

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SEMINAR

Europe and its neighborhoods: Geopolitics and human flows

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SEMINAR PROGRAM

The magnitude of the refugee problem was brought into clear focus in 2015. While by no means a recent phenomenon, the dramatic increase in flows towards Europe brought radical changes to the rules of the game.

The Schengen Treaty, which has been provisionally suspended by certain member states, is already being tested. Maintaining it will depend in large part on the effective guarding of external borders, creating added pressures for 'gateway' countries.

The management of the refugee crisis is not only complex, but may also spark developments for a Europe that is experiencing an identity crisis. At the five-day Seminar, together with top academics, practitioners and experts, we will evaluate the threats of populism, xenophobia and the growth of anti-European sentiments within European states and leaderships, and the social and economic repercussions of the human flows. At the same time, we will assess the developments in Syria and the wider Middle East, the significance of the Islamic State, and the role of powers within and beyond the region.

Sunday 3 July

- 10:30** Welcome and briefing
Harry Papasotiriou (President of the Institute of International Relations)
Constantinos Filis (Director of Research Programs, Institute of International Relations)
- 11:00-12:30** *The power of metaphor and the fate of Europe*
Keynote speech by **Nicholas Onuf** (Emeritus Professor of International Relations at Florida International University)
The threat of populism in Europe
Othon Anastasakis (Director, SEESOX, St Antony's College, University of Oxford)
Human flows and social implications
Frank Düvell (Associate Professor and Senior Researcher, COMPAS, University of Oxford)
- 12:30-13:00** Break
- 13:00-14:30** Discussion

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Monday 4 July

- 10:00-11:30** *The determinants of humanitarian policy: An evaluation of immigration and foreign policy interests*
Brad Blitz (Deputy Dean, School of Law, Middlesex University)
- Can the wave of migration be contained? The cases of Greece and Turkey*
Angelos Syrigos (Professor, Panteion University, former Secretary General on Migration)
- The humanitarian context*
Apostolos Veizis (Head of Medical Operational Support Unit at MSF-Greece)
- 11:30-12:00** Break
- 12:00-14:00** Discussion
- 18:00** Discussion with Professor **Amikam Nachmani**, about his recent book “*Rape and War: The most vicious weapon in Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Civil Strife*”

Tuesday 5 July

- 10:00-11:30** *NATO’s involvement in stemming human movements*
Despina Afentouli (Programme Officer, Engagements Section, NATO Public Diplomacy Division for Southeastern Europe)
- The Syrian conundrum*
Sotiris Roussos (Professor of Middle-Eastern Studies, University of Peloponnese)
- The unraveling of the Middle East state system*
Efraim Inbar (Professor of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University; Director of Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies (BESA Center))
- 11:30-12:00** Break
- 12:00-14:00** Discussion

Wednesday 6 July

- 10:00-11:30** *The expansion of Jihadism*
Harry Papatiriou (President of the Institute of International Relations)
- New challenges for European security*
Constantinos Arvanitopoulos
- Russia’s involvement in Syria and the wider periphery*
Constantinos Filis (Director of Research Programs, Institute of International Relations)
- 11:30-12:00** Break
- 12:00-14:00** Discussion

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