

February 28th



- 11:00–13:00** *MORNING SESSION*
Round table Political Integration of TCNs in Represented Member States
Moderator: Dr Lenka Curillova
- 13:30–14:30** *LUNCH*
- 15:00–15:30** *WELCOME ADDRESSES*
- 15:30–16:00** ***The Citizens Are United - Project Overview***
Heddy Bvumburah, Cross Culture International Foundation
- 16:00–17:00** *KEYNOTE SPEECH*
Patrick Taran, President of Global Migration Policy Associates
- 17:00–18:45** *AFTERNOON SESSION 1*
Panel 1 & Discussion: Aspects of EU Legal Framework on Migration
“Third Country Nationals: Legal Framework, Challenges and Integration Policies”

Description

The EU legislation describes in detail all standardised procedures that Member States have to follow as far as the reception, identification, integration, deportation, or “assisted voluntary return” of Third Country Nationals, are concerned. A series of legal stages and statuses are in place with a view to protect these groups and lift various forms of exclusion against them.

However, in practice, specific socioeconomic and political conditions that prevail each time, obstruct the implementation or incorporation of the EU legislation by Member States, leading to the stigmatisation and discrimination of Third Country Nationals.

Taking into consideration the recent EU policies and guidelines for TCNs and focusing on specific case studies, the panel will discuss the ways in which socioeconomic and political specificities in Member States affect the implementation of both the EU legislation and integration policies.

Moderator: To be announced soon.

“The reconfiguration(s) of the EU border regime at the aftermath of the ‘refugee crisis’”

Dimitris Parsanoglou, Adjunct Lecturer, Panteion University, Department of Social Policy

*"Illegal migration into Europe:
How the EU has addressed the legal challenges"*
Konstantinos Magliveras, Professor of International
Organizations, Department of Mediterranean Studies,
University of the Aegean

*"Refugees and Threat Perception: Securitization vs
Integrated Threat Theory approaches"*
Dr Nikos Lampas, Visiting Research Fellow,
University of the Peloponnese

*"'Intruders' or 'victims'? How the framing of a migration influx
makes a (huge) difference: The case of Greece"*
Dr Sotiris Vandoros, Lecturer, Department of Political Science
& International Relations, University of the Peloponnese

*"The persistent challenge of a meaningful integration
policy in Greece"*
Eleni Takou, Deputy Director and Head of Advocacy
of the HumanRights360

The focus of this panel moves beyond targeting migration merely as an urban "problem", linked to abandonment, economic decline, criminality, and therefore, of migrant residential areas as ghettos. Questions are posed regarding shelter and alternative housing opportunities for increasing numbers of migrants, access to public space services/amenities and transportation, rights to social infrastructure, integration and security for constantly mobile migrant populations.

Moderator: To be announced soon.

*"Social policies for Asylum Seekers in Greece:
Examples of Housing and Social Services"*
Nikos Kourahanis, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Panteion University,
Department of Social Policy

*"Experiences and Challenges from a Programme of Housing
and Services for Asylum Seekers"*
Maria Malapetsa, Accommodation and Services Scheme
for Asylum Seekers, Municipality of Athens

18:45–19:00 COFFEE BREAK

19:00–19:45 AFTERNOON SESSION 2
Panel 2 & Discussion: Migration and Spatial Dynamics
**"Beyond the Technical Perception of Space: Understanding
the Ways Migration Dynamics Are Challenging and
Are Being Challenged by Spatial Patterns and Policies"**

Description

Migration routes and concentrations are created within spatial patterns, and, simultaneously, have a diachronic impact in (re) shaping space and creating socio-spatial geographies. Apart from inherently different regional patterns between North-Western and Southern European countries, increased and diversified flows and routes interact with different spatial dynamics in national and sub-national levels.

In this context, the migration agenda needs to target broader spatial entities: urban areas, larger and smaller, but also rural areas, islands and country borders, where mobile migrant communities have shaped temporary(?) hubs upon transition.

