

La Soutenance de mémoire  
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**The right to seek asylum put into a question in the border  
enclave of Ceuta**

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**Résumé:**

Ceuta and Melilla are two Spanish enclaves with a significant importance in the migratory context. Their relevance stems from the fact that they are the only two European land borders in Africa, which makes them critical territories in terms of migratory flows and international protection for asylum seekers.

In 2015, during the so-called Mediterranean refugee crisis, an asylum office was opened at the border posts of both cities. The institutional goals were to reinforce the guarantees of the asylum system, to enable better compliance with the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), and reducing irregular crossings and jumps over the fence. However, although in Melilla a relevant number of asylum applications have been registered, in Ceuta this has not been the case. In four years and a half, since the opening of this border asylum office in March 2015 until September 2019, there have been no applications for asylum at the border post.