CONTENTS

SPECIAL ISSUE: The external borders of the European Union: Between a rule of law crisis and accountability gaps	
EDITORIAL	
Guest editorial: The external borders of the European Union: Between a rule of law crisis and accountability gaps	2
LUISA MARIN, MARIANA GKLIATI AND SALVATORE F. NICOLOSI	
KALEIDOSCOPE 1: The contours of a rule of law crisis at the borders of the European Union Frontex at the epicentre of a rule of law crisis at the external borders of the EU LUISA MARIN	11
EU constitutional dismantling through strategic informalisation: Soft readmission governance as concerted dis-integration VIOLETA MORENO-LAX	29
Rule of law backsliding within the EU: The case of informal readmissions of third-country nationals at internal borders EMANUELA PISTOIA	60
Watching the guards: Ensuring compliance with fundamental rights at the external borders JORRIT J. RIJPMA	74
Datafication of the hotspots in the blind spot of supervisory authorities SARAH TAS	87
Limits to discretion and automated risk assessments in EU border control: Recognising the political in the technical AMANDA MUSCO EKLUND	103
The regulation of Al-based migration technologies under the EU Al Act: (Still) operating in the shadows? LUDIVINE SARAH STEWART	122
KALEIDOSCOPE 2: Access to justice and accountability in the emerging European shared administration Frontex and access to justice: The need for effective monitoring mechanisms ELSPETH GUILD	136
The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX) and the limits to effective judicial protection in European Union law SALVATORE FABIO NICOLOSI	149
The European Union Agency for Asylum: Legal remedies and national articulations in composite procedures AGOSTINA PIRRELLO	165
Does the European Union's rule of law require the criminalisation of EU public officials? A first appraisal ALBERTO DI MARTINO	181
Decoding Frontex's fragmented accountability mosaic and introducing systemic accountability - System Reset MARIANA GKLIATI	197
Frontex's expanding mandate: Has democratic control caught up? TINEKE STRIK	217
The potential of budgetary discharge for political accountability: Which lessons from the case of Frontex? MICHELE GIGLI	238
EPILOGUE Shadow	253

PAP KHOUMA