

Migration Law Research Group (MigrLaw)



MISSION

We aim to gain insight in and critically reflect upon how migration law functions in society. To that end, we conduct both fundamental and policy/practice-oriented research.

We engage with the various actors in the field of migration, with particular attention for migrants considered to be in a vulnerable situation and their agency. We are committed to sharing our research findings with a broader audience in diverse and imaginative ways.

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👤 A complete overview of researchers and teaching assistants can be found on [the website of the research group](#).

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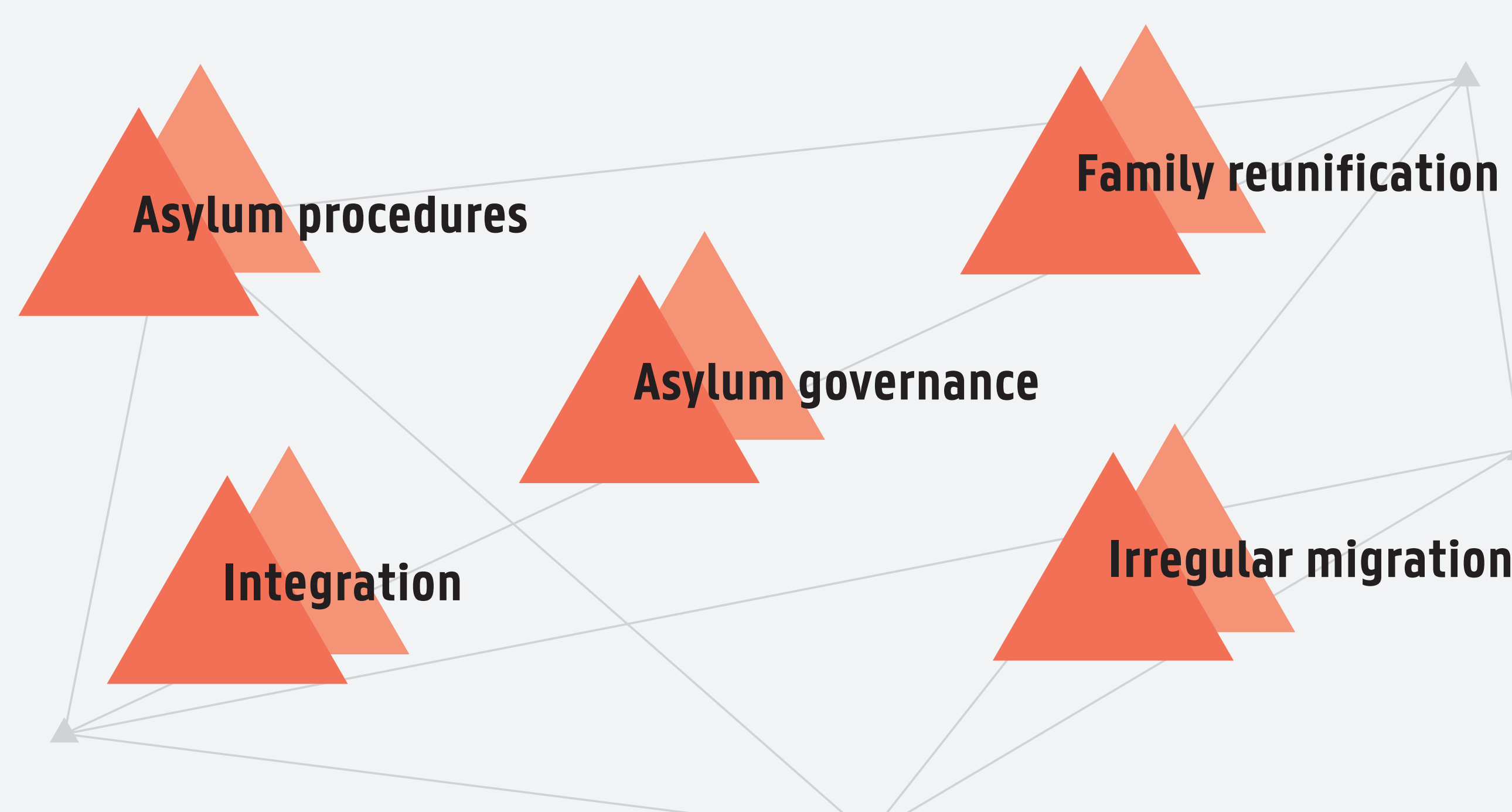
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The **Migration Law Research Group (MigrLaw)** studies migration law and its daily practice from an integrated and critical approach, with a specific interest in human rights and users' perspectives.

We combine the doctrinal study of migration law with theoretical and methodological frameworks from other disciplines, including anthropology, sociology, political sciences, criminology as well as gender, queer, childhood and postcolonial studies. This involves a diversity of methods, ranging from case law analysis to interviews, ethnographic fieldwork, co-creative workshops, community-based participatory research and Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) surveys.

TOPICS



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CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

- **Applied research:** for a variety of actors such as the Council of Europe, Myria and Enabel,...
- **Initiatives for academics, policy makers and practitioners:** book and study day on [rights of unaccompanied minors in Belgium](#), online panel '[Cooperation or Externalisation](#)' on EU external migration policy (with 11.11.11), international conference "[\(Dis\)connecting People? The law and practice of family reunification](#)", training and practical guide for legal practitioners in Belgium on gender-related asylum procedures (with NANSEN), ...
- **Policy advice:** for the [First Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the UNECE Region](#), on a [bill to adopt the 'Australian asylum model'](#), on the [new Migration Code](#),...
- **Handbooks:** [Family reunification for refugee and migrant children](#), Routledge Handbook of Children's Rights Studies,...
- **Science communication:** blogposts, poster projects, videos, vlogs and podcasts ('Ik twijfel, dus ik ben', [Universiteit van Vlaanderen](#)), lectures, publications for a wider audience, '[Migratierecht. Tussen mens en staat](#)', contributions to the media
- **Expert advice:** for [FRANET](#), third party interventions before the European Court of Human Rights, expert opinions for the Court of Justice of the EU and arts projects on migration & human rights
- **Practice-oriented teaching:** [Human Rights and Migration Law Clinic](#), [International Migration and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition](#), Street Law
- **Practice-oriented postacademic courses** (with [CESSMIR](#)): children in a migration context, future-oriented work with/for undocumented migrants
- **Board membership:** NANSEN, Myria, Unia, VSR, Commission on Legal Pluralism...

