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The primary aim of the publication of this collection of papers is to make available as a matter of record and analysis the difficulties faced by the immigrant, but also in the context of those faced by Malta as a small peripheral island State in addressing the phenomenon of irregular migration (often ‘illegal’ immigration from a national law perspective).

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