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Raphaële holds an LL.M. in comparative, European and international law from the EUI, a Master of Arts in international relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), at Johns Hopkins University, and a binational Master of Arts in political science from Sciences Po. Lille in France and the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität in Germany. Her interdisciplinary background in social sciences informs her choice to conduct a Ph.D. project from the “Law and Society” angle. Raphaële currently works as a managing editor at the European Journal of Legal Studies (www.ejls.eu) and is an organizer of the Fundamental Rights Working Group at the EUI, which regularly convenes conferences and lectures about human rights in Europe and beyond.