



***THE GLOBAL MIGRATION AND REFUGEE CRISIS -
CHALLENGES, LESSONS AND OPPORTUNITIES***

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CONFERENCE SCOPE & PROGRAM**

Migration is not a problem to be solved, but rather a human reality that can benefit societies if managed in the right way. But how do we get there? (W. L. Swing, IOM DG)

To date, close to 900,000 refugees and migrants have crossed the Mediterranean Sea to reach a safe haven in Europe. The EU estimates that as many as 3 million might arrive by the end of 2016. More than 5000 have died or gone missing since the beginning of this year. How are we responding to this crisis? This conference will explore some key dimensions of the crisis, uncovering lessons from the past, elucidating the immediate and most critical challenges of the current response and examining possible opportunities stemming from the mounting crisis. We will gauge the options left for the international community to respond to the massive waves of refugees and migrants escaping conflicts in the Middle East, Africa and other regions, in the attempt to reconcile the critical nature of the current events with the developmental potential of migration, in search for more creative and effective solutions. A panel of media experts, journalists and representatives of migrants and refugees' communities will join the conversation to decipher how the coverage of the crisis has influenced public opinions and national and international policies.

08.30-08.45	BREAKFAST AND ARRIVAL
08.45-09.00	WELCOME; SCOPE OF THE EVENT
	Luca Dall'Oglio , Chief of Mission, IOM Washington DC Edward P. Joseph , Executive Director, ICWA
09.00-09.15	IOM INTRODUCTORY REMARKS – ‘THE SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES’
	<i>Recent events have generated renewed attention on migratory movements and raised questions on their complexity. The flows are mixed and the drives diverse. Migration management is a complex area of governance, linked to issues of economic and social development, human rights, security and regional cooperation.</i> Speaker: Eugenio Ambrosi , Regional Director, Regional Office in Brussels, IOM
09.15-10.00	PANEL 1 LOOKING BACK: THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM PAST CRISES
	Moderator: Ambassador Andras Simonyi , Managing Director of the Center for Transatlantic Relations, John Hopkins SEAS Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James N. Purcell Jr., Chairman of the Board, US Association for International Migration • Doris Meissner, Former Commissioner, United States Immigration and Naturalization Service • Susan Martin, Director of the Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University
10.00-10.10	COFFEE BREAK
10.10-11.20	PANEL 2

	RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN CRISIS
	<p>Moderator: Dirk Vandewalle, ICWA Chair and Professor of Government at Dartmouth College</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Henshaw, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, US Department of State • Shelly Pitterman, UNHCR Regional Representative for the US and the Caribbean • Kate Phillips Barasso, Director of Policy and Advocacy, International Rescue Committee • Peter Van der Auweraert, Regional Thematic Specialist, Department of Operations and Emergencies, IOM Vienna • Andrew Tabler, Senior Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy
11.20-11.25	PANEL TRANSITION
11.25-12.30	PANEL 3 RECONNECTING DEVELOPMENT TO MIGRATION ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACTS
	<p>Moderator: Manal Omar, Vice-President for the Middle East and Africa Center, USIP</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luca Franchetti Pardo, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Italy in Washington DC • Kathleen Newland, Senior Fellow and Co-founder, Migration Policy Institute • Josko Paro, Ambassador of Croatia to the US • Xavier Devictor, Advisor in the Fragility, Conflict, and Violence Group and Global Program on Forced Displacement, The World Bank • Michael Clemens, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development
12.30-1.30	LUNCH SPEAKER AND NEW YORK TIMES/PULITZER CENTER VIDEO <i>'Between Borders: American Migrant Crisis'</i>
	<p>Speaker Amelia Frank-Vitale, past ICWA Fellow, PhD candidate, University Of Michigan</p> <p>Presentation of the NY Times video in cooperation with Pulitzer Center <i>Between Borders: American Migrant Crisis</i> <i>From Central America, thousands of children fleeing poverty and danger make multiple attempts to reach the United States despite increased efforts by Mexico to turn them back.</i></p>
01.30-2.30	PANEL 4 ARE THEIR VOICES BEING HEARD? MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE CRISIS, IMPACT ON POLICY AND PUBLIC OPINIONS
	<p>Moderator: Joel Millman, Spokesperson, IOM Geneva</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hugh Eakin, Author of lead essay of the e-book "<i>Flight from Syria: Refugee Stories</i>" • Jon Sawyer, Founding Director, Pulitzer Center • Malia Politzer, ICWA Fellow, Freelance Journalist based in Spain • Honey Al Sayed, Creative Consultant in Media, Arts Culture; Fellow at Spark Media • Ridwan Adhami, Creative Director / Photographer, Islamic Relief USA <p>Special Guests from the #IAMAMigrant campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Shallal, Founder, Busboys and Poets • Uraidah Hassani, Executive Director, The Women Worldwide Institute • Oula Alrifai, Syrian democracy youth activist, analyst, and author