



Approaches to Migration, Asylum, and Race in Europe and Beyond

A conference of the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence

Florida International University | Modesto A. Maidique Campus
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PROGRAM

Over the past two decades, there has been a growing debate about issues related to migrants and refugees across the borders of Europe. The so-called “refugee crisis” in 2015 and the massive number of Ukrainians who fled their country to Europe after the Russian invasion in 2022 have intensified the discussions and added layers of complexity to the situation. Diverse and contrasting forms of political and civil society mobilization arose partly because of the scale of migration and refugee movements across the “borders” of Europe but also because of political debates that linked migration and asylum to cultural identity, national culture, cultural diversity, and the integration of minority communities. In both political mobilization and debates, “race” is a critical intersection that explicitly underpins discourses and actions.

Three questions guide the panels that make up the event.

- What elements of historical, socio-political, and economic contexts are at work when analyzing Migration, Asylum, and Race in Europe and beyond?
- What are the most relevant political and legal aspects that have been decided or should be addressed in the EU and beyond on migration, asylum, and race?
- How does Civil Society respond to the growing mobilization around migration, asylum, and race?

Monday, February 20, 2023

- 5:00 p.m. **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Shlomi Dinar, Ph.D.

Interim Dean, Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs
Florida International University

- 5:15-6.30 pm **Keynote Address**

Arancha González Laya

Dean

Sciences Po

Paris School of International Affairs

Europe's quest for a secure, safe, and sustainable migration compact based on shared values

- 6.30-8pm: reception (by invitation only)

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Panel I: Contexts

The panel aims to elaborate on critical aspects of the contexts of the intersection of migration, asylum, and race in Europe, also considering a transatlantic perspective.

Welcome & Opening Remarks:

- **Markus Thiel**, Ph.D.

Professor, Politics & International Relations

Director, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, FIU

Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs

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Moderator: Markus Thiel, Professor, Politics & International Relations
Director, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, FIU

- **Terrence Peterson**, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Department of History

Florida International University

The History of Race and Migration in Europe

➤ **Andrea Peña-Vasquez, Ph.D.**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Government
Hamilton College, Clinton, NY

From Brussels to the Barrio: The Challenges in Local Implementation of EU Policy

➤ **Cecilia Estrada Villaseñor, Ph.D.**

PhD researcher at the University Institute of Migration Studies
Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid

Discursive Representation of Immigrants and Refugees in the Media in Europe (Spain)

11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Panel II: Politics and Legal Aspects

The panel aims to address the most important developments and challenges of the migration and refugee regimes in Europe and the US from a comparative perspective

Moderator: Ernesto Fiocchetto, Ph.D. Candidate in International Relations, FIU
Graduate Assistant, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence

➤ **Juan Carlos Gómez, Esq.**

Clinical Professor of Law

Director of the Carlos A. Costa Immigration Human Rights Clinic

Florida International University College of Law

Migration and Human Rights in the US

➤ **Joyce De Coninck, Ph.D.**

Post-Doctoral Researcher affiliated with Ghent University (BE)

Scholar in Residence at the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice

New York University

The Rise of Transnational Cooperative Governance in Digitalized Border Management: A Case for Relational Human Rights responsibility?

➤ **Ieva Giedraitytė, Ph.D.**

Lecturer

Department of International Relations

Center for European Studies

Vilnius University

Institute of International Relations and Political Science

Creating different (regional) orders? The EU's and US engagement with their Southern Neighbors in the context of recurring migration crisis.

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Lunch (by invitation only)

2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Panel III: Civil Society Responses

Moderator: Astrid Arraras, Teaching Professor, Politics & International Relations,
Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, FIU

➤ **Marcie Washington, Ph.D.**

Associate Teaching Professor and Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies
Department of Politics & International Relations
Florida International University

Civil Society actors in conflict and cooperation: the role of refugees, diaspora, and internally displaced persons in political and social environments to promote peace.

Kristen Guskovict, M.S., L.C.S.W

Clinical Social Work/Therapist, LCSW
Principal Consultant
KLG Consulting Services

Experiences on the psychosocial support of aid workers and refugees

➤ **Ernesto Fiocchetto, M.A.**

PhD Candidate in International Relations, FIU
Graduate Assistant, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence

At the Intersections of Forced Migration, Race, Religion, and SOGIESC: Christian responses to LGBTIQ+ Latin Americans seeking asylum in Spain.