

*The new Common European Asylum System: an analysis of the progress made by the European Union since the Geneva Convention on refugees of 1951.*

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Comparative study of the right to asylum since the Geneva Convention of 1951 to the European asylum package adopted in 2013.

In the first chapter I analyzed the evolution of the right to asylum since the Geneva Convention of 1951 to the first phase of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS) focusing on the legal definitions of “refugee”, “acts of persecution”, “actors of protection”, “principle of non-refoulement”.

I also analysed the developments regarding the necessary requirements to obtain international protection status (“Qualifications” Directive 2004/83/CE), the procedures to obtain international protection status (“Procedures” Directive 2005/85/CE), the reception conditions for asylum seekers (“Reception” Directive 2003/9/CE) and the Regulation establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national (“Dublin II” Regulation 2003/343/CE).

In the second chapter, I analysed the criticisms of the first phase of the CEAS made by judicial doctrine, NGOs, UNHCR and European Institutions and I summarized the innovations introduced by the new asylum package and its negotiation process between European Institutions before the Parliament vote in June 2013.

In the third chapter, I analysed a series of innovative court sentences pronounced by the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights.