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**OUTSOURCING AND COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES –  
DECONSTRUCTING THE FORMAL AND THE INFORMAL IN MIGRATION AND ASYLUM POLICIES**

The conference is convened by Ana Nikodinovska Krstevska and Olga Koshevaliska,  
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Dr Violeta Moreno-Lax is Reader in Law, founder of the Immigration Law programme, and Co-Founder and former Co-Director of the Centre for European and International Legal Affairs (CEILA) at Queen Mary University of London. She is also Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, founder and general coordinator of SAROBMED: The Search and Rescue Observatory for the Mediterranean, member of the Legal Action Committee of the Global Legal Action Network (GLAN), member of the Advisory Board of Equal Rights Abroad, member of the Board of Directors of the International Refugee Rights Initiative (IRRI), Fellow of the Centre of European Law of King's College London, Senior Research Associate of the Refugee Law Initiative of the University of London, Co-Chair of The Refugee Law Observatory, and member of the Steering Committee of the Migration Law Network. Before coming to Queen Mary, she was a Lecturer in Law (Assistant Professor) at the Universities of Liverpool (2012-13) and Oxford (2011-12). She has held visiting positions at the Universities of Ghent (2019), Macquarie and New South Wales (2017), Oxford (2010-12), and Nijmegen (2009-10), as well as the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public and International Law (2018) and The Hague Academy of International Law (2010). She has published widely in the areas of international and European refugee and migration law, including her recent monograph: *Accessing Asylum Europe: Extraterritorial Border Controls and Refugee Rights Under EU Law* (Oxford University Press, 2017). And she regularly acts as expert consultant for the EU institutions and other organisations in her areas of expertise.

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## Jana Jakimovska



**Jana Jakimovska** is Associate Professor of painting at the Academy of Fine Arts at Goce Delchev University. Her field being painting, painting technologies and drawing, lately she has been focused on teaching Nude drawing, Visual perspective, and Digital painting.

She got her BA and MA at the department of painting at the Faculty of Fine Arts at the University Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje.

As an artist, she works in painting, photography, public space installations, and illustration. Her latest artistic work focuses on the aspect of feminism viewed through the body, the self, sexuality, and the position of women in today's society. She has had 20 solo exhibitions in New York, Berlin, Belgrade, Pristina, Skopje, Kumanovo, Shtip, Kavadarci and Gevgelija, and has participated in over 80 group exhibitions in the USA, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Turkey, Greece, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and North Macedonia.

As a mentor, she has been working with students on various types of projects: exhibitions of paintings, drawings, posters, both concentrating on the technical and artistic aspects, but also tackling important subjects in contemporary society, such as migration, censorship, freedom of speech, equality, violence against women, and discrimination.

## Maja Savić-Bojanić



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### Aleksandar Dimovski



**Aleksandar Dimovski** is a certified Fundamental rights specialist, trainer, and assessor, a practitioner with more than 20 years of experience in migration issues and combating cross-border crime. For the last 5 years he is a part of the FRONTEX development team who developed training for Fundamental rights, Child protection, Combating Cross Border Crimes and Advanced profiling. He delivered and assessed all the training on national and EU level. Started cooperation with MAPS Network from last year in the area of Migration, Human Rights, and Security issues. He started his police education as a cadet in the last generation of the High Police School in Skopje (1996-2000). He graduated and received a Bachelor's Degree at the Faculty for Detectives and Security, University FON-Skopje, where he is preparing his MSc in the Security/Human Rights area.

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During her studies, Ivana has participated in many workshops and conferences (organized by the University) covering diverse topics and was even part of the Erasmus + program one semester, expanding her horizons in Maribor, Slovenia. She was part of the University Radio where she had the opportunity to experience what working in media is like, firsthand.

She is great at doing research, gathering information, and making something worth reading out of them. During her studies she gained great knowledge and skills. At the moment she works as a content writer at a marketing agency.

### Irena Zdravkova



**Irena Zdravkova** is a law graduate, and currently she is working in the Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA). She graduated at Iustinianus Primus Law Faculty under the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, in 2008. She passed the bar exam in 2010. Her special interest is international law, refugee law and human rights protection. In 2015, during refugee and migration crisis she led the emergency protection component of the Danish Refugee Council for North Macedonia. She is actively involved in activities for prevention and combating human trafficking and she is a member of the anti-trafficking mobile team in Tetovo. She is author and co-author of few analyses related to combating the human trafficking and protection of migrants and refugees.

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She is active in the field of advocating for the rights of refugees and migrants, discrimination against Muslims and Islamophobia, gender equality, rights of ethnic groups etc.

As a part of NGO LEGIS, she is publishing monthly and yearly reports about the situation of the refugee and migrants in North Macedonia. Her research papers on the refugee rights, islamophobia, women rights were published in several local and international publications. She was actively involved in numerous humanitarian missions globally. Mersiha has been awarded for her activism for the right of refugees, also for her involvement of promotion of human rights on focus of women in

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