19:45–20:30 **Screening of the Short Documentary: "Dying for Europe"**
In presence of the director
Nikos Pilos, PhotoJournalist-Filmmaker

21:00–23:00 DINNER

March 1st



09:30–11:00 *MORNING SESSION 1*
Non-formal learning activity
Objects Telling the Stories of Outcasts*

11:00–11:15 *COFFEE BREAK*

11:15–12:45 *MORNING SESSION 2*
Workshop: Migration and Education
“Challenging the Ethnocentric Educational System: The Role of Intercultural Education of the Local Communities in the Integration of Migrants and Refugees”

13:00–14:00 *LUNCH*

14:30–15:30 *KEYNOTE SPEECH*
Antal Orkeny, Professor, Eotvos Lorand University of Budapest & President of Menedek, Hungarian Association for Migrants

15:30–17:15 *AFTERNOON SESSION 1*
Panel 3 & Discussion: Migration and the European Economies
“Charting Potentials from the Migrant Inflow for European Economies”

Description

The root causes of the ongoing European crisis constitute the theme of a complex debate that is researched across disciplines and levels of analysis. Still, the main manifestations of the crisis in the socioeconomic sphere are rather apparent and concurred - limited competitiveness, inequalities within and among member states, demographic deficit. Increased migrant inflows is duly integrated in this debate particularly in relation to social security systems, changing demographics and the quantity, quality and conditions of labour offer and demand of European countries.

And while cost-benefit calculations do not go well with the Union's professed role as a political community of values, it is also true that it reflects a series of crucial issues to which diverse audiences can relate. At the same time, it is essential that the asserted economic effects of migrant inflow are exemplified and policy lines that result from them are articulated and discussed.

Moderator: Nikos Papakostas, Co-founder of Inter Alia

"Perceptions on immigrants and work in 20 European Societies: Evidence from World Values Survey-7"

Sokratis Koniordos, Professor, Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of the Peloponnese

"Immigrant Economic Activity in Greece since 2000: the case of migrant entrepreneurship in wider Athens area"

Alexandra Tragaki, Professor, Department of Geography, Harokopion University

"Transnational Dynamics: The Economic Potential of Diasporas"

Asteris Huliaras, Professor, Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of the Peloponnese

"Labour Market Integration of Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Obstacles, Prospects and the practice of ACCMR"

Ilektra Simitsi, Livelihoods Development IRC, Chair of the ACCMR Livelihood Committee, PhD Candidate at EU Law, Department of Law, Democritus University of Thrace

17:15–17:30 COFFEE BREAK

17:30–19:00 AFTERNOON SESSION 2

Panel 4 & Discussion: Female Migration

"Women Migrants and Refugees: Facing Gender-specific Challenges in Navigating Daily Life at Every Stage of the Migration Experience"

Description

Autonomous female migration constitutes a distinct feature of recent migrant waves. The majority of women, coming from countries involved in war, as well as from countries where oppressive intersex relations are a commonplace, are forced to take matters into their own hands and respond to crucial circumstances for themselves and their families under extreme conditions.

The personal dynamics and potentials possessed or unleashed during their journey, contrast sharply with most female refugees' lives upon arrival to Europe that are usually defined by discrimination, inertia, repetitiveness and disenfranchisement.

This panel aims to look into approaches and practices for supporting integration of female refugees and at the same time re-touch the discussions on gender relations in EU member states and discuss how they are reflected in migration policies.

Moderator: Manto Baboula (journalist)

"Cultural integration in Greece - insights from the community of the Nigerian migrant women in Greece"

Eugenia Vathakou, Dr., **Vassiliki Lalagianni**, Professor, Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of the Peloponnese

"The females and the femininities: the non-male path of integration as an intersectional challenge"

Elena-Olga Christidi, Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Scientific Coordinator for the Greek Programme for Certification of victims of torture (Metadrasia)

"Gendered Spaces and Educational Expectations. The Case of Elliniko Camp in Athens"

Arezu Rezain, PhD Candidate, Panteion University