

Conference 31 May - 2 June

Denationalizing the past, Denaturalizing the present

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RESEARCH PROJECT

1 Century, 2 Refugee Crises

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FRIDAY
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Welcoming Session | 17:00 - 18:30
Entangled research trajectories

The welcoming session convenes representatives from four distinct yet interrelated research projects currently underway in Europe and beyond. These projects encompass a spectrum of objectives, research inquiries, and perspectives on migrations, both contemporary and historical. By convening these disparate yet interconnected research initiatives, the welcoming session fosters collaborative dialogue and knowledge exchange, enriching the collective understanding of migration in its manifold manifestations.

One century, Two refugee Crises | <https://1c2rc.eie.gr/en/>
Olga Lafazani, *Postdoctoral Researcher*,
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One Hundred Memories | <https://100memories.gr/?lang=en>
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The Lausanne Project | <https://thelausanneproject.com/>
Ozan Ozavci, *Assistant Professor*, *Utrecht University*

The GAME: Counter-mapping informal refugee mobilities along the Balkan Route
Claudio Minca, *Professor*, *University of Bologna*

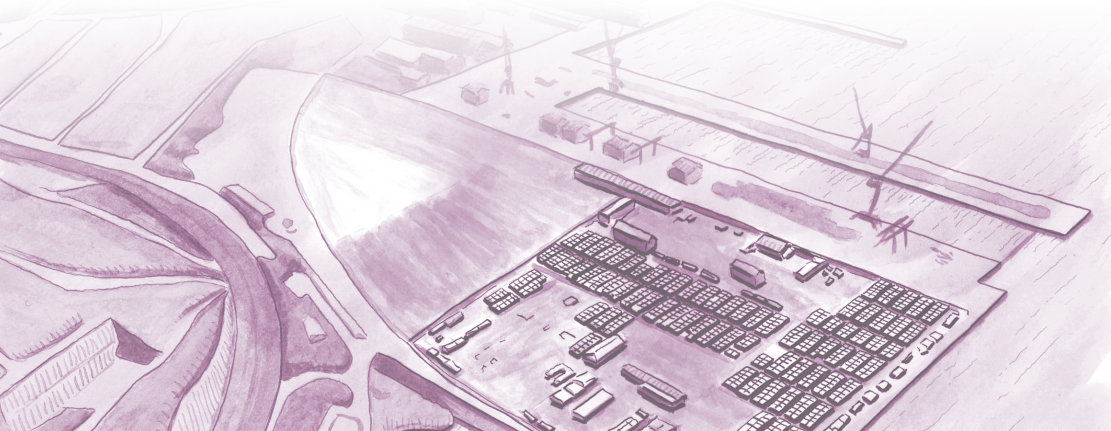
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Keynote lecture | 19:00 - 20:30
Aegean: a sea of arrivals and departures within the last century

Nergis Canefe, *Professor of Politics*,
Public Policy and Law, *York University, Toronto*

Professor Canefe will be discussing her new work on the Aegean as a sea of inner secrets in the depths of which communal graveyards are mingled without contestation. Her recent work on naturalization of mass exodus from the Near and Middle East touches upon the heavy silence of the sea as a harbinger of memories of departure, loss and daunting survival with no return.

Nergis Canefe's latest book is titled *Sovereign Utopias: Legal Framing of Mass Exodus in the Middle Eastern State* (Lexington Press, forthcoming). She is a scholar of forced migration, critical citizenship studies, international criminal law and postcolonial/decolonial methodologies. As a professor of politics, public policy and law at York University, Canada, Canefe also teaches and lectures regularly internationally. Her work on crimes against humanity has been translated into Portuguese and Turkish and she is currently working on its translation into Greek. Canefe is also a mural painter and frequently works on the art-essay format.



SATURDAY

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Session 1 | 10:00 - 12:00

Settlement

This panel opens a discussion on the resettlement of refugees during two significant periods in Greek history, identified as "refugee crises". It examines not only the institutional policies governing resettlement but also the grassroots strategies of survival and struggle employed by refugees.

Mapping the spatial footprint of the Lausanne Treaty: the refugee settlement process in Izmir and Attica.

Kalliopi Amygdalou, *Senior Researcher,*

Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy

The everyday social life of threshold spaces in a century-old refugee settlement: the case of Nikea.

