

The Academic Center of Law and Business The Human Rights Program

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The Israeli Asylum System: Contemporary Challenges in Comparative European Context

November 12-13, 2012

In recent years Israel is faced with the challenge of increasing numbers of asylum seekers entering it clandestinely through its long continental border with Egypt. Israel has yet to form a coherent, consistent policy on the treatment of those asylum seekers, although different policy measures have been implemented. The issue of treatment of asylum seekers exemplifies the tension between state sovereignty, which includes the desire and ability to control the entry of persons to its territories; and the commitment to basic human rights – including those specified in Israel's Basic Laws as well as in International Human Rights Law instruments.

The workshop will deal with the most pressing, practical and concrete concerns the Israeli asylum regime raises in a comparative context. Special emphasis will be devoted to the European comparative context due to the connection between migration flows to Israel and Europe. Workshop participants and attendees include academics, senior immigration officials from Israel and abroad, NGO activists and UNHCR representatives.

Workshop Organizers: Dr. Tally Kritzman-Amir, Adv. Yonatan Berman, Mr. Marc Berthold

Among the conference participants: Luise Amtsberg (the German Green Party), Deborah Anker (Harvard Law School), Stacy Caplow (Brooklyn Law School), Maryellen Fullerton (Brooklyn Law School), Christopher Hein (Italian Council for Refugees), Michael Kagan (University of Nevada, Las Vegas Law School), Michael Kleinhaus, (Head Asylum Affaires, Federal German Office for Migration and Refugee), Audrey Macklin (University of Toronto Law School), Mekonnen Mesghena (Heinrich Böll Foundation), Thomas Spijkerboer (Amsterdam VU University)

Day 1 – November 12, 2012

- 9:30-10:00 Greetings
- 10:00-12:00 **Introduction to the Israeli Asylum System**
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00-15:00 **Employment of Asylum Seekers**
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30-17:30 **Immigration Detention and Asylum Seekers**

Day 2 – November 13, 2012

- 8:30-9:00 Gathering
- 9:00-11:00 **Temporary Protection and Other Forms of Complementary Protection**
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-13:30 **Erecting a Fence on the Egyptian Border and Admission Policies**
- 13:30-14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30-16:00 **Sur-place Refugees**
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30-17:30 **Summary Session**

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