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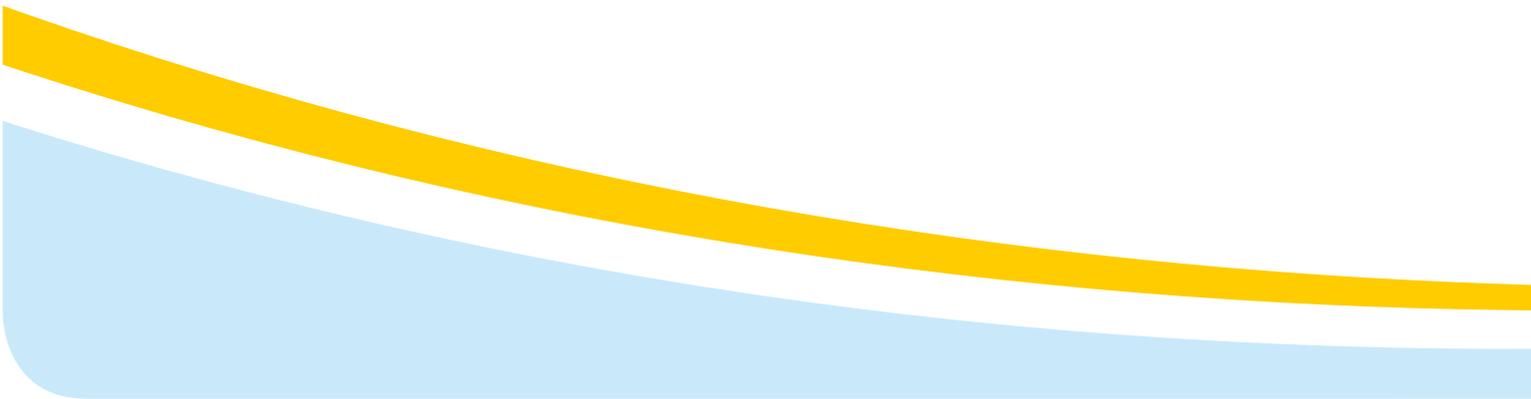
EESC CIVIL SOCIETY MEDIA SEMINAR 2016

Communicating Migration

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Dear friends,

The 10th Civil Society Media Seminar of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) will focus on **Communicating Migration**. Migration has been in the headlines, and even more so over the last two years, with the so-called “migration crisis”. Like the troubles that Europe is experiencing at the moment, this is not only a “political crisis” nor a “communications crisis”, but also a humanitarian and social crisis. Representing organized European Civil Society, members of the EESC made field trips to the hot spots of the migration crisis and drew up a report on the situation in the beginning of 2016.



For many people, their understanding, their vision and ultimately their opinion on migration has been formed following exposure to channels of communication which have brought to them the information on the “migration crisis”. Whether through TV, press, social media, official government channels or word of mouth, messages on this phenomenon have been delivered by journalists, politicians, officials, social media activists and even by members of the public - and sometimes not in a very accurate way, if you ask me.

The aim of this seminar is to look at several aspects related to migration and see exactly how these messages have been delivered, to look at some of the most effective tools and examples in telling the story of migration and integration, to assess what impact these experiences have had and how the person or channel delivering the message has influenced the outcome, if at all. “What can we learn from all this?”, will be a key objective of this seminar. Did we do it well? Could we do better? Do we need to change the narrative? I hope that the experts we will have and an engaged and active audience will help us answer some of these questions, so that we too can influence the way in which we deal with communications on such important issues in the future and for the future of Europe.

We need to get public communication right, as the consequences of getting it wrong can result in unintended magnitudes that can change the very future of Europe itself. Brexit is just one of the fundamental debates that has been influenced by public opinion when it comes to migration, to such an extent that we could ask ourselves the question: BREXIT REFERENDUM MINUS MIGRATION QUESTION EQUALS?

