

## Panel Discussion

# Human rights and the EU's refugee policy after "Lampedusa": Perspectives of academics and practitioners

Monday, 9 December 2013, 16:00  
at the "Theatersaal" of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)  
Sonnenfelsgasse 19, 1010 Vienna (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**The Lampedusa tragedy, in which more than 300 migrants drowned, has intensified discussions on the EU's refugee protection and border control policies. Is the EU doing enough to protect lives at sea? What are the human rights challenges in the EU's policies?**

**This public event will discuss these questions from a research and practical perspective. How do different academic disciplines and EU agencies view the human rights' situation in these sensitive policy areas? Which kind of contribution can research make to tackle current challenges and strengthen human rights in the EU?**

### **Panel discussants:**

Florian Trauner (Platform European integration research, University of Vienna): a political science perspective

Manfred Nowak (Head, Research Platform Human Rights in the European Context, University of Vienna): a law perspective

Morten Kjaerum (Director, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights): policy research and advice

Robert Visser (Director, European Asylum Support Office): policy support and practical cooperation

Christoph Reinprecht (Head, Research Platform Migration and Integration Research, University of Vienna): a sociological perspective

### **Moderation: Eva Bachinger, Salzburger Nachrichten**

**Welcome: Gerda Falkner** (Head, Platform and Institute for European Integration Research, University of Vienna)

The event will be followed by a small reception.

Pre-registration is requested at ([eif@univie.ac.at](mailto:eif@univie.ac.at)).