



A workshop to be held at the School of Public Policy at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary

11/02/2016-13/02/2016

DESCRIPTION

This regional seminar aims to develop cooperation between NGOs along the Western Balkan route. By providing a space to exchange techniques and strategies towards more effective aid, the URA project also seeks to create a lasting network of civil society organisations. Given the expertise of certain faculty members on refugee issues and the involvement of CEU students in refugee aid provision, this seminar will also foster conversations between different perspectives – from civil society, to academia, to grassroots movements.

Events to engage the CEU community will include a public roundtable discussion, **“Asylum, Activism and Academia: Perspectives on the European ‘refugee crisis,’”** featuring SPP and CEU faculty members, and **three short documentary film screenings**, followed by a Q&A session with the directors. This project aims to fill a gap in NGO communication, more specifically the exchange of techniques and strategies to provide better aid provision. After ending the workshop, a short field guide concerning best practices will be made public and available for use in the near future.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- To review responses to asylum and migration in along the Western Balkans route to Germany,
- To compare responses to the migration crisis and identify areas of cooperation,
- To compile best practices to facets of humanitarian aid, legal aid, and advocacy strategies,
- To develop a space for group dialogue and collaboration to be carried on post-workshop,
- To enable NGOs to exchange ideas with academics, think tanks, and other entities, with the aim of building a more resilient non-governmental response to the growing humanitarian crisis.

UNIFYING REFUGEE AID AGENDA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Evening *Participants Arrive*

Hotel check-in throughout the day
District V or VII hotel, transit via public transportation

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00-9:00 *Breakfast at hotel*

8:15-9:30 Registration at SPP
Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, Ground Floor, Oktober Hall

09:30-10:30 **Participant Event** Opening Remarks and Introductions
Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, Ground Floor, Oktober Hall

Participant Event **Participant Presentations: The current situation in participant countries: Identifying cooperation needs**

Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, Ground Floor, Oktober Hall

- 10:30-12:30 ● **Jasmina Golubovska, Open Society Foundation Macedonia**
● **Nikolina Milić, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights Centre**
● **Márton Bisztrai, Menedék Hungarian Organisation for Migrants**
● **Julia Bachler, Innovation Planning Agency Austria**

12:30-13:30 **Participant Event** *Sandwich Lunch at SPP*
Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, 1st Floor, Room 101

Participant Event **Fundamentals Session: Psychological Responses to Forced Migration: Addressing the needs of refugees and humanitarian workers**

Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, Ground Floor, Oktober Hall

- Addressing psychological support for refugees and aid workers. Informational session and workshop.
- **Speakers:**
 - Gina Donoso, researcher and specialist in comprehensive approaches on psychosocial processes after trauma
 - Ljiljana Todorovic, UN Psychologist specialising in Primary and Secondary Trauma

16:00-17:00 **Break**

17:00-17:30 **Participant Event** *Tea and Coffee (Half) Hour*
Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, Ground Floor, Oktober Hall

Public Event Roundtable Discussion: Asylum, Activism and Academia: Perspectives on the European 'refugee crisis'

Speakers:

- 17:30-18:45
- Prof. Melegh Attila (Corvinus University)
 - Prof. Robert Templer (SPP, Central European University)
 - Prof. Prem Kumar Rajaram (Dept. of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University)
 - Prof. Daniel Monerescu (Dept of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University)
 - Ms. Annastiina Kallius (SPP, Central European University)
- Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, Ground Floor, Oktober Hall

Participant Event Welcome dinner for funded participants

19:30-21:00 *Due to limited funding and capacity, the first night's dinner is only for funded participants. Happily, all participants are invited to the Saturday dinner & reception.
Location: Al-Amir Restaurant (Petofi Sandor utca 1)

21:00 - *Optional drinks in District VII*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00-9:00 *Breakfast at hotel*

- 9:00-10:30 **Participant Event Breakout workshops on humanitarian aid and advocacy**
- **Workshop I-a:** Sharing responses – what worked and what didn't – for providing humanitarian aid: food, shelter, psychological support and health provision
Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, Ground Floor, Oktober Hall
 - **Workshop I-b:** Working towards community engagement through advocacy and activism
Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, First Floor, Room 101

10:45-11:30 **Participant Event** Debrief Session from Workshop I
Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, Ground Floor, Oktober Hall

Participant Event Lunch

11:30-13:00 Location: Restaurant of your choosing. See registration packet for nearby suggestions.

13:00-14:30 **Participant Event Breakout workshops on legal assistance and integration**

- **Workshop II-a:** Providing legal assistance under uncertainty: The effects of policy change on legal practice
Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, Ground Floor, Oktober Hall
- **Workshop II-b:** Integration and migration: Cultural integration and community organisation
Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, First Floor, Room 101

14:30-15:00 *Coffee Break*

Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, Ground Floor, Oktober Hall

Participant Event Debrief and Networking Event

- Discussion of future collaboration between participants
- How do we keep working together? What is needed going forward (in terms of practice and research)?
- Will include breakout and discussion groups

15:00-17:00

17:00-17:30 *Coffee Break & Snack*

Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, Ground Floor, Oktober Hall

17:30-19:30 **Public Event Documentary screenings and Q&A with the directors**

Documentary filmmakers and photographers bear witness to the stories of those making the crossing into Europe. From detailing human rights abuses to giving the public a realistic face of refugees, media plays a critical role in shaping perceptions of refugees. Four filmmakers from around Europe will show short films, discuss their experiences in the field, and, afterward, seek to answer how media and NGOs can work better together.

- [*Into the Fire: A film about refugees & migrants in Athens, Greece*](#)
 - Kate Mara (Independent Filmmaker)
- [*My Escape From Syria: Europe or Die*](#)
 - Aws Al-Jezairy (Vice News Correspondent)
- [*4Stelle Hotel Interactive Documentary Project*](#)
 - [Paolo Palermo](#) & [Valerio Muscella](#) (Independent Filmmaker & Photographer)

Location: Oktober 6 U. 7, Ground Floor, Oktober Hall

19:30-20:30 **Participant Event Post-panel reception and dinner for all participants**

Location: Kazimir Bisztró, Kazinczy Utca 34, Budapest

21:00- *Optional drinks in District V*
Location: TBD

SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 14

8:00-9:00 *Breakfast at hotel*

11:00 *Checkout from hotel and participant departure. Departure times to be arranged by SPP with participants.*

We hope this is the very beginning of long-term cooperation to respond to the needs of the refugee crisis. We thank our participants for their valuable assistance to refugees.

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