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***“Missing Links in de Migration Law Debate”***

**Discussion statements**

**Carolus Grütters / Karen Geertsema**

1. We should try to reformulate each and every dilemma as a trilemma.
2. The current debate on migration lacks clarity, which favours all but the migrant.
3. More rights for migrants can only be achieved through strict monitoring of the implementation of these rights.
4. The Samoa agreement is a good example of the transformation of soft law norms into hard law.
5. The effectiveness of international legal norms is undermined by the parallel development of bilateral agreements on migration.
6. The effect of the economy on the development of migration is a blind spot for both international lawyers and politicians.
7. The Chinese Exclusion doctrine should be rejected by the ECtHR and the CJEU.

**Klara Boonstra**

1. Equal treatment of domestic and migrant workers should at all times be guaranteed by the public authorities.
2. The international recruitment industry should be regulated in EU law.
3. Work permits should be issued to the worker/employee, not to the company/employer.

**Susan Rutten / Ian Sumner**

1. The public policy exception in private international law cases should also be able to be used positively to ensure recognition of familial relationships that otherwise would not be recognized in the Netherlands.
2. A strict policy regarding the recognition of family relationships originating abroad is at odds with the right to family life enshrined in the ECHR.