Eleni Katrini, *Postdoctoral Research Fellow & Adjunct Faculty,*

National Technical University of Athens

Contesting Camp Space - Producing Domestic Space in a Refugee Camp

Alex Fusco, *Research Fellow, University of Sussex, UK*

The changing geographies of refugee camps in Greece

Valeria Raimondi, *Postdoctoral Research Fellow,*

University of Bologna

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Session 2 | 12:30 - 14:30

Economy and society

How was the management of populations organized during these two crisis periods? Which actors were involved? What types of funds were raised and how they were channeled? How was the financing connected to the state and international goals and priorities in these different periods? These will be the main questions addressed in this panel, as we aim to reconsider the strategies for managing large populations in various contexts and timeframes.

Refugees and an Imperial Capital in Decline: Migrations to and from Occupied Istanbul.

Erol Ülker, *Associate Professor, FMV Işık University*

Loan Management and Housing Policies: The Settlement of Urban Refugees, 1924-1930.

Alkiviadis Kapokakis, *Researcher at 1c2rc, PhD candidate in History at the University of Crete / Institute for Mediterranean Studies-FORTH*

On the productive spin-offs of migration controls: reflections on the uneven economic geographies of camps in Greece

Hatziprokopiou Panos, *Associate professor, School of Spatial Planning and Development, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*

The economies of the refugee camps: the case of Malakasa camp

Thanasis Tyrovolas, *Researcher at 1c2rc, PhD candidate in Sociology at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*



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Session 3 | 15:30 - 18:00
Balkan Routes

In recent migration literature and in public discussions the "Balkan route" is often portrayed as having only emerged after the 2015 "refugee crisis." However, throughout the past century, this region has been marked by mobility and displacement, rather than stability and rootedness. This panel brings together various perspectives from different times and places, creating a mosaic of the complex, fragmented yet entangled Balkan Routes.

The 'forgotten' migrants and refugees or shaping the Balkan nation-states.

Lambros Baltsiotis, *Assistant Professor, Panteion University*

Itineraries of Refugee Memory along the Balkan Route and Beyond.

Kristina Gedgudaitė, *Marie Skłodowska-Curie postdoctoral fellow, University of Amsterdam*

The political refugees of the Greek Civil War and the challenges of returning home

Manos Avgeridis, *Director, Contemporary Social History Archives*

Historicizing the Balkan Route: Precarious Infrastructures of Mobility, Arts of Transnational Government

Bernd Kasperek, *Assistant Professor, Delft University of Technology*

How much can a movie change? The impact of Agnieszka Holland's film "Green Border" on Poland's migrant policy

Neşe H. Özgen, *Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS), University of Osnabrück*

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Round Table | 18:30 - 20:30

Cities of arrival and Histories of Migration

The panelists will be allotted a few minutes each to address two interconnected themes:

The Significance of Historical Perspectives in Migration

Research: Panelists will explore the importance of thinking migration through a historical lens. By contextualizing current migration phenomena within broader historical trajectories, scholars can uncover continuities, ruptures, and recurring themes that inform present-day debates and policies.

Cities and Policies of Inclusion and Exclusion over the Past Century:

Panelists will delve into the evolving dynamics of urbanization and migration governance over the past century. They will examine how cities have historically served as both sites of inclusion and exclusion for migrant populations, shaped by shifting political, economic, and social contexts across different spatial and temporal contexts.

By engaging with these two interrelated topics, the panel aims to foster critical reflection on the role of history in migration studies and deepen our understanding of the urban dynamics shaping migrations.

PANELISTS:

Foteini Tsiibiridou, *Professor, University of Macedonia*

Dina Vaiou, *Professor Emerita, National Technical University of Athens*

Lila Leontidou, *Professor Emerita, Open Hellenic University*

Kostantinos Tsitselikis, *Professor, University of Macedonia*



SUNDAY

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10:30-12:30

Historical walk in Nikea neighborhood, one of the first organised settlements for the refugees of 1922-24

On June 18, 1923, the foundation stone was laid for the settlement of Nea Kokkinia, established to accommodate refugees fleeing the aftermath of the Greco-Turkish war. The Treaty of Lausanne, followed by the forced exchange of populations, precipitated a wave of displacement, leading to the creation of this, as well as many other urban and agricultural settlements. Initially conceived as a refuge for those displaced, the core of Nea Kokkinia expanded rapidly through systematic urban planning and a phased housing program implemented by the Refugee Rehabilitation Committee (RRC).

Throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, in the refugee houses of Nikea and in all the refugee neighborhoods of that period, newly arrived migrants have found shelter: internal migrants, migrants from the Balkans and Eastern Europe, or the Global South. The houses, the small stores, the courtyards, and the squares that once bore witness to the dreams and struggles of the first refugees up to that day welcome the successive generations of newcomers. In our walk, we will embark on a journey through the neighborhood of Nea Kokkinia, tracing a century of movement and struggles.

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