

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“GUESTS AND ALIENS”

RE-CONFIGURING NEW MOBILITIES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
AFTER 2011

-with a special focus on Syrian refugees-

9th and 10th of December 2014

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Programme

Tuesday 9th of December 2014

9:00 **Opening Session, Welcome from IFEA and the Re-Configurations Network**

9:30 – 10:30 **Session 1. Mapping Key Issues post 2011**

**Mapping Reconfigurations. Achim Rohde (Phillipps University Marburg)*

**Thinking the role of Diasporas, migrants and exiles in the Arab Revolutions and Political Transitions. Claire Beaugrand (IFPO-OPT) Vincent Geisser (IFPO-Beirut)*

**Mobilities post-2011: transformations over time or sudden change. Natalia Ribas-Mateos (Phillipps University Marburg/UAB/IFEA)*

Discussants: **Elif Aksaz** (IFEA/Galatasaray University) and **Clémence Scalbert-Yücel** (IFEA)

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:15 **Session 2. Syrians in Turkey**

**Understanding migration management and its impacts on Syrian refugees in Turkey. Michelle Dromgold (Middle East Technical University, Ankara)*

**Guests or Refugees. Transformations in Turkish border towns post-2011. Şenay Özden (Hamisch, Syrian Cultural House in Istanbul)*

**Turkey's Human Trafficking Policies and Vulnerability of Syrian Refugees to Labor Exploitation. Stephanie J. Nawyn and Vanja Pantic Oflazoglu (Michigan State University)*

**Euro-Mediterranean relations in the field of migration management: contrasting Morocco and Turkey as case studies. Hafsa Afailal (URV/Galatasaray University)*

Discussants: **Kamel Dorai** (IFPO-Amman) and **Önver A. Cetrez** (Swedish Research Institut -Istanbul/Uppsala University)

12:15 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 – 15:30 **Session 3. Urban Futures**

** Urban Frictions. Federico Rahola (Genova University, Italy)*

**The "good" and the "bad" Arabs in Istanbul streets since the end of 2012 (Beyoğlu:Tarlabası and Taksim square). Jean-François Pérouse (IFEA)*

**Where 'here' and 'there' are: Syrian migrants' border crossings from Turkey to Europe. Souad Osseiran (Goldsmiths, University of London).*

Discussants: **Kristen Biehl** (COMPASS, Oxford/IFEA) and **Barbara Pusch** (Istanbul Policy Center, Sabancı University/Orient-Institut Istanbul)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 Session 4. Understanding mobility-enclosure to the EU

Migrants or Expelled? Beyond the 20th century migration modes (video-conference).* **Saskia Sassen (Columbia University)

The human cost of Fortress Europe: human rights violations against migrants and refugees at Europe's borders (video-conference).* **Giorgios Kosmopoulos (Amnesty International Greece)

The reconfiguration of the Mediterranean migratory routes after the war in Syria. Focus on the "Egyptian route" to Italy.* **Chiara Denaro (University of Rome 'La Sapienza'/UAB)

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee Break

17:30 – 18:30 Continuation of Session 4

Leaving Libya: The Re-Configuration of Mobility in Times of War and Complexity.* **Mariam Salehi (Phillipps-University Marburg)

Refugees from Syria as "guests and aliens" in Germany.* **Christoph H. Schwarz (Phillipps University Marburg)

Discussants: Achim Rohde (Phillipps University Marburg) and **Christoph H. Schwarz** (Phillipps University Marburg)

19:00 Cocktail

Wednesday 10th of December 2014

09:00 – 09:45 Session 5. Research on Border Zones: new mobilities and transnational networks of humanitarian response

* *The field before the battle. Palestinian mobilities and the Gaza-Israel-Egypt triangular border before (and after) 2011.* **Lorenzo Navone** (Genova University, Italy).

The role of transnational networks and cross-border circulation in Palestinian migration in situation of conflict.* **Kamel Doraï (IFPO-Amman)

Listening to the voices of Syrian women refugees in Jordan: Ethnographies of Displacement and Emplacement.* **Ruba Al Akash (Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford/Jordan University of Science) and **Karen Boswall** (SOAS, U. London)

09:45 – 10:15 Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:00 Continuation of Session 5

Setting negotiations of humanitarian power into context: Anthropological perspectives on the governance of the Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon.* **Susanne Schmelter (Göttingen University)

Syrian associations in the Turkish-Syrian border region and in Lebanon. Preliminary notes from a comparative perspective.* **Laura Ruiz de Elvira (Phillipps University Marburg)

Role of local aid networks and Diaspora NGOs in cross border operations.* **Hélène Michalak (Syria Project Manager at France Expertise Internationale)

11:00 – 12:00 Continuation of Session 5

Debate

Discussant. **Jean-François Pérouse** (IFEA)

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:30 Session 6

* *Humanitarian assistance for Syrians in Turkey: IOM intervention.* **Selma Masic** (IOM)

14:30 – 15:30 Session 7. Closing Session

Closing Remarks: **Elif Aksaz** (IFEA/Galatasaray), **Kristen Biehl** (COMPASS, Oxford/IFEA), **Natalia Ribas-Mateos** (Phillipps University Marburg/UAB/IFEA), **Laura Ruiz de Elvira** (Phillipps University Marburg)

Synthesis from the discussants and Open Debate

NGO'S PROGRAMME (Held at Istanbul Addar Center)

18:00 Film - "**Boya boya**", 24', Dir. **Karen Boswall**, *Irbid (Jordan)*, 2014

Synopsis: A portrait of Syrian refugee Mohammed, a 12 year old shoe shine boy, "Boya Boya" (shine, shine) looks at the reality of the growing population of urban refugees from the point of view of a child. While supporting the women and children of his family, Mohammed still smiles and sings his way through his long working day cleaning shoes around the city of Irbid. Through song and laughter he touches the hearts of his clients, but for how long will he be able to keep finding and creating these moments of joy while carrying the burden of such responsibility and sadness? Filmed in September 2014 in Irbid, Jordan

18:30-20.30 **Roundtable with NGO's working with migrants in Istanbul:**

Lauranne Callet-Ravat (MDN)

Sema Genel (Support to Life)

Belinda Mumcu (CARITAS)

Özhan Önder (Hamisch, Syrian Cultural House in Istanbul)

Salim Salamah (Malmö University)

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