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Research group *“La Dimensione nazionale: la gestione delle frontiere”*

“The Interaction between State and Non-State Actors in Managing Migration and Asylum”

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Academy of Law and Migration (*Accademia di Diritto e Migrazioni – ADiM*), based at the University of Tuscia (Viterbo, Italy), is launching a call for papers in view of the Conference *“The Interaction between State and Non-State Actors in Managing Migration and Asylum”*, scheduled on October 22nd, 2020 on the Zoom platform. The working languages are Italian¹ and English.

The Conference speakers will be selected on the basis of this call, which is addressed to legal scholars (of all career levels), practitioners in the field of immigration law and related legal areas, third sector operators involved in rescue, reception and integration. The organizers may also consider the possibility to include in the conference panels one or more highly qualified personalities from institutions or academia as keynote speakers or discussants.

The Conference focuses on the growing role played by non-state actors (e.g. NGOs, private companies, associations and other forms of aggregation, as well as individuals) in dealing with tasks traditionally performed by State/public actors, such as border surveillance, fight against irregular immigration, compliance with international protection obligations; protection of aliens in vulnerable situations; reception and

¹ See the Italian version of this call: *“I rapporti tra attori pubblici e attori privati nella gestione dell’immigrazione e dell’asilo”*.

integration activities. The conference aims to better understand the challenges posed by mass immigration to contemporary Europe in the light of the interactions between public and private actors, highlighting their strengths, weakness and future prospects.

Against this background, in recent times a number of new questions have arisen: which are the main interactions between public and private actors with regard to immigration and asylum? How are the respective areas of responsibility shared? How is it possible to reconcile a sustainable and fair system of reception with the protection of public order, while preventing the criminalisation of solidarity? Are traditional strategies of migration governance changing, or even being subverted, as a result of civil society initiatives? What is the impact of these changes on the protection of fundamental rights? The focus is mainly – although not exclusively – on Europe and the Mediterranean, in the context of the so-called "refugee crisis", from its outbreak in 2015 to the current "health crisis" triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic, which has also produced direct effects on migration policies.

Contributions are welcomed from any legal discipline. Interdisciplinary papers, based on different branches of law or combining law with other social sciences (sociology, criminology, anthropology, etc.), are particularly encouraged. By way of example, abstracts may focus on the following topics:

1. "Privatisation" of border control: roles and responsibilities of private carriers; privatised push-backs; immigration control responsibilities of private service providers (banks, hospitals, educational institutions); private management of reception centres; industry of technological identification and surveillance equipment and the protection of personal data.
2. Assistance and cooperation duties in the management of humanitarian emergencies: synergies and conflicts between private individuals and public authorities in the context of rescue at sea and other forms of solidarity along migratory routes to the European Union.
3. International protection and humanitarian corridors: partnerships between governments, supranational institutions and private actors.
4. NGOs and third sector in the context of international protection seekers' reception and aliens' integration, including innovative and spontaneous ways of integration.
5. Multiple actors involved in the determination of migration and asylum policies: national and supranational political bodies, civil society mobilizations and other bottom-up experiences, academic public engagement experiences, judicial advocacy (strategic litigation, amicus curiae, legal clinics).

The organizing committee calls on interested candidates to submit an abstract, either in English or in Italian, of maximum 500 words to accademia.immigrazione@gmail.com by July 20th 2020. Abstracts shall be accompanied by a short biography (maximum 500 words), clarifying the author's name, academic affiliation and/or academic-professional career, specifying whether he/she is already member of ADiM.

The outcomes of the selection will be communicated by July 31st 2020. Selected authors will be asked to send an extended abstract (approximately 5,000 words) by September 30th and the final version of their contributions (revised in the light of the comments collected during the Conference) by December 30th, 2020. The selected contributions will be published in a law journal, according to the instructions that will be provided in the next steps of the procedure. Please feel free to contact the organizers by email for any further information.

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