We have chosen Austria as venue for our 10th Civil Society Media Seminar because of the country's location at the strategic heart of Europe, both a transit and destination country and because of Austria's long tradition of giving shelter to victims of persecution. For example, when 90,000 people turned to Austria for protection during the war in former Yugoslavia, 60,000 remained. Austria is also playing a key role in managing the current migration flows with also many good examples of integration. In 2015, it provided a safe haven to around 90,000 asylum seekers.

Together with our distinguished speakers and engaged audience, we hope to succeed in formulating useful advice for a clearer and more targeted communication to counteract polarisation within European societies and strengthen solidarity with refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and within European Member States.

Europe must continue to be a great continent united in diversity.

I look forward to interesting discussions.

Gonçalo Lobo Xavier

EESC Vice-President Communication

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 24 November 2016

Registration

8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Welcome session

9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

- **Welcome by Gonçalo Lobo Xavier**
EESC Vice-President Communication

9:35 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

- **Welcome by Ambassador Hans Winkler**
Head of the Diplomatic Academy and former State Secretary

Opening session

9:40 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

- **Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger**
Ambassador, Director General for Legal and Consular Affairs and National Coordinator for the fight against Human Trafficking, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Austria
- **Igor Slobodnik**
Ambassador-at-Large for Migration, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovak Republic

9:55 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

- **Presentation of the LSE study on migration and the media**
Dr Rafal Zaborowski, Department of Media and Communications, London School of Economics and Political Science

10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

- **Presentation – results of the EESC youth event Your Europe – Your Say (YEYS) on “migration”**
Austrian participants at YEYS: Daniela, Diana and Nicole, pupils at HLW Kufstein/Tyrol

Introductory session

Moderator: Martin Nesirky, Director of UN Information Service, Vienna

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Speakers:

- **Georges Dassis**
President European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Brussels
- **Michael O’Flaherty**
Director, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, Vienna
- **Jean-Luc Lemahieu**
Director, Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs, UNODC
- **Paul Bekkers**
Ambassador, Director, Office of the Secretary General OSCE

Coffee break

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Panel I: Communication on migrant smuggling in Europe and neighbouring countries

Moderator: Leonard Doyle, Spokesperson/Head of Media & Communications IOM, former journalist at Independent, Guardian, Observer

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Speakers:

- **Ilias Chatzis**
Chief of human trafficking and migrant smuggling section, UNODC
- **Giampaolo Musumeci**
Journalist and author of the book "Bekenntnisse eines Menschenhändlers"
- **Prince Wale Soniyiki**
Founder and President of the African Society in Croatia, project manager, refugee from Nigeria
- **Georgi Stoev**
Member of the EESC, Vice-President of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

The panel will look at why migrant smuggling is still such a booming business and how organised crime has profited from the smuggling trade. It will analyse how governments have communicated on the role of smuggling networks and analyse the impact of government communication on the intensity of these flows of people.

Lunch break

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Panel II: The role of media and communication channels (including social media) in the migration and refugee "crisis"

Moderator: Alexandra Förderl-Schmid, chief-editor and co-publisher of the Austrian newspaper Der Standard

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Speakers:

- **Bethany Bell**
BBC Foreign Correspondent
- **Sabine Bohland**
Head and correspondent at the ARD/WDR Nairobi office
- **Luca Jahier**
President EESC Various Interests Group
- **William Spindler**
Senior Communications Officer Europe, UNHCR

This panel will focus on the exceptional high number of arrivals of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants – often called "migration crisis" – and how governments, civil society and media communicate on this phenomenon and its impact on domestic public opinion.

Wrap up of the day by Vice-President Gonçalo Lobo Xavier

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Networking Dinner at a Heuriger in Neustift am Walde at the kind invitation of the City of Vienna

8:00 p.m.

