

**In the frame of the Project of Anna Lindh Foundation:
"CLIMATE CHANGE AND MIGRATION IN EURO-MED REGION:
SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTERCULTURAL PERSPECTIVE"**

**June 21-22, 2021
INTERNATIONAL ONLINE WORKSHOP
HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CALABRIA**

**Climate Change and Migration in Euro-Med Region:
Researches, Practices, Policies**

In the workshop on June 21-22, national and international researchers, academics, key stakeholders from civic society, institutional figures, different communities, associations are welcome. The workshop will include four sessions, with presentations and discussions on case studies, videos and a final round table on policy aspects.

Its main objective is to provide a platform for sharing and learning on the nexus between climate change, migration and socio-cultural-economic perspectives, by observing the climate migration countries of departure, such as the North Africa and the South Mediterranean, and the destination areas such as North Mediterranean and European countries. This inter-dialogue of knowledge promotes a better understanding towards the forced climate migration with the researchers, practitioners and policy advisors throughout a long-term trans-cultural perspective.

The workshop aims at identifying actions based on the feedbacks received by the project members, so that concrete proposals of policies are discussed, for both the resilience of specific territories and the inter-dialogue among the Mediterranean countries.

The topics of the four sessions are:

- **International recognition of climate migration, especially from the legal viewpoint and human rights.** It maps the geographical barriers and social opportunities to promote proper policies.

- **Push Factors for "forced migration".** Case studies of communities obliged to leave their homeland, because of climate change and of specific environmental emergencies, specifically around the Lake of Chad in Africa.

- **Pull Factors for "migrants' absorption".** Case studies of forced absorption in South European countries are illustrated.

- **Social Representations and Policies for the Future.** Good practices and policies for cultural, social, economic integration in a long-term perspective are analyzed.

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June 21

10:00 - Welcome Greetings:

Giap Ercole Parini (Head of Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Calabria)

Chair:

Carmit Lubanov (Executive Director, Association of Environmental Justice in Israel- AEJI)

Plenary Opening:

Gillian Triggs (Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UN High Commission for Refugees - UNHCR)

10:45 - Key-note Speaker:

“Migrations because of Environmental Reasons. A Category to be interpreted”

Prof. Maurizio Ambrosini (University of Milan)

“Climate Refugees and the Middle East: Lessons from the Past and a Menacing Future”

Dan Rabinowitz (Tel Aviv University and Chair of Association of Environmental Justice in Israel-AEJI)

12:00-13:00

Session I. Climate Change, Human Rights under International Laws and National Barriers

Co-Chairs: Alfredo Agustoni and Alfredo Alietti (University of Chieti-Pescara and of Ferrara)

“The Legal Status of Environmental and Climate Migrants in International Law”

Paola Puoti and Ferdinando Franceschelli (University of Chieti-Pescara)

“Climate Change and Human Rights under the Law in Albania. One day in Albania”

Drita Avdyli (Institute of Migration, Development and Integration, IMDI - Albania)

“Portuguese Immigrants Entrepreneurship”

Ana Onofre (Sonhos de Igualdades, Portugal)

“Climate Change and Migration. A Hot Issue for Europe”

(Video, Euro-News TV, 2015- 2:00 min.)

14:30-16:00

Session II. Push Factors and the Run Towards

Chair: Carmit Lubanov (Executive Director, Association of Environmental Justice in Israel- AEJI)

“Climate Action in Malta”

Simone Borg (University of Malta)

“Case Studies’ Meta-Analysis On Climate Migration in Euromed Area”

Mara Maretti, Roberta Di Risio, Alice Tontodimamma, Vanessa Russo (University of Chieti-Pescara)

“Contributions of Climate Change to Conflicts and Migrations around the Lake Chad Basin”

Daniel Musa Gwary (University of Maiduguri, Nigeria)

“The Other Side of Illegal Immigration”

Mohamed Amine Kouki (Farhat Hached Institute for Research and Democracy, FHIRD - Tunisia)

“Climate Change and Migration in Senegal: a Critical Perspective”

Elisa Magnani (University of Bologna)

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June 22

9:30-11:00

Session III. Migrations, Welcoming Communities, Changing Environments

Chair: Mariafrancesca D'Agostino (University of Calabria)

"Ecology of Migration, Labour and Agri-food Transformation in Southern Italy"

Alessandra Corrado (University of Calabria)

"Decent Work, Migrations and Agro-Ecology: Intersecting Practices of Care in the *Sfruttazero* Project"

Antonella Angelini (Association *Diritti a Sud*, Nardò-Lecce)

"Diaspora connecting People, Nature, Culture in the *Sopra i Ponti* Experience between Italy and Morocco"

Mohamed Rafia Boukhbiza (Honorary President of Association *Sopra i Ponti*, Bologna)

"New Inhabitants: the Migration's Impact in the Rural Regeneration of Southern Italy"

Karen Urso (University of Calabria)

"The Story of a Rebirth. Migrations and Sustainability"

Rosario Antonio Zurzolo and Katia Bonetti (Responsible of Project and Communication Referee, *Jungi Mundu*, Eurocoop - Camini)

11:15-12:45

Session IV. Climate, Environment, Migration. From Present to Future

Chair: Ferdinando Franceschelli (University of Chieti-Pescara)

"Environment and Migration. Genealogy of a Concept and of an Issue"

Alfredo Agustoni, Alfredo Alietti (University of Chieti-Pescara and Ferrara)

"Links between Terrorism, Migration and Climate Change: a Complex Systems Analysis Template"

Richard J. Chasdi (The George Washington University)

"Perceptions, Power and Policy. What can be learned from Surveys"

Carmit Lubanov (Association of Environmental Justice in Israel - AEJI)

"Putting Migration in Perspective"

Mark Causon (Genista Research Foundation, Malta)

15:00 -16:30

Panel Discussion: "Refugees, Migration and Climate Policy: where move the policies towards?"

Moderator: Donato Speroni (Journalist and writer, responsible of editorial board - ASviS)

Participants: Mark Causon (Policy Advisor); Andrew Harper (Special Advisor to the High Commissioner for Climate Action, UN High Commission for Refugees - UNHCR); MK Mossi Raz (The Knesset, Israel); Mariam Traore-Chazalnoël (Senior Policy Officer, International Organization Migration - IOM).

16:45 - Conclusions and Final Greetings

Scientific Committee: Alfredo Agustoni (UDA, Italy), Gilda Catalano (Unical, Italy), Mark Causon (GRF, Malta), Carmit Lubanov (AEJI, Israel), Mara Maretti (UDA, Italy).

Steering Committee: Drita Advyli (IMDI, Albania), Alessandra Corrado (Unical, Italy), Mariafrancesca D'Agostino (Unical, Italy), Mohamed Amine Kouki (FHIRD, Tunisia).

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Online infos for the workshops:

https://www.unical.it/portale/strutture/dipartimenti_240/dsps/seminari/

<https://it-it.facebook.com/Dispensedidattica/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Climate-Migration-in-Euro-Med-Region-102913168514020/>

Youtube links: <https://youtu.be/RVvbn5QeoIU> (on 21st); https://youtu.be/_D8lJle9u9w (on 22nd).

The links of the meetings will be sent by email