



## **Border management, Security, Migration and Refugee-Protection**

### **The EU and its Mediterranean fringe**

#### **Doctoral workshop**

**Athens, French School at Athens, December 5 to 9, 2016**

The European Union Center of Excellence McGill University –Université de Montréal and the French School at Athens with the support of the Phrixos Papachristidis chair in Modern Greek and Greek-Canadian studies (McGill), the University of the Aegean, The Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy and the Center for Security studies (Athens) are organizing a doctoral workshop on one of the key issues regarding the present and future of the European Union.

#### **Rationale:**

More than forty years since the beginning of the Euiropena Communities' enlargement process towards the Mediterranean (Greece, Spain, Portugal), thirty years since the launch of the Schengen agreements, twenty years since the inception of the Euromed partnership (aka Barcelona initiative) et ten years since the creation of the Frontex agency, the EU is confronted with the need to re-define its Mediterranean given the geopolitical, political and economic challenges at its Mediterranean borders. This doctoral workshop will bring together Phd students from Montreal and EU universities to reflect in situ on these challenges with the support of EU and government policy experts, under the guidance of senior academics. They will have the opportunity to meet governmental, IGO and NGO actors working on the field and visit specific sites.

Un peu plus de 40 ans après le début du processus de l'élargissement de la CEE vers la Méditerranée (Grèce, Italie, Portugal), 30 ans depuis le lancement des accords de Schengen, 20 ans depuis le lancement du Partenariat Euromed ou processus de Barcelone et dix ans après le lancement de la Frontex, l'UE est confrontée à la nécessité de redéfinir une

politique méditerranéenne compte tenu des enjeux géopolitiques, politiques et socio-économiques qui se présentent non loin de ses rives. Nous proposons de permettre à un groupe de doctorants d'universités canadiennes associées au CEUE Montréal de réfléchir sur ces enjeux in situ- là où la politique européenne est en train de se développer- en discutant avec des doctorants d'universités européennes, en rencontrant les acteurs européens confrontés aux sujets en question, en allant sur le terrain, en bénéficiant de l'appui et de l'expertise d'enseignants spécialistes de la question.

**Logistics:**

The workshop will take place at the French School at Athens, where the students will be lodged.

The EUCE will cover travel and lodging expenses for up to 8 doctoral students enrolled in Montreal Universities affiliated to it.

The EFA will provide lodging for up to 8 more Phd students coming from Universities elsewhere in Europe. Phd students from European Universities will be responsible for their own travel arrangements to Athens.

The organizers will try to provide food arrangements during the workshop.

**Application process:**

- ⇒ Open to Phd students enrolled for .
  - => Application deadline : 22 October 2016; Results will be announced by October 25
  - => Application file should contain :
    - short CV : 1 to 2 pages
    - the online Application form
    - a short presentation of the Phd thesis
  
- ⇒ The application files are uploaded on the following website (an account will have to be created on the website before submitting the application) :  
<http://www.missions.efa.gr>

**Tentative Schedule:**

**Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**9.30-10.15 Introduction –Basic concepts: Security and Migration**

(Prof. Panayiotis Tsakonas, Professor, University of the Aegean; Center for Security Studies/KEMEA)

**10.15-12.00 Analyzing and assessing the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region challenges after the Arab uprisings**

(Prof. Alexander Cudsi, Emeritus Professor, Panteion University)

**12.00-13.30 Old and new security threats and challenges in the Mediterranean: Scenarios and prospects**

(Dr. Thanos Dokos, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy/ELIAMEP)

13.30-16.00 Lunch break

**16.00-17.30 Forced migration and security in the Mediterranean. European perspectives and strategies**

(Prof. Panayotis Tsakonas, Professor, University of the Aegean; Center for Security Studies/KEMEA)

**17.30-19.00 Exporting insecurity and instability to Europe: Radicalization and terrorism**

(Dr. Triantafyllos Karatrandos, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Security Studies/KE.ME.A.)

19.30 Welcome dinner

**Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**9.30-10.30 Short Introduction: The refugee crisis in numbers**

(Grigorios Apostolou, Head of Frontex Greece)

**10.30-12.00 Introduction to the Geneva Convention System: Basic Principles, Asylum Seekers Rights**

(Dr. Katerina Papadopoulou, Member of Appeal Committee, Lamprini Koletta, Former Director of the Greek Refugee Appeals Authority)

12.00-12.30 Coffee Break

**12.30- 14.30 Criteria for international protection (RSD) in Greece and Europe**

(Lamprini Koletta, Former Director of the Greek Refugee Appeals Authority, Dr. Katerina Papadopoulou, Member of Appeal Committee)

14.30-15.30 **Lunch break**

15:30-16:30 **Mapping Migration in Athens: a digital humanities approach**

(Dr. Iris Polyzos, Scientific fellow Ecole française d'Athènes)

16.30-18.00 **Student activity break-out sessions**

### **Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2016**

9.30-10.30 **EU Asylum Policy: From the treaty of Amsterdam to the Common European Asylum System**

(Maria Papaioannou, Adjoint Lecturer Panteion University, Researcher at ECRTHRHA, Member of Interim Appeal Committee)

10.30-12.00 **Legal aspects of the current refugee and migration crisis. First Reception Centers and the Hotspot approach**

(Panagiotis Nikas, Lawyer, Former Director FRS)

12.00-12.30 **Coffee Break**

12.30-13.30 **Legal challenges arising from the current massive migration crisis: the response of the European human rights protection normative and juridical framework.**

(Dr. Sotirios Kyrkos, Presiding Judge (Piraeus Naval Court), Researcher ECRTHRHA, Panteion University of Athens)

13.30-15.00 **Lunch**

15.00 - 16.30 **The Common European Asylum System in practice**

*From Dublin Regulation to the relocation scheme*

(Dr. Nicolaos Garipidis, Member of Appeal Committee, Evgenia Polychronidi, Lawyer, intercultural mediator, former member of Committees, Appeals Authority)

16.30-17.30 **The EU- Turkey Agreement; Legal implications**

*The Turkish Refugee Protection System, Perception of the "safe third country".*

(Dr. Nicolaos Garipidis, Member of Appeal Committee, Evgenia Polychronidi, Lawyer, intercultural mediator, former member of Committees, Appeals Authority)

### **Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2016**

9.15 **Departure from French School**

9.45-14.30 **Visit to Elaionas and Greek Asylum Service**

14.30-15.30 **Lunch**

15.30-17.00 **Free afternoon**

**Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**9.30-11.30 Analyzing and assessing the role of International Organizations in addressing the Mediterranean Refugee Crisis**

*Legal and political constraints, overlaps and coordination*

(Maria Papaioannou, Adjoint Lecturer Panteion University, Researcher at ECRTHRHA, Member of Interim Appeal Committee)

**11.30-12.00 Coffee-Break**

**12.00-13.30 Recognised beneficiaries of International Protection in Greece: The search for Durable Solutions.**

(Petros Mastakas, Associate Protection Officer – UNHCR Greece (Athens))

13.30-14.30 Lunch break

**14.30-16.30 Wrap-up Student activity presentations**

**17.45-19.00 Concluding Round Table: from theory to practice**

(Main organizers and **representatives of UNHCR, IMO, Meta-action etc**)

**19.30 Goodbye dinner**



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