



Online Course on

Refugees, Migration & Mobility Rights

April 14 - 30 May

from 17:00 to 21:00 EETS



The course offers a multifaceted exploration of the complex issues surrounding migration, displacement, and the legal rights of migrants and refugees. By integrating theoretical frameworks with practical case studies, the course covers a broad spectrum of topics that span global migration trends, human rights, legal frameworks, and the socio-economic impacts of displacement. It addresses both the macro-level dynamics and specific challenges faced by individuals and communities affected by migration.

It offers a broad introduction to migration and refugee studies, starting with key migration theories, definitions, and diverse approaches. It explores emerging trends in international migration and mobility rights, emphasizing evolving legal frameworks that govern migration and the protection of migrant rights. The course further examines the socio-economic dynamics of displacement, particularly in the global South, where protracted displacement situations impact refugees, host communities, and host states. It investigates the costs and benefits of displacement, alongside policies promoting refugee livelihoods, resilience, and integration. A key focus is on human rights violations, particularly forced disappearances in migration, and the legal right to truth for families of missing migrants, with an emphasis on strategic litigation and advocacy.

The course touches also on Lebanon through its various migrant groups, including the Syrian refugee crisis, and the Lebanese state's policy response. By the end of the course, students will have a comprehensive understanding of migration, displacement, human rights, and global governance in contemporary contexts.

Programme

APRIL	Monday 14	Introduction to Migration and Refugee Studies , Dr Elias Dahrouge	19.00 - 21.00
	Tuesday 22	Recent Development of International Migration and Mobility Rights , Prof. Marco Borraccetti & Dr Chiara Scissa	17.00 - 19.00
	Thursday 24	Migration Governance in Lebanon: Emigration, Immigration, Refugees and Statelessness , Dr Elias Dahrouge	19.00 - 21.00
	Monday 28	Refugees and Development: Local and National Perspectives , Prof. Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh	19.00 - 21.00
	Tuesday 29	Recent Development of International Migration and Mobility Rights , Prof. Marco Borraccetti & Dr Chiara Scissa	17.00 - 19.00
MAY	Monday 5	Refugees and Development: Local and National Perspectives , Prof. Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh	19.00 - 21.00
	Tuesday 6	Recent Development of International Migration and Mobility Rights , Prof. Marco Borraccetti & Dr Chiara Scissa	17.00 - 20.00
	Monday 12	Refugees and Development: Local and National Perspectives , Dr Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh	19.00 - 21.00
	Tuesday 13	Internal and External Borders: Human Rights Violations and Litigation Strategies , Ulrich Stege and Matteo Astuti - ASGI	17.00 - 19.00
	Thursday 15	Refugees and Development: Local and National Perspectives , Dr Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh	19.00 - 21.00
	Monday 19	Refugees and Development: Local and National Perspectives , Dr Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh	19.00 - 21.00
	Tuesday 20	Right to Truth , Anna Brambilla and Erminia Rizzi - ASGI	17.00 - 19.00
	Thursday 22	Refugees and Development: Local and National Perspectives , Prof. Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh	19.00 - 21.00
	Monday 26	International Migration and Mobility Rights: Recent Developments , Prof. Marco Borraccetti & Dr Chiara Scissa	17.00 - 20.00

This online course is accessible through Microsoft Teams.
Its schedule follows EEST (Beirut/Gaza time).

I. Introduction to Migration and Refugee Studies: A Lebanese Perspective



Elias Dahrouge

A researcher and consultant in international relations and public policy, specialised in refugees, displaced populations, stateless people and other vulnerable groups in the MENA region, with a focus on Lebanon. He is the Lead researcher of the Mobility Rights Thematic Unit at the Arab Master in Democracy and Human Rights (ArMA) at Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ), where he is involved in various research and teaching projects. He explored in his PhD dissertation the impact of Syrian refugees on the Lebanese state identity construction.

These lectures provide a general introduction to migration and refugee studies before linking theories to the case of Lebanon. They offer an overview of different theories, definitions, and diverse approaches. The course then presents key topics in refugee studies, such as the causes, drivers, push and pull factors, as well as aspirations, capabilities, and refugee policies. In the second part, the focus shifts to Lebanon's case study, exploring its migration patterns throughout modern history and the different legal statuses and frameworks for each migrant group. The lectures also examine the mobility and statelessness nexus in the context of Lebanon. Finally, they address the decade-long protracted Syrian refugee crisis and discuss the Lebanese state's policy response.

