



Global Diaspora Mobilisation

Understanding how EU Member States can Engage Refugee and Migrant Diasporas

**Tuesday 28th March 2017, 16.00 - 17.30
(followed by a networking reception)**

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The global refugee crisis brings pressing concerns how to manage refugees on the move and deal with fragile sending states in conflict and disarray. While such concerns take the limelight, long-term effects of refugee and large-scale migration movements remain in the shadow. Over time refugees may return home, but many will remain in their new destinations, or move on to others, and eventually turn into conflict-generated diasporas with durable links to their original homelands.

Conflict-generated diasporas can be a source of economic development, but also of further conflict from afar, and engage in a variety of long-distance practices. Lessons learned from experiences of previous refugee waves, their diaspora engagement, and the management of large-scale migration, including fragile and developing states, can inform meaningful policies towards refugees and migrants today.



Our research

Under the umbrella of the European Research Council project “**Diasporas and Contested Sovereignty**”, a team of 5 researchers has worked to study comparatively how diasporas mobilise in the UK, Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, and France for political and social processes in their countries of origin, which experience conflict or post-conflict reconstruction.

Substantial additional research has been conducted on India’s extraterritorial engagement with diasporas abroad, as well as on diaspora-related public policies in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Philippines, Ghana, Morocco, Tunisia, Senegal, and Ecuador

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The discussion

Our seminar seeks to enhance the conversation between academics and policy-makers in European institutions by focusing on lessons learned from diaspora mobilisations and their management, and to bring their implications for policy areas such as: conflict and security, state-building, economic and social development, migration governance, transitional justice and democratisation.

The event will also highlight the links between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and human mobility that needs to be understood more comprehensively to support and leverage different types of diaspora populations and link integration policies in countries of settlement with the transnational activities of mobile populations.

Our speakers



Maria Koinova is a Senior Associate Professor in International Relations at the University of Warwick, and a Principal Investigator of the European Research Council Starting Grant “Diasporas and Contested Sovereignty” (2012-2017). She is the author of *Ethnonationalist Conflict in Postcommunist States* and of numerous articles on the international politics of conflict-generated diasporas published or forthcoming in prestigious journals such as *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Studies Review*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Review of International Studies*, *International Political Sociology*, *Global Networks*, and *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, among others. She held research positions at the policy-oriented Kennedy School at Harvard University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, among other academic institutions in Europe and the United States.

Daniel Naujoks teaches international development, sociology, public policy, international relations, migration and refugee studies at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia Law School, and at The New School's Graduate Program in International Affairs in New York. Daniel has published widely on the effects of migration and citizenship on social, economic and political development, ethnic identity and the role and genesis of public, diaspora and citizenship policies, as well as on refugees and displacement. This includes his book *'Migration, Citizenship, and Development. Diasporic Membership Policies and Overseas Indians in the United States'* (2013, Oxford University Press). In addition, Daniel regularly advises governments and various United Nations agencies—including UNDP, IOM, World Bank, ILO, UN-DESA, UNICEF—on issues of migration, diaspora engagement, displacement, and development.

Our moderator and panellists



Mr Richard Tuffs
Director of the Europe Regions Research and Innovation Network (ERRIN).



Dr Angela Liberatore
Head of Unit 'Social Sciences and Humanities' - European Research Council Executive Agency (ERC).



Dr Elisabeth Lipiatou
Head of Unit 'Open and Inclusive Societies' - Open Innovation Unit and Open Sciences Directorate - DG Research and Innovation.



Ms Mingo Heiduk
Programme Manager, Diaspora Programme - Danish Refugee Council.



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