



**UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN**

**School of Social Sciences**

**Department of Social Anthropology and History**

## **MEDIATION IN MIGRATION GOVERNANCE**

### **THE MULTIPLE FACETS OF PROTECTION**

**International workshop organized by the Observatory of the Refugee and Migration Crisis in the Aegean in Mytilene (University Hill), 8-10 June 2022**

### **WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE**

**16:00 – 16:15** **Welcome** by the University Authorities, The Department of Social Anthropology and History and the Observatory of the Refugee and Migration Crisis in the Aegean

### **MEDIATED INTERACTIONS IN THE HUMANITARIAN ARENA**

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

**16.15 – 16.30** **Introducing the project 'Settling in the 'humanitarian city': The social, cultural, and political impact of the interaction between asylum seekers, agents of humanitarian governance and local society in Greece [Human(c)ity]**

**16.30 – 16.50** **Village reborn in humanity: Mediation in the making of the humanitarian arena**  
Evthymios Papataxiarchis (University of the Aegean) and Alexandra Zavos (University of Crete)

**16.50 – 17.10** **The 'humanitarian town': An overview of the humanitarian scene in Mytilene (Lesvos)**  
Pafsanias Karathanasis (University of the Aegean) with Kelly Avaniadou (University of the Aegean)

**17.10 – 17.30** **Comments and discussion**  
Thea Hilhorst (Erasmus University)

**17.30 – 18.00 COFFEE BREAK**

**18.00 – 18.20** Mediating asylum seekers' accommodation in the ESTIA program in Athens

Marica Rombou Levidis (University of the Aegean)

**18.20 – 18.40** **Mediation by migrant and refugee collectivities and alternative initiatives (City Plaza) in Athens**

Ervin Shehu (University of the Aegean)

**18.40 – 19.00** **Spatialities of mediation? Refugee-serving NGOs and community business networks in downtown Thessaloniki**

Panos Hatziprokopiou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) and Alexandra Siotou (University of Thessaly)

**19.00 – 19.30** **Comments and discussion**

Maria Kastrinou (Brunel University)

**19.30 – 19.45 COFFEE BREAK**

## **THE EXPERIENCE OF MEDIATION IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION**

**19.45 – 21.00** **First Round Table**

Stakeholders and intermediators (including advisors and interpreters) in the fields of humanitarian protection, accommodation, asylum, medical aid, travel and education.

**21.15** **Dinner**

## **THURSDAY 9 JUNE**

### **MORNING SESSION**

## **THE PRACTICE OF PROTECTION AT THE BORDERLANDS OF EUROPE: A VIEW FROM BELOW**

**10.00 – 10.15** **Introduction: Studying protection at the borderlands of Europe**

Evthymios Papataxiarchis (University of the Aegean)

**10.15 – 10.45** **'People are more than their migration status': Protection beyond convention-centrism and containment**

Polly Pallister Wilkins (University of Amsterdam)

- 10.45 – 11.05 Protection in a hostile environment: An on-the-ground study of protection practices in Lesbos and Athens (Greece)**  
Natasha Anastasiadou (University of the Aegean) and Alexandra Zavou (University of Crete)
- 11.05 – 11.25 COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.25 – 11.45 Protection as a spatial Issue: Politics and practices of internal mobility in Turkish forced migration Context**  
Ayşen Üstübici (Koç University) and Sibel Karadağ (Koç University)
- 11.45 – 12.05 Displaced Syrians in Lebanon: Protection amidst crises**  
Gabriella Trovato (Norwegian University of Life Sciences) and Nayla Al-Akl (American University of Beirut)
- 12.05 – 12.25 Protection problems of people on the move**  
Fabio Catini (Mixed Migration Centre)
- 12.25 – 12.45 Comments**  
Rinus Penninx (University of Amsterdam) and Effie Voutira (University of Macedonia)
- 12.45 – 13.00 Discussion**
- 13.00 – 14.30 LUNCH BREAK**

## **AFTERNOON SESSION**

### **MEDIATION IN HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES**

- 14.30 – 14.50 Smuggling as humanitarian intervention**  
Shahram Khosravi (Stokholm University)
- 14.50 – 15.10 Protection at my own terms: Human smuggling and unaccompanied Syrian minors**  
Luigi Achilli (European University Institute)
- 15.10 – 15.30 Mediation in refugees' pandemic responses in a Palestinian camp in Lebanon**  
Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh (University College London)
- 15.30 – 15.50 Discussion**
- 15.50 – 16.10 COFEE BREAK**
- 16.10 – 16.30 Mediating official refugee reception policies in the urban environment of Istanbul**

Aysen Ustubici (Koc University)

**16.30 – 16.50 Mediators: Tensions in a profession in the making**

Katerina Rozakou (Panteion University)

**16.50 – 17.10 Brokering care in Athens social clinics': Informal medical protection of refugees and Greek citizens**

Heath Cabot (Pittsburgh University)

**17.10 – 17.30 Solidarity and intermediation: Affinity ties in humanitarianism**

Anne-Meike Fechter (University of Sussex)

**17.30 – 18.00 Discussion**

**18.00 – 18:15 COFFEE BREAK**

**20.30 DINNER**

## **FRIDAY 10 JUNE**

### **MORNING SESSION**

#### **DEALING WITH GAPS IN HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION**

**10.00 – 12.00 Second Round Table (with stakeholders)**

Official actors (Municipal and state authorities, EU, UNHCR, international and Greek NGOs), unofficial actors (migrant collectivities, alternative activist initiatives), representatives of migrant associations

**12.00 – 12.15 COFFEE BREAK**

**12.15 – 12.30 War and migration: The management of Ukrainian refugees influx to Poland**

Patrycja Matusz (University of Wroclaw, Poland)

**12.30 – 12.45 Discussion**

**12.45 – 13.30 LUNCH**

All the activities of the workshop, the three main sessions and the two round tables, will take place in the **Amphitheater of the Geography building in University Hill.**