Detention of asylum seekers in the European Union and Australia: Shared challenges, different perspectives?

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As the detention of asylum seekers has become a fixture in the legal landscape in both the European Union and Australia, concerns continue to be expressed by international and national human rights bodies about the treatment of asylum seekers in accordance with international legal obligations. Although the European Union and Australia have shared challenges and shortcomings in relation to the treatment and detention of asylum seekers, a comparison of approaches and perspectives reveals insights into each system.

Against the backdrop of international human rights and refugee law, this presentation aims to provide an overview of the laws surrounding the detention and treatment of asylum seekers under the Common European Asylum System and explores in what ways the European Union experience might inform approaches in and by Australia.

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His doctoral thesis compared the detention of asylum seekers under European Union law and Australian law. He is a member of the New South Wales Bar, the Ius Commune Research School, the Netherlands, and the Maastricht Centre for European Law.

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