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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 defense 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 European 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 re-définir 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.
=> Application deadline : 29 October 2016; Results will be announced by October 7 November
- => 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 5th 2016

9.00-10.00 Introduction –Basic concepts: Security and Migration

(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

(Alexander Cudsi (Emeritus Professor, Panteion University)

12.00-12.30 Coffee Break

12.30-14.00 Forced migration and security in the Mediterranean. European perspectives and strategies

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

14.00-16.00 Lunch break

16.00-17.30 Old and new security threats and challenges in the Mediterranean: Scenarios and prospects

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

17.30-19.00 Exporting insecurity and instability to Europe: Radicalization and terrorism
(Emmanuel Karagiannis (Senior Lecturer, King's College - London) - Sergio Carrera (Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in Brussels and Professor, University of Maastricht)

Tuesday December 6th 2016

9.00-10.30 Short Introduction: The refugee crisis in numbers

(Grigorios Apostolou, Head of Frontex Greece & Vasileios Zisis – Advisor of the Immigration and Asylum Policy Office –Ministry of Interior Affairs)

10.30-12.00 Introduction to the Geneva Convention System: Basic Principles

(Lamprini Koletta –Former Director of the Greek Refugee Appeals Authority)

12.00-12.30 Coffee Break

12.30-14.00 Analyzing the refugee status system of protection in Greece and Europe

(Dimitrios Chotouras –President, Greek Refugee Appeals Authority)

14.00-16.00 **Lunch break**

16.00-18.00 **Student activity break-out sessions**

Wednesday December 7th 2016

9.00-10.00 **Facing the refugee trauma**

(Sofia Liakou, Psychologist, member of the NGO Meta-action)

10.00-12.00 **The EU framework for third countries citizens**

(Christina Akrivopoulou, Greek Refugee Appeals Authority)

12.00-12.30 **Coffee Break**

12.30-14.00 **The Dublin Regulation in action**

(Evgenia Polychronidi, former member of the Greek Refugees Appeals Authority)

14.00-16.00 **Lunch**

16.00-18.30 **Case studies and Student activity break-out sessions**

(Irina Flevotomou, Greek Asylum Service)

Thursday December 8th 2016

9.00-13.00 **Field trip in the refugee camp of Elaionas**

(Christina Akrivopoulou and Lamprini Koletta)

13.00-14.00 **Lunch break**

14.00-15.00 **The geography of refugee camps in Greece and the role of NGO's**

(Olga Ziori, member of the NGO Meta-action)

15.00-16.30 **Refugee policies of integration in Europe**

(Evgenia Polychronidi, former member of the Greek Refugees Appeals Authority)

Friday December 9th 2016

9.00-10.00 **Refugee policies and programs in the EU**

(Ypatia Vrettou, Psychologist- Meta-Action)

10.00-12.00 **The new procedures –Relocation & Family reunification**

(Christina Akrivopoulou, Greek Refugee Appeals Authority)

12.00-12.30 **Coffee Break**

12.30-14.00 **The EU-Turkey Refugee Program**

(Evgenia Polychronidi, former member of the Greek Refugees Appeals Authority)

14.00-16.00 **Lunch**

16.00-18.00 **Student activity presentations**

18.00-19.00 **Concluding Round Table**

(Panagiotis Tsakonas- Thanos Dokos- Christina Akrivopoulou-Lamprini Koletta- Vasileios Zisis-Irini Flevotomou)

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