Friday, 25 November 2016

Welcome session

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

- **Gonçalo Lobo Xavier**
EESC Vice-President Communication

9:05 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

- **Peter Florianschütz**
Member of the Vienna Provincial Parliament and City Council

Introductory session in form of moderated interviews

Moderator: Cathrin Kahlweit, Head of Vienna office of the Süddeutsche Zeitung, correspondent for Central and Eastern Europe

9:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Speakers:

- **Muna Duzdar**
State Secretary for Diversity, Public Administration and Digital Agenda at the Austrian Chancellery
- **Erich Foglar**
President of the Austrian Trade Union Federation
- **Martin Gleitsmann**
Head of the Department for Social Policy and Health, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Panel III: Communication on Integration

Moderator: Friso Roscam Abbing, Head of Communication and Outreach at the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Speakers:

- **Muhammad Manwar Ali (Abu Muntasir)**
Founder and chief executive of JIMAS; chaplain for University Campus Suffolk, Suffolk New College
- **Gabriella De Francesco**
Operational Coordinator for refugee centre, City of Mechelen/Belgium

- **Tania Kambouri**
German policewoman and author of the book “Deutschland im Blaulicht – Notruf einer Polizistin”
- **Arzu Toker**
Journalist and writer
- **Pavel Trantina**
President EESC-SOC Section

This panel will look at how the integration of migrants is being communicated by governments, civil society and the media. It will look in particular at the issue of Muslim migrants and refugees and their integration. It will assess how communication could be used to contribute towards the integration of migrants into society.

Coffee break

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Panel IV: The role of policy makers in communicating the “migration crisis”

Moderator: Patrick Leusch, Managing Director of the Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Speakers:

- **Sören Bauer**
Senior Communication & Knowledge Officer, EUROMED, Migration IV, ICMPD
- **Gabriele Bischoff**
President EESC Workers Group
- **Malte Kjems**
Head of Communication at the Danish Think Tank Europa
- **Haydée Sabéran**
Journalist and Columnist at the French newspaper Libération
- **Aidan White**
Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Ethical Journalism Network, former Secretary General of the International Federation of Journalists

This panel will look at how governments and policy-makers have communicated their decisions and policies on migration and refugees, through the media and social media, focusing in particular on success stories and challenges in communication.

Closing session

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Speaker:

- **Gonçalo Lobo Xavier**
EESC Vice-President for Communication

Lunch – End of the event

1 p.m.

Speakers' bios



AIDAN WHITE

Aidan White is the Director of the Ethical Journalism Network, the global organisation of the world's major media professional groups which promotes ethics, good governance and self-regulation of journalism across all media platforms. White has worked on numerous publications including *The Guardian* and the *Financial Times* and for 24 years was General Secretary of the International Federation of Journalists, during which time he helped create the world's largest organisation of journalists with members in 126 countries. He founded the EIJN in 2012 and today the Network has more than 60 members and supports programmes to strengthen journalism in the Middle East, South Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia.



ALEXANDRA FÖDERL-SCHMID

Alexandra Förderl-Schmid (born 1971 in Haslach, Austria) is co-publisher and editor-in-chief of the print and online edition of the Austrian daily *derstandard.at/ Der Standard*. The first woman in Austrian history to have held such a post, she previously reported extensively on European issues, including the wars in former Yugoslavia and EU enlargement.

She is a graduate of the Wels Journalism School and gained her master degree at the University of Salzburg followed by a doctorate in Communications Studies, also from the University of Salzburg. She has reported extensively on European issues, mainly from a base in Germany.



ARZU TOKER

Arzu Toker is a German writer and journalist. She also works as a translator and moderator and is specialised in advising intercultural teams and teaching mediation. Arzu initiated several projects, such as kindergartens, women's and media initiatives. From 1985 to 1997 she was a member of the WDR Broadcasting Council, representing the group of "migrants"; for 9 years she also was the deputy chairman of the programme committee at WDR.

In 1998, Arzu Toker was together with Niki Eideneier awarded with the Greek-Turkish "Abdi-Ipekçi Peace and Friendship Prize" for their book: *Kalimerhaba* (Romiosini Verlag, Cologne).

Mrs Toker also worked as an arts performer in Germany and in Switzerland. Her latest translated and revised book was: *Frauen sind eure Äcker*, written by Prof. Dr. Ilhan Arsel.

Last published book: *Kein Schritt zurück* (Alibri Verlag, Germany).

Arzu Toker was born 1952 in Eastern Anatolia/Turkey, where she worked as a sewer and acquired her German knowledge by self-study. She has two adult children and lives and works mainly in Cologne.



