



## **EUROPEAN PEACE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION**

### **WORKSHOP**

**on**

### **Human Mobility in the Age of Populism: Migrants, Refugees and Europe**

**Hosted by the Norwegian University Center, Paris  
in cooperation with the Center for Peace Studies and the Department of Education at the  
Arctic University of Norway (UiT),  
and the Peace Research Institute Paris**

**28-29 January 2019**

The workshop aims at promoting the debates on the topic of forced migration in a European and wider perspective. The migration crisis has been extensively investigated over the last years, through multiple approaches and disciplines. The lack of adequate EU solidarity policies, on the one hand, and the rise of (notably right-wing) populism in several member countries, on the other, have demonstrated how difficult it is to cope with the various dimensions (political, economic, social, humanitarian) of the issue. Additionally, the growth of Search and Rescue operations in the Central Mediterranean, by Frontex, national coast guards, police and hundreds of NGOs, along with --- contested bilateral agreements with non-EU countries (e.g. Turkey, Libya, Morocco) have brought down the number of refugees in the short-term but also increased questions of long-term effectivity, as well as ethical, normative and legitimacy arguments. However, and despite this disappointing reality, there is still need and room for discussion and research on the future of the migration policies at the EU and member states level. It is more than ever necessary to understand how the Northern (Germany, France, UK, Scandinavian countries) and the Southern perspective (Central Mediterranean) can combine and how institutional and non-governmental actors can play different but coordinated roles. In order to avoid 'Euro-centric' views the workshop also will look at migration flows beyond Europe – and how they affect our continent. The workshop intends to stimulate the interest towards the topic, by stressing the academic debate and policy discussions, as well as to initiate and support joint research projects on forced migration and extending EuPRA towards a research-based network and advisory platform with different areas of specialization.

**Venue: The Norwegian University Center:**  
Centre Universitaire de Norvège à Paris, CUNP  
FONDATION MAISON DES SCIENCES DE L'HOMME,  
54 Bd Raspail, 75006 Paris

### **Programme**

28 January Salle B1-18.

h. 13.30 Registration

h. 14.00 Welcoming Speech and Introduction to the Workshop

- Daniela Irrera, President of EuPRA
- Joahnnes Hjellbrekke, The Norwegian University Center
- Enika Abazi, President of the Peace Research Institute Paris

- Nils Vidar Vambheim, University of Tromsø

h. 14.30- 16.00

**Roundtable – Tunisia as a country of destination, transit and return within the MENA conflicts**

Chair: Enika Abazi, University of Lille, Peace Research Institute Paris

*Notes on Migration*

Janvier Nzigo, Member of *The Warped Research Group*, University of Tromsø. Working with migrants/refugee camps, Tunisia.

Wajdi Benmhamed, Working with migrants/refugee camps, Tunisia.

Vidar Vambheim, University of Tromsø

Craig Stewart Brown, Leeds Beckett University, UK

h. 16.00- 16.15 Coffee break

h. 16.15-17.00 Panel: **The situation at present, and what we can expect in the years to come.**

Chair: Unto Vesa, University of Tampere

Olga Vorkunova O.A., Moscow State Linguistic University

*Policy options for social integration of Yezidi people in Europe: post-Genocide – the goal of a society for all*

Tiina Vaittinen, University of Tampere

*Global Nurses Migration to Ageing Societies as a Question for Peace Research*

Hendrik Bullens, fm COPE Augsburg University, Germany; crt Eurasian National University, Astana, Kazakhstan

*New Ways in the Integration, resp. Re-integration of Forcibly Displaced Persons and Ex-Combatants*

19.30 Reception and dinner TBA

29 January Salle B1-18

h. 9.30-11.30 Panel: **Consequences of the migration flow and impact on current policies**

Chair: Daniela Irrera, University of Catania

Anitta Kynsilehto, University of Tampere

*Politics of mobility and solidarity with, for and by the people on the move*

Eeva Puumala, University of Tampere

*Perspectives into asylum seeking through peace research: what, how and why?*

Itir Toksoz, Dogus University Istanbul

*Science, Technology and Migration 101: A Peace Research Agenda*

Stephanie Thiel, University of Giessen, Clinic for Psychosomatic Medicine and Psychotherapy  
*Europe's multiple challenges: what can, what should Peace Research do?*

h. 11.30- 12.00 *Conclusions*

*Rapporteur:* Prof. Dr. Albert Doja - University Professor of Sociology & Anthropology, University  
of Lille - Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences.

12.00-13.00 Lunch break

h. 14.00 EuPRA Board Meeting: EuPRA Conference - fall 2019