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Rule of Law and Human Mobility in the Age of the Global Compacts

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue invites critical legal inquiries about the normative, administrative and judicial obstacles standing in the way of migrants' and refugees' rights from the perspective of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the Global Compact for Refugees. The following four thematic clusters are proposed: 1. The justiciability of the actionable commitments under the Global Compacts for Migration/Refugees before domestic courts as threshold for the degree of judicial protection for migrants and refugees: 2. How human rights treaties and the Global Compacts are connected might matter for the level of rights protection; 3. Externalized migration policies and border management as a threat for the regional scope of human rights and as a risk factor for the rule of law; 4. Data-driven and evidencebased migration policies, including digital technology as facilitators for standardizing migration and asylum decisions.

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