II. Refugees and Development: Local and National Perspectives



Elena FIDDIAN-QASMIYEH

A professor of Migration and Refugee Studies and Co-Director of the Migration Research Unit at UCL, where she directs the Refuge in a Moving World research network. Author of many books, most recently *The Handbook of South-South Relations*. Her research focuses on the intersections between gender, generation and religion in experiences of and responses to conflict-induced displacement and statelessness, with a particular regional focus on the MENA region. She has conducted extensive research in refugee camps and urban areas in Algeria, Cuba, Egypt, France, Lebanon, South Africa, Syria, Sweden and the UK.

The lectures explore the complexity of displacement in the global South, focusing on socio-economic development in protracted displacement situations. We will analyze the 'costs' and 'benefits' of displacement, examining its impact on refugees, host communities, and host states. The sessions address the challenges of evaluating the socio-economic effects of displacement and delve into policies that promote refugee livelihoods, self-resilience, and integration. The course explores how refugee-host relations and multi-scalar responses can enhance development

outcomes for both groups. By the end, students will grasp key concepts related to displacement, the implications of refugee policies, and methods to assess these impacts on various stakeholders

III. Internal and External Borders: Human Rights Violations and Litigation Strategies



Anna BRAMBILLA

A lawyer and member of the Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI). Her expertise mainly focuses on (im)migration and asylum law where she carries out research, training and monitoring activities. She also coordinates the activities of Medea ASGI project – internal borders and the Balkans. She is appointed as legal advisor for the anti-trafficking project of the Region of Tuscany and as member of the scientific committee of the “Centre for permanent training on the law of foreigners” promoted by ASGI and Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna of Pisa.

These lectures explore the intersection of internal and external borders, focusing on human rights violations related to forced disappearances in migration. The discussions will cover the legal frameworks surrounding the right to truth for families of individuals who have disappeared or died during their journey. Key topics include the impact of state policies and border control practices on forced disappearances, human rights violations in pushback operations, and the role of strategic litigation in challenging such violations. The lectures will highlight the importance of advocacy, legal instruments, and networking in securing justice for victims and their families within migration and refugee rights.

IV. International Migration and Mobility Rights: Recent Developments



Marco BORRACCETTI

An Associate Professor at the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Bologna. He is co-Director of the Global Campus – South East Europe, and its master's programme in Democracy and Human Rights.

His main research interests are the EU immigration policy and practice, the protection of fundamental rights and the EU process, environmental protection and climate change policy. He is a legal expert in the Italian delegation to the Global Forum on Migration and Development as well as founder and staff member of europeanmigrationlaw.eu.

These lectures will explore recent developments in international migration and mobility rights, focusing on emerging trends and evolving legal frameworks. We will examine key issues related to the protection of migrants' rights, state responsibilities, and global mobility. The sessions will address current challenges in migration policies and explore how international agreements and national laws are shaping the experiences of migrants and displaced persons. By the end of the

course, students will have a deeper understanding of the changing landscape of migration rights and the broader implications for global migration governance and policy development.

Application

Application for the course is open until 12 April on the following [link](#). Applicants who have completed their file will receive an answer on 13 April. The course starts on 14 April.

The workshop is designed for MA students and 3rd year BA students or fresh graduates engaged in human rights. It is also open to youth working in the field of migration and refugee rights.

In the selection process, particular attention will be given to diversity, ensuring representation across backgrounds, experiences and perspectives.

Enrolment & Certification

Students enrolled in the Arab master's programme in Democracy and Human Rights receive credits for this course.

Exterior students are awarded a certificate from the Institute of Political Science:

A Certificate of Attendance for students who have attended at least 12 out of 14 sessions. It is granted on attendance only, without the requirement of passing an assessment.

A Certificate of Completion for students who have attended at least 12 out of the 14 sessions and who have engaged with lecturers, participated in class activities and successfully completed the required assessment. Success is measured against predetermined standards for knowledge, skills or competencies.



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