

Workshop organized in the context of the Research Project GLOBUS
Reconsidering European Contributions to Global Justice

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**BETWEEN RIGHTS AND FEARS:
EXPLORING THE MIGRATION-TERRORISM NEXUS FROM A
JUSTICE PERSPECTIVE**

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Over the past few years, the EU has experienced a significant surge in the inflow of migrants and refugees, one that has challenged the EU's internal cohesion and has often been speciously used by populist and nationalist movements to fuel public concerns. At the same time, terrorist attacks have multiplied across Europe, some of them perpetrated by first or second generation immigrants claiming allegiance to Islamic fundamentalist groups. Despite all the efforts made by EU institutions to problematize the connection between migration and terrorism, the link is ever more immediately drawn within the public debate, with repercussions in the public perception of the two phenomena. The implications in terms of policy approaches, but also in the normative sphere, are manifold, and a deeper reflection on the precise terms of such implications is in order.

On a global level, ethical issues are raised not only by terrorist groups smuggling and trafficking migrants in view of a financial profit, but also by the evidence that massive migration and terrorist radicalization may also be regarded as having some common roots in persistent global inequalities. Moreover, some of the measures undertaken to fight global terrorism have in fact generated more refugees. All these cases have important ethical implications, and call for an attentive reflection on what may be considered a just response by the international/global community.

There is no easy solution to the clash among differing justice claims, but a scholarly reflection on these issues might help us contribute to a more educated public and political debate, at both a regional and global level, and contain to some extent the securitization trends that seem to inform the reactions to these phenomena, despite their being at variance with most justice criteria.

This workshop aims at discussing these topics.

Programme

Monday, 4 June (Room: Church)

15.00 – 15.30 Welcome

Filippo Andreatta (Director of the Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna)

Stefano Bianchini (Head of the Forlì Campus of the Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna)

Sonia Lucarelli (GLOBUS Team leader, University of Bologna)

Helene Sjørusen (GLOBUS Coordinator, ARENA Centre for European Studies)

15.30 – 16.30 Keynote speech *The geopolitics of European home affairs cooperation: justice beyond borders?*

Roderick Parkes (Senior Analyst, European Union Institute for Security Studies)

16.30 – 18.30 Round Table – *The Migration-Terrorism Alleged Nexus and Global Justice*

Chair: Michela Ceccorulli (University of Bologna)

Marco Balboni (University of Bologna)

Thomas Diez (GLOBUS Team leader, University of Tübingen)

Sonia Lucarelli (GLOBUS Team leader, University of Bologna)

Dario Melossi (University of Bologna)

Tuesday, 5 June (Room Jacopo da Bertinoro)

09.00 – 10.45 First Session – *The EU, migration and terrorism – Part 1*

Chair: Helene Sjørusen (ARENA Centre for European Studies)

Christopher Baker-Beall (Nottingham Trent University)

EU Counter-Terrorism Policy: The threat of the ‘returning foreign fighter’ and the securitization of migration, travel and border control

Nikola Tomic (University College Dublin)

Testing the limits of the EU’s comprehensive approach to crisis management: the case of Syrian migrants

Sarah Léonard, Vesalius College (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
Migration and Terrorism in Europe: The Impact of Schengen

Discussant: James Sperling (University of Akron)

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.45 Second Session – *The EU, migration and terrorism – Part 2*

Chair: Kavesnikov Nikolay (MGIMO-University)

Christian Kaunert (University of South Wales, and Sarah Léonard, Vesalius College, Vrije Universiteit Brussels)

The Refugee Crisis in the Mediterranean: Securitizing Practices, Terrorism and Foreign Geopolitical Actors

Wael Garnaoui (Paris Diderot University)

Migration to the Jihad: The Mirror of the Desire

Discussant: Ben Tonra (GLOBUS Team leader, University College Dublin)

12.45 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 – 16.00 Third Session – *Migration and terrorism: non-European experiences*

Chair: Thomas Diez (University of Tübingen)

Sreeram Chaulia (Jindal Global University)

The Two-way Causation of Migration and Terrorism: Asian Experience

Jim Sperling (University of Akron)

Terrorists in America: Imported or 'Made in America'?

Jessica Field (Jindal Global University)

Fear and Exclusion: the securitisation of Rohingya refugees in India

Discussant: Michela Ceccorulli (University of Bologna)

16.00 – 16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.45 Roundtable: *The view of the stakeholders*

Chair: Attila Melegh (Corvinus University, Budapest)

Barbara Sargenti (Deputy prosecutor, Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism Direction of the Italian Republic)

Giulio di Blasi (Member of the Cabinet of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy)

Federico Soda (Director, Coordination Office for the Mediterranean, International Organisation for Migrations)

Michele Tarlao (Head of the Italian State Police trade union – Silp-CGIL)

Wednesday, 6 June (Room Jacopo da Bertinoro)

9.00 – 10.45 Fourth Session – *Securitizing migration at home*

Chair: Antonio Zotti (University of Bologna)

Silvia D'Amato (University of Florence), and Giovanni Amerigo Giuliani (Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa)

When the opposites attract. The relationship between foreign policy and the migration-terrorism nexus in the French far right and radical left discourse

Attila Meleg (Corvinus University of Budapest), and Márton Hunyadi, (Hungarian Academy of Science, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Minority Studies)

Positional insecurity and the attack to the ideas of global justice in Hungary

Alvise Sbraccia (University of Bologna)

Detention as a Field of Ambivalence: Radicalization and Deradicalization in the Italian Prison System

Discussant: Enrico Fassi (Catholic University Milan)

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 Round Table – *Maritime Operations in the Mediterranean: Security and Human Rights Considerations*

Chair: Marco Borraccetti (University of Bologna)

Giorgio Grappi (University of Bologna)

Giorgia Linardi (Legal Adviser and Mission Coordinator for External Relations, Sea-Watch)

Ettore Socci (Operation Commander's Military Assistant, EU Operation Sophia - EUNAVFOR MED)

Ben Tonra (University College Dublin)