The EU-Turkey Statement on Refugees
Assessing Its Impact on Fundamental Rights

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This thought-provoking book critically analyses how the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement on Refugees affects the rights of refugees and asylum seekers. Bringing together an in-depth examination of both EU and Turkish law and fieldwork data within a theoretical human rights framework, Hülya Kaya discusses the operational realities and failures of the agreement between Turkey and the EU from a socio-legal perspective.

‘The book can serve a wide audience. It provides discussion for international law and migration scholars. It also provides data for academicians and suggestions for policymakers... the book delivers its message and arguments very powerfully.’
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‘Hülya Kaya’s timely and well-researched study, The EU-Turkey Statement on Refugees enriched with fieldwork data and interviews, specifically addresses the legal and humanitarian outcomes of the refugee dossier between Turkey and the EU authorities.’
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‘From 2015, substantially more refugees began arriving in the EU, mainly from Turkey, triggering a policy crisis regarding their reception and integration. This book meticulously examines the EU’s choice of action and effective agreement with the Turkish authorities, the so-called EU-Turkey Statement. The controversy, both legal and humanitarian, which this deal sparked in the EU and Turkey is brilliantly set out, beginning with the legal frameworks relevant to the issue. This is mandatory reading for those interested in regional refugee protection regimes.’
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