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“Judging Asylum and Immigration in a New Era: Between Policy and the Rule of Law”

7 – 9 October 2026

Council of State, Paris · National Asylum Court (CNDA), Montreuil

The conference will be conducted in English and French.

Simultaneous interpretation will be available for all plenary sessions.

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2026

Council of State, Paris

18:00 – 20:00

Welcome Reception

Marc Guillaume — Vice-president, Council of State (France)

Thomas Andrieu — President, National Asylum Court – CNDA (France)

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026

National Asylum Court (CNDA), Montreuil

08:15 – 09:00

Arrival & Registration of Participants

Session 1 — Opening Session

09:00 – 10:00

Catherine Koutsopoulou — President, IARMJ-Europe; Judge, UN Dispute Tribunal (UNDT);
President, Administrative Court of First Instance, Greece

Thomas Andrieu — President, National Asylum Court – CNDA, France

Nina Gregori — Executive Director, European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)

Keynote Speeches

10:00 – 11:00

Marc Guillaume — Vice-president, Council of State, France

Magnus Brunner — EU Commissioner for Migration

Barham Ahmed Salih — UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) — *tbc*

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break & Group Photo

Session 2 — Interpreting Asylum and Migration Today: Key Challenges in Recent CJEU and ECtHR Case Law

11:30 – 12:45

Chair: Corinna Wissels, Judge, European Court of Human Rights

Jan Passer — Judge & President of the 10th Chamber, Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)

Boštjan Zalar — Judge, High Court Ljubljana, Slovenia

12:45 – 13:45

Lunch Break

Session 3 — The New Pact on Migration and Asylum: Border Procedures and Access to Protection	
13:45 – 15:00	<i>Chair: Peter Nedwed, Presiding Judge, Supreme Administrative Court, Austria</i> Thomas Besson — Vice President, CNDA, France Kalliopi Maragkou — President, Administrative Court of First Instance, Greece Elena Masetti Zannini — Judge, Court of First Instance, Italy
Session 4 — The New Pact: Screening, AI, Biometrics and Automated Borders — Judicial Safeguards	
15:00 – 16:15	<i>Chair: Vinesh Mandalia, Principal Resident Judge, Upper Tribunal (IAC), UK</i> François Lemoine — Judge, CNDA, France Marcel Gunster — Judge, District Court The Hague, Netherlands Tamás Molnár — Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
16:15 – 16:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
General Assembly — IARMJ-Europe: Election of Officers	
16:45 – 17:30	<i>Chair: Catherine Koutsopoulou, President, IARMJ-Europe; Judge, UN Dispute Tribunal (UNDT); President, Administrative Court of First Instance, Greece</i> Report of the President · Report of the Treasurer Presentation of Candidates · Election of Officers · AOB
19:30	<i>Conference Dinner</i>

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2026

Council of State, Paris

08:30 – 09:00	<i>Arrival & Registration of Participants</i>
Session 5 — Principle of Subsidiarity under the ECHR in Light of Article 52(3) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights	
09:00 – 10:15	<i>Chair: Jakub Camrda, Judge, Supreme Administrative Court, Czech Republic</i> Marko Bošnjak — Judge, Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) Davor Derenčinović — Judge, European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) Holger Böhmann — Judge, Federal Administrative Court, Germany
10:15 – 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Session 6 — Asylum Procedures and Return to Third Countries / Safe Third Countries: Legal Certainty or Policy Fiction? (Roundtable)	
10:45 – 12:15	<i>Chair: Hilka Becker, Chairperson, International Protection Appeals Tribunal (IPAT), Ireland</i> Delphine Burriez — Judge, CNDA / Professor, University of Paris, France Ebrahim Afsah — Professor, University of Copenhagen, Denmark Daniel Thym — Professor, University of Konstanz, Germany Hugo Storey — Judge (ret.), Upper Tribunal, UK
Session 7 — Revocation and Termination of International Protection and Residence Rights: European Judicial Standards	
12:15 – 13:30	<i>Chair: Athanasios Rantos, Advocate General, CJEU (tbc)</i> Ioannis Ktistakis — Section President, European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) Giulia Marelli — Judge, Federal Administrative Court, Switzerland Christian Boulanger — Judge, CNDA, France

13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
Special Address	
14:30 – 14:45	The Role of the Judge in Ukraine Ella Kataeva — <i>Judge, Odessa District Court, Ukraine</i>
Breakout Sessions	
14:45 – 16:15	<i>Moderator (Plenary): Anna Bengtsson, Legal Expert, Swedish Migration Agency</i> A — Migration and Family Reunification / Family Asylum Applications Vladan Marjanovic — <i>Judge, CNDA, France</i> B — Subsequent Applications (Art. 55, Regulation EU 2024/1348) Johan Berg — <i>Board Leader, Immigration Appeals Board, Norway</i> C — Palestinian Cases Catherine Joly — <i>Judge, CNDA, France</i> Melanie Plimmer — <i>Deputy Chamber President, Upper Tribunal, UK</i>
Closing	
16:15 – 16:30	Closing Remarks Jacek Chlebny — <i>President, Supreme Administrative Court of Poland</i>
16:30	<i>Optional Visit of the Council of State</i>