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IARMJ European Chapter biennial workshop Berlin 14-16 June 2026

The Respect of Family and Private Life of Unsettled Migrants

VENUE:

Europäische Akademie Berlin

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Agenda (as at 5Jun2026)

Sunday 14 June 2026

Arrival of participants

18.30 Dinner at the Academy

Monday 15 June 2026

- 09.00 Words of Welcome and introduction to the workshop (organizing committee)
- 09.15 The role of family for migration, integration, and well-being (David Schiefer, Deutsches Zentrum für Integrations- und Migrationsforschung (DeZIM) - German Centre for Integration and Migration Research)
- 10:00 Q&A Session
- 10:15 coffee break
- 10:30 Family relations and their impact on the legality of deportations and expulsions – Jurisprudence from Luxembourg on Article 20 TFEU and from the German Federal Constitutional Court on Article 6 Basic Law (Judge Jessica Niehaus, Higher Administrative Court of Hesse)
Followed by Q&A
- 11:30 Family and Private life vs. returning unsettled migrants
- ❖ Return decision at the end of asylum procedures – an Austrian perspective (Peter Nedwed, Presiding Justice, Austrian Supreme Administrative Court)
 - ❖ Deportation despite close family ties and a developed private life?
 - A view from Slovenia (Martina Greif, senior judicial counsellor Administrative Court Ljubljana)
 - A view from the UK (Judge Neil Froom, First-tier Tribunal, London)
- 12:30 Q&A, Discussion
- 13.00 Lunch



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- 14:00 Raising the bar for Article 8 claims: Recent changes in UK caselaw and policy
(Judge Elizabeth Ruddick, UK Upper Tribunal)
- 14:45 Working Groups on "The respect of family and private life for unsettled migrants as a relevant factor in adjudication immigration cases"
(coffee available during the session)
- 15:45 Plenary Reports of the Working Groups
- 16:15 The New Return Regulation – what to expect?
(Professor Dr. Pauline Endres de Oliveira, Humboldt Universität, Berlin)
- 17:00 IARMJ European Chapter with the following reports:
- Catherine Koutsopoulou, European Chapter President, whose report will be presented by the EUC Vice-President Johan Berg
 - Thomas Andrieu, President CNDA: report on the upcoming EU confrence in Paris
 - Julian Phillips, chair of the Finance and Training Committee
 - Bostjan Zalar, chair Independence Committee
- 17:30 Closing remarks
- 18.30 Dinner at the European Academy

Tuesday 16 June 2026

- 09:30 Departure from EAB by coach for a guided tour at
[Documentation Centre for Displacement, Expulsion, Reconciliation](#)
[click for a preview](#)
- 10:00 GUIDED TOUR
- 12:15 End of IARMJ event
Participants will be dropped off at either airport or train station.

Public transport to venue

Bus M19: Station Taubertstraße

Bus 186: Station Hagenplatz

S-Bahn line 7: Station Grunewald

