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**Europe, Welfare and Mobility: From Closure to Openness and
Back Again?**

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16:30 – 18:00 h CET

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Abstract

Access to welfare for free movers is a salient and controversial topic in Europe. It defines EU citizenship but at the same time it prompts fears of “welfare tourism”. Accordingly, it exists in a perpetual tension between openness and closure. Present since the foundation of the EEC, the nexus between free movement and social benefits has evolved and diversified along with the integration project itself, its geographical reach, and its political representation in the key Member States. The literature often depicts this development as one of evolutionary leaps and u-turns. In this keynote, Francesco Maiani will attempt a broad brush account stressing both continuity and change, and trying to make sense of these by looking at the interaction of the key actors involved: the EU political institutions, the EU Court, and national actors.

Curriculum Vitae

Francesco Maiani is Associate Professor of EU Law at the University of Lausanne. His research interests include EU constitutional law, the law of the relations between the EU and its neighbours, as well as EU and International migration law with a particular focus on free movement of persons and asylum-related matters. He is a member of i.a. the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, the ODYSSEUS Academic Network and the nccr – on the move.

Selected Publications

- Maiani, Francesco (2021). Responsibility-Allocation in the Common European Asylum System. In: De Bruycker Philippe, Tsourdi Lilian (eds.) *Research Handbook in EU Migration and Asylum Law*, Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Maiani, Francesco and Bieber, Roland (2020). Droit européen des transports, 2020/04, 3e édition Dossiers de droit européen 11. Zürich: Schulthess Verlag.
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