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Refugees of the Ukrainian War who have escaped warfare are subsequently forced to navigate urgent and complex legal issues in pursuit of state protection and safety. A Filipino parent seeking reunification with their family in Europe faces similar obstacles. Both are confronted with the interrelationships between humanitarian and human rights law, and the interactions between international and domestic legal systems.

International Migration and Refugee Law

The study

Due to the complex interplay between different jurisdictions and fields of law, international migration and refugee law must be analysed from a multitude of angles and disciplines. This specialisation studies international migration from the perspective of international and European law, and focuses on how they function in domestic legal orders.

During the master program, you will have plenty of opportunities to work on your skillset. While all offered courses will enable you to further explore your academic capabilities, the degree is highly focused on practically preparing students for a career in the field of migration. Compulsory as well as

elective courses such as Refugee and Family Migration Law, Irregular Migration, Philosophy of International law and Migration and the Migration Law Clinic will allow you to work on writing skills and critical reflection. The degree also offers a space for the improvement of oral skills with the moot courts and working groups of the compulsory course Migration and Legal Remedies.

The Migration Law Clinic is a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between academia and legal practitioners, offering students the chance to write expert opinions in real migration law cases that are pending before national and European courts. During the clinic, participants define and work on their own learning goals, such as cooperation or communication skills and reflect on the

development of those skills during the course.

Future

On completing this Master's programme, you can start working or do more research. Our graduates work for international (non-governmental) organisations involved in migration, e.g. UNHCR, the European Commission and EASO as well as national and local NGO's. Moreover, they are employed as immigration lawyers, clerks at national courts and employees for national immigration services and ministries as well as PhD students at universities.

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