

## Call for Papers

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# The aptness of the European integration project to manage and govern irregular migration. A legal perspective

The next issue of the [BSP Journal](#) is occasioned by the convergence of two political occurrences.

The first is the growing number of migrants at the Eastern border of Poland, Lithuania and Latvia, and hence at the external border of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) and the Schengen Area, fleeing the war-torn, repressed and impoverished countries, and – most recently (August 2021) – Afghanistan.

The second is the – roughly – fifth anniversary of the so-called 2015 irregular migration crisis in Europe, the reflection on which is currently necessitated precisely due to a new wave of migrants *ante portas* of Europe.

In 2018, the undersigned together with Amy Weatherburn and Dariusz Kloza, co-edited an [anthology](#) reflecting on the said migration crisis from the viewpoint of widely understood democracy, the rule of law (*Rechtsstaat*) and fundamental rights. The editors [concluded](#) the said book with a few suggestions as to the ‘direction in which Europe should go whenever irregular migrants stand *ante portas*’.

Triggered by the recent events, with the next upcoming issue, the *BSP Journal* aims to reflect on the aptness of the European integration project to manage and govern irregular migration in accordance with the values and principles to which it has subscribed.

With the present Call for Papers, the *BSP Journal* seeks original contributions on the legal aspects of topics such as:

- the protection of fundamental rights of irregular migrants,
- the (reformed) legal framework for migration in the EU/EEA/Schengen, e.g., the EU large-scale databases and their interoperability;
- the criminalization of migration;
- the extent to which the EU/EEA/Schengen and their Member States fulfil obligations stemming from their own migration law, e.g., the Dublin system,
- the extent to which the EU/EEA/Schengen and their Member States fulfil their obligations stemming from international humanitarian law, e.g., the Geneva Conventions;

Contribution can focus on the European or national levels (e.g., country reports), or both; postulates. *de lege ferenda* are equally welcome.

Submissions, ranging from 2800 to 6000 words, in British English, shall be submitted for a double, blind peer-review to [bsp@uwb.edu.pl](mailto:bsp@uwb.edu.pl) before **15 January 2022**.

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