



## **EU and Global Asylum-Related Migration Research – Gaining an Overview**

### **First International Conference**

**16 May 2016**

**Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta**

**Great Siege Road, Floriana**

**FRN 1810, Malta**

As the EU's centre of expertise on asylum-related migration, the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) recently launched a multi-annual outsourced Research Programme on the push and pull factors of 'forced' migration, which is aimed at developing a model for the analysis and, if possible, the prognosis of asylum-related migration at EU level. As part of the Research Programme, EASO intends to bring together the organisations performing or planning migration-related research so as to gain an overview of the work being done in this area.

The unprecedented arrivals of asylum seekers at the European borders in recent years has caught the European Union and Member States largely unprepared and was largely unexpected, despite knowledge of escalating crises in such countries as Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. Asylum-related migration is, however, all but straightforward, and thus extremely difficult to foresee. Such questions as why people leave their homes to seek asylum in other countries, or how they choose their destinations, have not yet met with conclusive answers. Even in the case of apparently clear drivers of forced migration – such as violent conflicts – it is not obvious how, when and why a crisis becomes the source of internationally displaced populations, and what explains the routes and destinations chosen by migrants.

It is a recognised fact that better and more usable knowledge is therefore key to the design of improved responses. Research projects on forced migration are indeed burgeoning. A number of countries and institutions are also investing in generating more and better data on forced migration, thus addressing a long-standing constraint to systematic research. It is therefore essential to pool efforts in order to maximise synergies and avoid duplication.

The first international conference on *EU and global asylum-related migration research – gaining an overview* will take place on 16 May 2016 at the Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta. Key international players have been invited to present their research projects. Officials from EU institutions and International Organisations, as well as leading migration scholars, will steer the discussion.

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### Topics

EASO's Research Programme on the push and pull factors of migration;

Horizon 2020 and migration research;

Research on forced migration globally;

Migration modelling;

Surveying asylum seekers and refugees.

### Invited speakers

<b>Prof Jakub Bijak</b>	University of Southampton
<b>Dr d'Artis Kancs</b>	DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission
<b>Dr Frank Laczko</b>	IOM/GMDAC
<b>Dr Elisabeth Lippiatou</b>	DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
<b>Dr David Reichel</b>	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
<b>Ms Kimberly Roberson</b>	UNHCR
<b>Dr Justyna Salamońska</b>	Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute

### Invited panellist

<b>Dr Hanne Beirens</b>	Migration Policy Institute Europe
<b>Mr Christoph Curchod</b>	Division Analysis and Services, State Secretariat for Migration, Switzerland
<b>Prof Mathias Czaika</b>	Oxford University
<b>Dr Jean-Christophe Dumont</b>	OECD
<b>Prof Andrew Geddes</b>	Sheffield University
<b>Mr Piotr Juchno</b>	Eurostat
<b>Prof Laura Morales</b>	Leicester University
<b>Dr Roderick Parkes</b>	European Union Institute for Security Studies
<b>Prof Dimiter Toshkov</b>	Leiden University

## Agenda

8.30-9-15	Registration and welcome coffee
9.15-9-30	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Tim Cooper (Head, Centre for Information Documentation and Analysis, EASO)
9.30-11.10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 1. Research on forced migration in Europe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">An Overview of EASO's Research Programme</a> Marcello Carammia (Centre for Information Documentation and Analysis, EASO)</li> <li>- <a href="#">EU's priorities on migration research – Horizon 2020</a> Elisabeth Lipiatou (DG Research and Innovation, European Commission)</li> </ul> <p><i>Panellists</i>  <i>Christoph Curchod (State Secretariat for Migration, Switzerland)</i>  <i>Hanne Beirens (Migration Policy Institute Europe)</i>  <i>Andrew Geddes (Sheffield University)</i></p>
11.10-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 2. Research on asylum-related migration globally</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">IOM Research on Migration and the Global Migration Data Analysis Centre</a> Frank Laczko (IOM/GMDAC)</li> <li>- <a href="#">UNHCR Research on Refugees</a> Kimberly Roberson (UNHCR)</li> </ul> <p><i>Panellists</i>  <i>Roderick Parkes (EUISS)</i>  <i>Dimiter Toshkov (Leiden University)</i></p>
13.00-14.00	<b>Lunch</b>
14.00-15.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 3. Migration modelling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Modelling Migration: Review and Assessment</a> Jakub Bijak (University of Southampton)</li> <li>- <a href="#">JRC Research on Migration Modelling</a> d'Artis Kancs (DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission)</li> </ul> <p><i>Panellists</i>  <i>Mathias Czaika (Oxford University)</i>  <i>Jean-Christophe Dumont (OECD)</i></p>
15:30-15.50	Coffee break
15.50-17.20	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 4. Surveying asylum seekers and refugees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">FRA's studies and surveys on migrants and ethnic minorities in the EU</a> David Reichel (FRA)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Surveying the issue of forced migration: Contributions of MPC to the understanding of a key challenge for Europe</a> Justyna Salamońska (MPC, EUI)</li> </ul> <p><i>Panellists</i>  <i>Piotr Juchno (Eurostat)</i>  <i>Laura Morales (Leicester University)</i></p>
17.20-17.30	<b>Concluding remarks</b> Tim Cooper (Centre for Information Documentation and Analysis, EASO)
19.30	<b>Dinner</b>