



HIGH LEVEL POLICY SEMINAR

MIGRATION POLICY CENTRE

CONTEMPORARY REALITIES AND DYNAMICS OF MIGRATION IN ITALY

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Theatre

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■ INTRODUCTION

This High Level Seminar, organised within the framework of the [Metropolis International Steering Committee \(ISC\)](#) Spring meeting at the European University Institute, analyses the contemporary dynamics of migration to Italy and Europe in the context of the EU 'migration crisis'. It focuses on understanding immigration and asylum policies in Italy and the challenges it faces from both a comparative and international perspective. The seminar provides scope for interaction with academics, officials and political leaders from local, regional and national level in Italy and the European Union, as well as representatives of international organisations and civil society.

Simultaneous translation Italian-English is provided during the seminar.

■ PROGRAMME

9.45 - 10.15 *Welcome coffee and registration*

10.15 - 10.30 **Welcome addresses**

Vincenzo Grassi | Secretary General of the EUI

Andrew Geddes | Chair in Migration Studies and Director, MPC, RSCAS, EUI

Howard Duncan | Executive Head, Metropolis



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10.30 - 12.15

Panel 1 - Italy in a comparative and international perspective

Chair: Violet Roumeliotis | CEO, Settlement Services International, Australia

Migration over the Central Mediterranean route - the European Agenda on Migration and developments in Italy since 2015

Marc Arno Hartwig | Team Leader, Migration support team Italy, DG Home, European Commission

Understanding migration journeys from migrants' perspectives

Marie McAuliffe | Head, Migration Research Division, International Organization for Migration

An overview of irregular migration trends into Europe

Jon Simmons | Director for Migration and Border Analysis, UK Home Office Analysis and Insight

Transit migration in Turkey: Being between Europe and elsewhere in the last forty years & today

Ahmet İcduygu | Director, Migration Research Center, Koç University

12.15 - 13.30

Lunch

13.30 - 15.15

Panel 2 - Understanding immigration and asylum policies in Italy

Chair: Martin Ruhs | Chair in Migration Studies and Deputy Director, MPC, RSCAS, EUI

Welcoming and identifying migrants arriving in Italy

Federico Gelli | Former President of the Italian parliamentary inquiry committee on the system of migrant reception and identification, Responsible for Health at the Italian Democratic Party (PD)

Immigration and asylum policies in Italy and the national plan for integration

Rosetta Scotto Lavina | Prefetto, Central Director for Immigration and Asylum Policies at the Italian Ministry of Interior

Mixed migration: returns and integration

Federico Soda | Director, Coordination Office for the Mediterranean, International Organization for Migration

Incoming migrants and the question of how to respect their liberty. Some remarks from a constitutional point of view

Cecilia Corsi | Professor of Public Law, School of Political Sciences "Cesare Alfieri", University of Florence

15.15 - 15.30

Coffee break

15.30 - 17.15

Panel 3 - Inclusive cities: learning more about the challenges in Italy

Chair: Jan Rath | Professor of Sociology, University of Amsterdam, and European Chair of International Metropolis

Immigration management: the role of mayors

Matteo Biffoni | Mayor of Prato, President of ANCI

The many systems of asylum seekers' reception in Italy. Challenges, opportunities and constraints for cities

Tiziana Caponio | Associate Professor, University of Turin, and Fellow, FIERI and Collegio Carlo Alberto'

Understanding attitudes to immigration in Italy today

James Dennison | Research Fellow, MPC, RSCAS, EUI

Labour migrants integration and the role of ethnic and linguistic diversity at city level

Alessandra Venturini | Part-time Professor, MPC, RSCAS, EUI and University of Turin

17.15 -17.30

Closing remarks

Andrew Geddes | Chair in Migration Studies and Director, MPC, RSCAS, EUI

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■ SPEAKERS

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