmental organisation, such as DRC, and the global organisation - UNHCR. Additionally, ASILE counts with the active participation of a Civil Society Group involving 10 organisations and an International Academic Board.

Consortium participants

CEPS - Centre for European Policy Studies
Aarhus University
University of Gothenburg
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
European University Institute, Migration Policy Centre (MPC)
University of Oslo
University of Cape Town (Refugee Law Clinic)
Suleyman Demirel University
University of Dhaka
Arnold Bergstraesser Institute
Global Public Policy Institute (GPPI)
Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Objectives



Advance the state-of-the-art by bringing about a new conceptual and ground-breaking understanding to refugee studies on the notions of containment and mobility, their intersections and their inclusionary and exclusionary effects from the perspective of international refugee protection.



Draw lessons learned for future global and EU policy responses. The project will implement a set of policy engagement activities securing effective linkages between the project research results and relevant policy processes, discourses and outputs in the scope of the UN GCR.



Contribute with a ground-breaking understanding of current and future asylum governance regimes, and the characteristics and impacts of policy and legal instruments and arrangements, including those on responsibility sharing.



To provide a novel inter-disciplinary and gender-balanced international academic network of outstanding scholars – including project partners and members of international advisory academic board.



To facilitate new ways to bring the voices of refugees in the conceptualisation of emerging international protection systems by examining the impacts of existing mobility policy and legal instruments and arrangements on individuals.



Sustainability, outreach and impact. The project will set the foundations for the development of a Global Academic Association on Refugee Studies and the UN GCR. Creation of an ASILE Global Portal, Training Schools and ASILE Fellowship programme for refugee scholars.



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