



## EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

### SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE

## *HOW TO MAKE BETTER MIGRATION POLICIES: HUMAN MOBILITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN*

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The ongoing “migration crisis” in the Mediterranean weighs heavily on European policy-makers, humanitarian organizations, and civil society representatives. Due to political pressures resulting from the immediacy of these situations, reactions are “ad-hoc” at best, leaving practitioners as well as the public feeling frustrated and disheartened. This Executive Training Seminar responds to this challenge by placing the current Mediterranean situation in a broader context that allows participants to gain an in-depth understanding of the various factors that together have produced the problems we face today.

By combining the study of long-term migration patterns with that of contemporary phenomena occurring in the region, we can develop successful response strategies to complex migration-related problems. Our broad contextual approach provides participants with an in-depth understanding of the various factors that together have given rise to the problems we face today.

#### **Developing tools for migration policy innovation: A practical approach**

Participants will have a unique and rare opportunity to work with original documents from the Historical Archives of the European Union (HAEU) when carrying out case study analyses and scenario building exercises. Hands-on training laboratories combined with world-class academic instruction will provide a dynamic foundation for knowledge-sharing and discovery. Participants will gain an ability to make better, more effective decisions that will increase their organizations’ effectiveness in responding to current and future challenges arising from migration in the Mediterranean and beyond.

This Executive Course is geared at policy-makers and practitioners from organizations dealing with migration who want to improve their decision-making skills and increase their organizations’ effectiveness in responding to current and future challenges arising from migration in the



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Mediterranean and beyond.

### What you will learn

- The analytical skills necessary to develop lasting solutions to current and future problems that arise from public perceptions of, and reactions to, migrations in the Mediterranean;
- The ability to strengthen the so-called “migration crisis” management approach by providing systematic skills to analyze the complexities of migration phenomena;
- How to successfully support policy-makers and practitioners in dealing with migration-related communication challenges;
- How to create a constructive platform for the exchange of experiences and best practice approaches when responding to the specific challenges that emerge from migration movements.

### Who you are?

- Policy-advisors in public administration institutions/authorities concerned with migration;
- Senior personnel in social, human, and educational services and in community development organizations concerned with migration;
- Local government leaders in regions closely affected by migration;
- Journalists, communication and media specialists.

## PROGRAMME

### 13 MAY

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| 17.00 - 17.30 | Institutional Greetings<br><b>Regina Grafe, EUI   Lucy Riall, EUI   Corinna Unger, EUI</b>   |
| 17.30 - 18.30 | Keynote and discussion on “ <b>A Precedented Crisis: Refugees in Europe - What works, what doesn’t, and why</b> ”<br><b>Pamela Ballinger</b> , University of Michigan<br><br>This opening keynote speech will provide an overview of past experiences with large migration flows, settlement initiatives, and integration efforts under strained political circumstances in the Mediterranean. It explains why some projects were successful while others did not meet the intended goals. |
| 19.30         | <i>Networking Dinner</i>   |

### 14 MAY

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| 9.30 - 11.00 | Training session: <b>Case Studies “Freedom of Movement, Labor and Welfare: Elements for Decision-Making”</b> using Materials from the Historical Archives of the European Union (HAEU)<br><br><b>Pamela Ballinger</b> , University of Michigan   <b>Regina Grafe, EUI   Lucy</b> |
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## **Riall, EUI**

This session takes place in the Historical Archives of the European Union. Documents from post-1945 European governmental initiatives used to attract migrants into Europe will be applied in this exercise. The goal is to analyze the complexity of political decision-making and public responses to immigration as a perceived challenge to the domestic labor markets and welfare systems.

11.00 - 11.30 *Coffee Break*

11.30 - 13.00 Training session: Case Studies “**Borders, Spaces and Human Lives**” using materials from the Historical Archives of the European Union

Working with documents related to the emerging common border control policies of the European Community, participants will explore the tension between national sovereignty and transnational responses with regard to migration, as well as the often conflictual interactions between government representatives and migrants.

13.00 - 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 - 15.30 Input Session: “**Human Mobility Flows in the Mediterranean: The Facts**”  
**Ettore Recchi**, Migration Policy Centre, EUI

By exploring a unique dataset on travel flows since the 1990s, the session showcases the evolution of human movements in the Mediterranean and how they reveal the underlying sociological structure of international relations in the region.

15.30 - 16.00 *Coffee Break*

16.00 - 18.00 Laboratory: Screening of the documentary film “[Eldorado](#)” and Group works on the Narratives of Migration

**Leila Hadj-Abdou**, Migration Policy Centre, EUI

Following the film screening, participants will scrutinize the strongly divergent narratives, both positive and negative, of the same migratory experience, as they were shaped by governments, public agencies, and migrant groups.

## **15 MAY**

09.00 - 10.00 Input session: “**Migrating Histories: Political Claims North and South of the Mediterranean**”

**Joseph Viscomi**, Birkbeck, University of London

Italians, who are at the geographical and political centre of the current “migration crisis”, are and have been migrants themselves. This session compares the past experience of Italians in Egypt, who were forcibly repatriated at the end of colonial rule, with the experiences of Egyptian migrants in today’s Italy.

10.00 - 10.30 *Coffee Break*

10.30 - 12.00 Scenario Building “**Narratives of Migration: Politics, Strategies, Experiences**”, using material from the Historical Archives of the European Union

**Regina Grafe, EUI | Lucy Riall, EUI| Corinna Unger, EUI| Joseph Viscomi,**  
Birkbeck, University of London

Today and in the past, the links between migration and population policies raise broader questions about welfare and the distribution of resources. In this session, using documents from the HAEU and by analysing current policies, such as those put forward by local politicians such as Mimmo Lucano in Riace for housing migrants in Calabria, we compare political responses to, and the controversies surrounding, the arrival of foreign migrants in receiving countries.

12.00 - 13.00

**Presentations by the working groups and Certificate Awards**

13.00 - 14.00

*Lunch*

## TRAINERS

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