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ACCESS Seminar Series on

The EU's New Legal Framework on Asylum and Its Impact on Access to Asylum University of Bologna

Seminar 7: Detention at the border: lessons from Italy and Greece

Border procedures and screening processes frequently involve the use of detention, raising significant concerns about fundamental rights and posing serious obstacles to refugees' access to asylum. The systematic application of detention at borders has been a subject of judicial scrutiny, particularly under the 'hotspot approach', which has often resulted in large-scale confinement. National courts, the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), and the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) have played a crucial role in assessing the legality of these practices and safeguarding asylum seekers' rights.

Against this backdrop, this seminar will examine the role of courts at different levels in interpreting and shaping the legal constraints on detention as a barrier to asylum under the new legislative framework established by the **New Pact on Migration and Asylum**. It will also analyze the broader implications of the new regulations on national asylum adjudication systems across EU Member States.

The discussion will trace the connections between existing border detention practices, relevant case law from the ECtHR and CJEU, and the anticipated effects of the New Pact's implementation. A particular focus will be placed on **Italy** and **Greece**, two key frontline countries, offering interdisciplinary insights from academic scholars and legal practitioners.

Details:

- **Date:** Friday, 23 May 2025
- **Time:** 16:00–17:30
- **Location:** Room 6 (Palazzo Hercolani, Strada Maggiore, 45, Bologna) and online

Chair:

Alice Lacchei (University of Bologna)

Speakers:

- **Giulia Fabini** (University of Bologna), **Maurizio Veglio** (ASGI), **Minos Mouzouraki** (RSAegean).

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