Lecture Series on Migration in the Mediterranean

Brussels, March 2014

Venue: Institute for European Studies, Pleinlaan 5, 1050 Brussels

PROGRAMME

Monday 10 March 2014, 18:00 – 20:00

Opening Lecture: The EU and Mediterranean Migration: Migration in the Mediterranean region is often in the news and has been the focus of much migration policy discussions for the states involved. Since the events in Lampedusa, there has been renewed interest from countries involved to look at the issue of migration more closely, most recently at the EU level with the creation of a Task Force Mediterranean (TFM), which has a mandate to develop appropriate measures in order to prevent such human tragedies from happening again. Particular attention will be paid to this new approach for the whole Mediterranean area, introduced with the TFM, as well as the role of North African and Middle Eastern countries as EU partners in managing migration in the region.

- Prof Godfried Engbersen, Professor of Sociology and Research Director of the Sociology Department, Erasmus University
- Mr Spyridon Voulgaris, Counsellor, Head of Unit of Justice and Home Affairs, Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU

Co-chairs: Mr Ralph Genetzke, Head of Mission, ICMPD Brussels and Mr Richard Lewis, Senior Research Fellow, IES

This opening lecture will be followed by light refreshments.

Monday 17 March 2014, 18:00 – 20:00

Mobility in the Mediterranean Region: In order to address the long-term challenges posed by the recent migration crisis in North Africa, the EU has proposed to enhance cooperation with the Southern Mediterranean region through the establishment of a Dialogue for Migration, Mobility and Security followed by future Mobility Partnerships. Mobility has thus become a key feature in EU-Southern Mediterranean relations. However, is there such a thing as “Mediterranean mobility”? And to what extent is this approach suitable for managing common migration concerns on both sides of the Mediterranean Sea?

- Prof Ali Bensaâd, Institut de Recherches et d’Etudes sur le Monde Arabe et Musulman
- Mr Mohamed Ali CHIHI, Director General, Counsellor Affairs, Republic of Tunisia

Chair: Dr Chantal Lacroix, Programme Manager, Deputy Head of Mission, ICMPD Brussels
This lecture will be bilingual, French and English.

Monday 24 March 2014, 18:00 – 20:00

Managing Migration in Mediterranean Cities: Which new institutions do we need in order to sustainably manage migration locally? Are cities the right starting points for implementing sustainability policies? If so, what are the implications for city management and urban planning? This lecture reflects the situation of cities within the context of global change in managing migration at the local level.

- Prof Camille Schmoll, Lecturer, Université Paris 7 - Denis Diderot
- Dr Mohamed El Sioufi, Coordinator, Housing and Slum Upgrading Branch and Coordinator, Global Housing Strategy at UN-HABITAT

Chair: Mr Julien Simon, Team Leader, EUROMED Migration III, ICMPD Brussels

Monday 31 March 2014, 18:00 – 20:00

Irregular Migration Pressures, and Search and Rescue at Sea: Following the recent events in Lampedusa, migrant protection in the Mediterranean through search and rescue at sea is at stake. Regardless of their status, the human rights of asylum seekers or migrants in irregular situations should be safeguarded. However, this position can potentially clash with the necessity of European States to control their borders. The question then is to what extent the obligation to rescue should be expanded and to whom.

- Prof Dr. François Crépeau, Hans and Tamar Oppenheimer Professor in Public International Law at the Faculty of Law of McGill University, and UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants
- Mr Filippo Colombo, Counsellor, Justice and Home Affairs, Permanent Representative of Italy to the EU

Co-chairs: Dr Chantal Lacroix, Programme Manager, Deputy Head of Mission, ICMPD Brussels and Prof Ilke Adam, Coordinator of the Migration and Diversity research cluster, IES

This closing lecture will be followed by light refreshments.

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