HELP Online course on
ASYLUM AND THE ECHR

Introduction

The right to asylum may not be enshrined within the European Convention on Human Rights (the ECHR). However, the ECHR applies to any asylum seeker and refugee under the jurisdiction of a High Contracting State.

This course covers in an interactive manner the key provisions and the related case law of the European Court of Human Rights which are particularly relevant for asylum-seekers and refugees.

Outline of the course

1. **The prohibition of ill-treatment (Article 3) and Asylum**
   a. Introduction
   b. Key definitions between the 1951 Convention, EU Law and the ECHR
   c. Main characteristics of Article 3
   d. The assessment of the risk of ill-treatment in practice
   e. Other relevant ECHR Articles in the expulsion context
   f. Reception of asylum seekers

2. **The right to liberty and security (Article 5) and freedom of movement (Article 2/Protocol.4) of Asylum-seekers**

   a. Introduction
   b. Grounds for detention under 5(1)(f)
   c. Safeguards against arbitrary detention
   d. Legality and lawfulness
   e. Procedural safeguards
   f. Restrictions on freedom of movement

3. **The right to family life (Article 8) and Asylum**
   a. Definition of family
   b. Interference
   c. Family reunification
   d. Exceptions
   e. Family reunification procedure

4. **The right to an effective remedy (Article 13) and Asylum**
    a. General principles
    b. Specific requirement in the asylum context
    c. Procedural safeguards in other ECHR provisions

5. **Article 2, Protocol 4 - Freedom of movement**

At the end of each of the chapters, you will have the opportunity to test your knowledge in a quiz.

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