

Siracusa II – Research Conference Series on Migration

Research Workshop: Recommendations for the G7

25th April (afternoon) – 26th April 2017

Venue: Ortygia Business School, 124 Via Roma, Siracusa, Italy

Migration continues to be high on the agenda of global policy makers. Italy's G7 Presidency, along with Canada that will take over from Italy later this year, work has started on key issues of "Human Mobility," building on the UN Compact agreed in September 2016. The Italian G7 Sherpa has invited the Alliance of Lead Universities on Migration (ALUM) to provide a note ("non-paper") with research-informed specific policy recommendations for the G7 Sherpas' attention ahead of the G7 Taormina Summit on May 26-27 2017.

Following the successful first ALUM conference in Siracusa last year, the Siracusa II conference will be devoted to this endeavour and focus on the G7's areas of policy attention:

1. Investing in countries of origin and transit;
2. Protection of children (countries of transit), hosting and integration unaccompanied minors as well as other vulnerable groups;
3. Valuing the positive contribution of migrants (particularly in view of G 7 demographics), including net fiscal impact and possibly also political dimensions and perceptions.

In addition, the workshop will assess the role of business, international institutions and the record so far of the new regional and bilateral "package deals". Mr. Francesco Aureli of Italy's G7 Sherpa Unit will deliver a keynote speech. Following the workshop, the note will be finalized for submission to the Italian G7 Sherpa of migration.

A pre-event will also be held in the morning of April 25 (Tuesday) focusing on research from frontier refugee ghosting countries in the Middle East and North Africa: Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt, Kurdistan, with research presentations from these countries.

Through the conference we will show the top five winners of LSE IGA's recent video competition on migration, sponsored by the Open Society Foundation.

FINAL PROGRAMME

Tuesday 25th April	
10:30 – 14:30	Pre-event with Open Society Foundation: Discussion with researchers from frontier refugee hosting countries
<i>12:30 -13:30</i>	<i>Working Lunch with speech by Genevieve Barrons, Open Society Foundations (OSF)</i>
15:00 - 15:30	Registration, tea and sandwiches
15:30 – 15:45	Welcome and Workshop Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erik Berglöf, London School of Economics - Francesco Drago, University of Messina and Ortygia Business School
<i>15:45 – 16:15</i>	Keynote speech by Francesco Aureli, Italy's G7 Sherpa Unit: <i>The G7 and Migration</i>
16:15 – 18:30	Session 1: – Investing in countries of origin and transit <i>Winning Videos on Migration: Video 1</i> <i>Chair:</i> Lili Banholzer, University of Mannheim <i>Presentations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Megan Bradley, McGill University - Marco Borraccetti, University of Bologna - Nasser Yassin, American University of Beirut - Gibril Faal, GK Partners and Africa-Europe Diaspora Development Platform (<i>confirmed</i>) - Muslih Irwani, American University of Kurdistan - Nourhan Abel Aziz, American University of Cairo
20:00 – 22:00	<i>Dinner with NGOs or Siracusa dignitary [Ortygia Business School]</i>

Wednesday 26th April	
8.00 – 9.00	<i>Breakfast</i>
9:00 – 10:30	Session 2: Protection of children and other vulnerable groups <i>Winning Videos on Migration: Video 2</i> <i>Chair:</i> Brad Blitz, LSE and University of Middlesex <i>Presentations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marcella Distefano, University of Messina - Eleonore Kofman, LSE and University of Middlesex - Muslih Irwani, American University of Kurdistan - Nasser Yassin, American University of Beirut

10:30 - 12:00	<p>Session 3: Valuing the contribution of migrants (fiscal/economic, political, communication)</p> <p><i>Winning Videos on Migration: Video 3</i></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Piroska Nagy-Mohacsi, LSE</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ibrahim Awad, American University of Cairo - Valerio Dotti, University of Mannheim - Simona Colucci and Roberto Lucarella, RENA - Giuseppe Ciarliero, MeetMe team - winner Techfugees Italy Hackathon Award - David Munir Nabti, AltCity
12:00 - 12:30	Speech by Costanza Hermanin, Special Advisor to the Italian Under Secretary of State for Justice
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 - 14:30	<p>Session 4: Other key issues: institutional frameworks and international policy packages</p> <p><i>Winning Videos on Migration: Video 4</i></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Erik Berglöf, LSE</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Megan Bradley, McGill University - Brad Blitz, LSE and Middlesex University - Nasser Yassin, American University of Beirut - Oksana Antonenko, LSE
14:30 – 16:30	<p>Session 5: Summary of key recommendations for G7 + discussion of G7 note</p> <p><i>Winning Videos on Migration: Video 5</i></p> <p>Moderators: Piroska Nagy-Mohacsi, Christina Segal-Knowles and Angelo Martelli, all LSE</p>
16:30 - 17:00	<p>Closing and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erik Berglof, LSE - Francesco Drago, University of Messina and Ortygia Business School