



GOVERNING IRREGULAR MIGRATION: STATES, ACTORS AND INTERMEDIARIES

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■ RATIONALE

The loss of over a thousand human lives in the effort to cross the Mediterranean during April 2015 has once again drawn media and political attention to the challenges that the EU is facing in its efforts to govern irregular migration and asylum in the region. However, what seems to be still wanting is our (experts' and policy makers') understanding of what drives people to put their lives at risk in search of a better future. What are the motivations that are so strong or what is the information they have? How do they organise their journey and how do they respond to changing policy practices (e.g. more intensive enforcement at the border, or a more expansive rescue operation at sea)? How much do they know and how accurate is their information? How much are they in control of their own destinies and how much do they accept contingency and risk?

Irregular migration governance takes place in a "moving sand" environment. Geopolitical and economic challenges in Asia and Africa are multiplying and population flows are inextricably mixed with both irregular economic migrants, people fleeing war and violence, unaccompanied minors, and other vulnerable persons. New actors are emerging: international organisations, transnational civil society and private actor networks, smuggling and other criminal organisations, along with state authorities. Policy makers and experts strive to integrate into their analysis and implementation this dynamic context, often neglecting however the crucial nodal point of irregular migration management, notably the migrant her/himself and her/his motivations, plans and actions.

The IRMA project (Governing Irregular Migration: States, Actors and Intermediaries) seeks to fill this knowledge gap through an in-depth analysis of the interaction between states, other actors and irregular migrants during the "journey" of this last from departure, to arrival, settlement, further migration or return (whether forced or voluntary). The project concentrates on the case of Greece, as a forefront country under irregular migration pressures for the past 25 years and includes three irregular migration systems (EU-Balkans, case study on Albania; EU-Eastern Europe, case studies on Georgia and Ukraine; and EU-Asia, case studies on Afghanistan and Pakistan).

This conference marks the completion of the IRMA project and aims to present its findings on Greece as well as place the Greek case study in its international governance and policy context.



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■ PROGRAMME

Wednesday 8 July

- 08.30 – 09.00 Registration
- 09.00 – 09.30 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Thanos Dokos | ELIAMEP, Athens
Anna Triandafyllidou | EUI and ELIAMEP
- 9.30 - 11.30 **Panel I: *Managing Irregular Migration in the 21st Century***
The interface between irregular migration policy and migrants' strategies
Anna Triandafyllidou | EUI and ELIAMEP
Evaluating migration policy effectiveness
Mathias Czaika | IMI, Oxford University
Migrants' decision-making in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan
Dinuk Jayasuriya | Australian National University, Canberra
- 11.30 - 12.00 **COFFEE BREAK**
- Panel II: *Migration systems in a Comparative Perspective: Southeastern and Eastern European Dynamics***
- 12.00 – 13.30 **A. *Western Balkans and the European Union***
- Chair: **Juli Vullnetari** | University of Southampton
Albanian Migration to Greece: a process left unfinished
Eda Gemi | ELIAMEP, Athens
Bosnian migration to Austria: between labour migration and transnational mobility
Sanda Uellen | University of Vienna and ICMPD
- 13.30 – 14.30 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 14.30 – 17.30 **B. *Eastern Europe and the European Union*¹**
- Chair: **Iordanis Psimmenos** | Panteion University, Athens
Chain migration and social capital in Georgian migration to Greece
Michaela Maroufop | ELIAMEP, Athens
Georgian Migration in Europe
Irina Badurashvili | Georgian Centre of Population Research
The Dynamics of Ukrainians migration in Greece: routes, decisions and practices
Marina Nikolova | ELIAMEP, Athens
Ukrainian migration to the EU: Policy, practices and prospective
Yana Leontieva | Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague

¹ Coffee will be available during the whole session.

Thursday 9 July

09.30 - 11.30

Panel III: Governing Irregular Migration in a Globalised World

Chair:

Nadina Christopoulou | Greek Council for Refugees, Athens

Smart Borders and Civil Liberties in the EU

Julien Jeandesboz | University of Amsterdam

Disciplining the Transnational Mobility of People: Lessons from the Pacific region

Marie McAuliffe | Australian National University, Canberra

11.30 - 12.00

COFFEE BREAK

12.00 – 14.30

Panel IV: Migration systems in a Comparative Perspective: Southeast Asia and the European Union

Chair:

Apostolos Papadopoulos | Harokopeio University, Athens

Pakistani irregular migration to Greece: Between Scylla and Charybdis

Michaela Marouf | ELIAMEP, Athens

Migration from Pakistan to Europe

Maegan Hendow | ICMPD, Vienna

Europe is elsewhere: Afghan irregular migrants in Greece

Angeliki Dimitriadi | ELIAMEP, Athens

Experiences and conditions of irregular Afghan migrants in the Netherlands

Katie Kuschminder | Maastricht Graduate School of Governance

14.30

End of conference

■ SPEAKERS

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