

FORGING TRANSATLANTIC CONNECTIONS



Update -Thanks to the success of our first four programs, the European Law Section has now permanent AALS status at AALS. Several members gathered in Boston on November 17-18, 2016, wonderfully hosted by Vlad Perju at Boston College, for two great days of scholarly conversations.

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The Section Blog

With the goal of promoting scholarship in European law, Peter Lindseth created the blog *Europaeuslaw*. The blog is an excellent resource and point of reference for the community of European law scholars within the United States and abroad. We refer readers of this newsletter to the blog for news concerning academic conferences, updates on the scholarly contributions of network members, and European law events around the world. Announcements and Section updates are posted regularly.

<http://europaeuslaw.blogspot.com/>

AALS 2016 in Review

Last January in New York City, the European Law Section held a panel titled ‘Human Rights at the Margins: The Refugee Crisis and Other Emergencies in a Transatlantic Perspective.’

Abstract: The refugee crisis in the Mediterranean has been rightly identified as the most serious legal and political challenge currently facing Europe. The crisis calls into question the legal architecture of the European Union and tests the limits of policy coordination among the Member States. It calls as well for a reassessment of human rights and classical immigration law as frames for handling structural predicaments in the Global South. The purpose of this panel, co-sponsored by the AALS Sections on International Human Rights and International Law, is to engage US and EU legal scholars in a discussion of ongoing legal responses to the Mediterranean crisis and similar emergencies, with the goal of identifying limitations and possibilities in federal, supranational, or international entities called to the rescue of the lost at sea. Moderated by Section Chair **Daniela Caruso** (BU), the panel featured the following speakers – **Gráinne de Búrca** (NYU); Iris Goldner-Lang (Zagreb); **Daniel Halberstam** (Michigan); and **Steve Peers** (Essex).

THE 2017 AALS PROGRAM

Current Developments in Rights Protection in the European Union: Anti-discrimination Measures, the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and the Refugee Crisis. FRIDAY January 6 at 8:30am

Speakers:

Frank Emmert, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law

Roger J. Goebel, Fordham University School of Law

Laurence Gormley, Professor of European Law & President of ELFA, University of Groningen Faculty of Law, Netherlands

Katerina Linos, University of California, Berkeley School of Law

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Legislation adopted by the E.U. Council of Ministers in 2000 prohibits discrimination based on race or ethnic origin in all fields regulated by E.U. law, and prohibits discrimination in employment based on religion, age, disability, or sexual orientation. Panelists will discuss efforts to curb discrimination of the Roma people under E.U. rules and the European Convention on Human Rights, and Court judgments concerning compulsory retirement of university professors, judges, and prosecutors. Another panelist will discuss the efforts to maintain human rights protection while coping with the on-going refugee crisis. A guest European professor will discuss the impact of the U.K. referendum on withdrawal from the E.U. on the U.K. rules on residence of migrant nationals of other E.U. nations.

SELECTED FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

The volume *EU LAW STORIES*, edited by Fernanda Nicola & Bill Davies and including contributions by several Section members, is in the final stages of production with Cambridge University Press.

On February 27, 2017, Martin Gelter and Mark Patterson at Fordham University Law School will host a symposium on ‘EU Law with the UK, and EU Law without the UK.’

On April 20-21, Fernanda Nicola (WCL, American University) will host “The Luxembourg Forum,” featuring several members of the Court of Justice of the European Union and several Section members.