

Refugee protection and the European civil society

Scientific workshop

**Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Central European University, Budapest
4-5 May 2017**

Different forms of institutional, collective, or individual acts for refugee protection and the influences of these acts on wider social and political processes has only recently become subject of scholarly interest. In some countries, like Spain and Italy, since the 1990s specialized organisations and networks have emerged in service of refugee protection. In other countries, refugee related organisational and informal networks have been initiated by 'newcomers' to the field. The workshop aims to understand the emergence of such refugee related networks by examining their mobilization paths, norms and values, and identities of the individual and collective actors.

The role of networks formed both among the refugees themselves and in the host societies to coordinate volunteering activities is crucial to understanding the actual effects of transnational forced migration and refugee protection in Europe. The workshop presents empirically supported analyses of individual, collective and institutional forms of refugee protection, in particular practices of humanitarianism and solidarity towards forced migrants and refugees. Papers and discussions will examine the relevance and limits of existing knowledge on migration experiences developed predominantly in the old immigration countries saturated with post-colonial relations and exposed to industrial labour migration in the post-WWII era. In the current European political and economic conditions, ideologies of support and solidarity towards migrants seem to be intimately tied to transformative mobilisations, political struggles and social movements in other domains of life, such as minority protection and empowerment, support of homeless and other vulnerable people including precarious workers. In exchange, moral economies of care towards migrants and refugees are expected to have impacts on broader politics of solidarity in the host societies.

The workshop is organized and co-sponsored by the **Centre for Social Sciences at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences** and the **Central European University**, its **Centre for Policy Studies** and **Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology**. Additional support has been offered by **Ruhr University, Bochum, Department of Sociology** and the **International Sociological Association, Research Committee 31, Sociology of Migration**.

The event is one of the many recent initiatives which bring together the international networks of the Central European University and several Hungarian academic institutions to the benefit of the wider scholarly public in Budapest and beyond.

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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

DAY 1

4th May 2017

Due to limited capacity of the venue, please register at refugee.civic@tk.mta.hu till
Midday 3rd May 2017

Venue:

**Centre for Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
(1097 Budapest, 4. Tóth Kálmán str., Ground floor, Conference Hall)**

13.00 - 13.20 Welcoming address **Iván Szelényi**
William Graham Sumner Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Yale University, member of the
Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Ludger Pries
Faculty of Social Science, Ruhr-University, Bochum, Cátedra Guillermo y Alejandro de
Humboldt, El Colegio de México
Margit Feischmidt
Institute for Minority Studies, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

1st Section Chaired by Attila Meleg (Corvinus University, Budapest)

13.20 - 14.00 Ludger Pries Networks of asylum and refugee related organisations in the
Faculty of Social Science, Ruhr- Mediterranean Area of the European Union
University, Bochum, Cátedra
Guillermo y Alejandro de
Humboldt El Colegio de México

14.00 - 14.40 Giulia Sinatti Humanitarianism, empowerment and engaged citizenship: the mixed
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, logics of volunteers and workers in migrant reception centres in
Department of Social and Cultural Milan, Italy.
Anthropology

14.40 - 15.20 Robin Vandevordt Between subversive and professional humanitarianism: on Belgian
University of Antwerp, civil support for refugees (co-author: **Gert Verschraegen**, University of Antwerp,
Department of Sociology Department of Sociology)

15.20 - 16.00 Margit Feischmidt Politics or anti-politics of care and compassion
Ildikó Zakariás
Institute for Minority Studies,
Centre for Social Sciences,
Hungarian Academy of Sciences

16.00 - 16.20 COFFEE BREAK

*2nd Section Chaired by Vera Messing (Institute for Social Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences,
Center for Policy Studies, Central European University)*

16.20 - 17.00 Daniel Mikecz Claim making and prefigurative action: the case of helping
Institute for Political Science, organizations in Hungary during the refugee crisis
Centre for Social Sciences,
Hungarian Academy of Sciences

17.00 - 17.40 Alena Kluknavska Welcome or unwelcome? The state and civil society in the public
Centre for Nonprofit Sector debate on the refugee crisis in Austria, the Czech Republic and
Research, Faculty of Economics Slovakia (co-authors: **Jana Bernhard**, **Hajo Boomgaarden**, Department of
and Administration, Masaryk Communication, University of Vienna)
University

17.40 - 18.20 Jaroslav Šotola The transformation of European solidarities under the challenge of
Mario Rodríguez the "refugee crisis"
Polo
Department of Sociology,
Andragogy and Cultural
Anthropology, Palacky University,
Olomouc

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DAY 2

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Venue:

Central European University

(Budapest 1051, 9, Nádor str., Monument Building, 1st floor, Popper Room)

9.15 - 9.30 Welcoming address **Éva Fodor**
Pro-Rector for Social Sciences and Humanities, Professor of the Department of Gender Studies, Central European University
Prem Kumar Rajaram
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University

1st Section Chaired by Margit Feischmidt (Institute for Minority Studies, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

9.30 - 10.10 Céline Cantat Border spectacles: refugee protection and the spectacularisation of mobility
Prem Kumar Rajaram
Central European University

10.10 - 10.50 Ildikó Asztalos Collaboration between Swedish municipal authorities ongoing the reception of unaccompanied refugee minors
Morell
Mälardalen University; Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University

10.50 - 11.30 Zsófia Nagy „Thank you crisis” – the integration of refugee children into public education in Greece
Faculty of Social Sciences, ELTE

11.30 - 11.50 COFFEE BREAK

2nd Section Chaired by Ludger Pries (Faculty of Social Science, Ruhr-University, Bochum, Cátedra Guillermo y Alejandro de Humboldt, El Colegio de México)

11.50 - 12.30 Paul Scheibelhofer (De-)Constructing gender and difference in the context of refugee-sponsorship of unaccompanied young men
Department of Educational Science, University of Innsbruck

12.30 - 13.10 Robert Rydzewski "My family has another friend" – volunteers' initiatives and the dialectic relations between them and migrants on the Western Balkan Route.
Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland

13.10 - 14.00 LUNCH

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*3rd Section Chaired by **Prem Kumar Rajaram** (Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University)*

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| 14.00 - 14.40 | Katarina Kosmina
European Policy Center, Belgrade,
Serbia | Ways and Means of Refugee Aid Provision: Reshaping Civil Society.
Structures Along the Western Balkan Route
(co-author: Sena Maric , European Policy Center, Belgrade, Serbia) |
| 14.40 - 15.20 | Natalija Perisic
Jelena Tanasijevic
Faculty of Political Sciences,
Department of Social Policy and
Social Work, University of
Belgrade | The Role of Civil Society in Overcoming Gaps in Migrant Protection – a
View from Serbia |
| 15.20 - 16.00 | Patrícia Artimová
University of Ostrava, Faculty of
Science, Department of Human
Geography and Regional
Development | Variations in volunteers' motivation
(co-author: Miriama Mikulášiková , University of Ostrava, Faculty of Science,
Department of Human Geography and Regional Development) |
| 16.00 – 16.20 | COFFEE BREAK | |

*4th Section Chaired by **Céline Cantat** (Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Studies, Central European University)*

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| 16.20 – 17.00 | Drago Župarić-Iljić
Institute for Migration and Ethnic
Studies, Zagreb, Croatia | From 'humanitarian opportunism' to 'securitization discomfort': The
role of refugee rights' actors in Croatia
(co-author: Marko Valenta , Norwegian University of Science and Technology,
Trondheim, Norway) |
| 17.00 - 17.40 | Claudia Olivier-
Mensah
Johannes Gutenberg University
Mainz, Institute of
Education/Social Work | Transnational Social Support: A multi-level approach for refugees in
the face of repatriation |
| 17.40 - 18.00 | Céline Cantat
Ludger Pries | Concluding remarks |