BETHANY BELL

Bethany BELL has worked as a BBC foreign correspondent since 2001. Based in Vienna, she has reported for the BBC in over 25 countries, in Europe, the United States and the Middle East (Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Israel and the Palestinian territories). In the past three years, she has spent extensive periods in Egypt, covering the Tahrir uprising and its aftermath. She has reported on the Iranian nuclear issue since 2003. Her first position in foreign news was with the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation, ORF Radio Austria International, for whom she covered the Kosovo conflict, EU summits, Eastern Europe and the Balkans. She is a graduate of Oxford University.



CATHRIN KAHLWEIT

Cathrin Kahlweit is the correspondent for Central and Eastern Europe for *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, where she has been working in different positions since 1989. Previously she had worked for *Die Zeit*, for Bavarian TV, and had been the chief-editor of the Anne Will talk show.

Ms. Kahlweit studied at the universities of Oregon, Tübingen and Göttingen and at the Puschkin-Institute in Moscow. She has degrees in Russian and Social studies. After a traineeship at the Dresdner Bank, Ms Kahlweit started her education in journalism at the Henri-Nannen school in Hamburg. Cathrin Kahlweit is also the author of several books, such as *Architekten des Umbruchs*, Fischer 1992; *Damenwahl*, C.H. Beck 1993; *Jahrhundertfrauen*, C.H. Beck 1999; *Ein Traum von Mann*, Piper, 2000.

She is married and has three children.

ELISABETH TICHY-FISLBERGER

Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger is the Director General for Legal and Consular Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Austria. She is also the National Coordinator for the fight against Human Trafficking in Austria.

Ambassador Tichy-Fisslberger started her professional life at the European Commission. In 1988 she joined the Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. During her diplomatic career she worked at the Austrian Embassy in Dublin, in London and at Austria's Permanent Representation in Brussels. Furthermore she worked at the Ministry's CSCE department, at the Directorate General for European and Economic Affairs and she was the Deputy Director General for European and Economic Affairs. Mrs Tichy-Fisslberger is also a lecturer at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna as well as at the University of Vienna.

Ambassador Tichy-Fisslberger obtained a degree in law as well as in French and Spanish from the University of Vienna. She also received scholarship for international law from the Louvain-la-Neuve University in Belgium in 1981.



ERICH FOGLAR

Erich Foglar is the President of the Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB) since 2008 (acting head since December 2008, officially elected in July 2009). Previous positions in the trade union include General Secretary of the Trade Union for Metal, Textile and Food workers, ÖGB Executive Secretary (responsible for finances), General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary for the Metalworkers' Union (Finance Department).

Mr Foglar is also represented at an international level. He is the Vice-President of the Pan European Regional Council (PERC), member of the Administrative Committee of Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD; member of the Steering Committee of the European Trade Union Confederation ETUC and member of the Executive Board of the International Trade Union Confederation.

Erich Foglar was trained as a toolmaker at "Philippus Austria" where he has also been an elected member of the worker's council.



FRISO ROSCAM ABBING

Friso Roscam Abbing has been the Head of Fundamental Rights Promotion Department at FRA since 2009. Prior to this, he was a Member of Cabinet of the European Commission Vice-President Jacques Barrot, the Commissioner for Freedom, Security and Justice, where he was responsible for refugee policy, fundamental rights and citizenship issues. From 2004–2008, he was the spokesman of European Commission Vice President Franco Frattini, the Commissioner responsible for Freedom, Security and Justice issues. He has a strong background in refugee policy issues, both from an intergovernmental and a non-governmental perspective. Between 2000 and 2004, he headed the EU Asylum Policies sector at the European Commission's DG Justice, Freedom and Security. Before this, he led the EU Office of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE, 1994–2000) after starting his career as Head of the Legal Department at the Dutch Refugee Council (1986–1994).



GABRIELE BISCHOFF

Gabriele Bischoff has been the President of the Workers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee since October 2015.

She is special advisor at the German Confederation of Trade Unions (DGB), having joined the trade unions about 30 years ago while working part-time as an express delivery worker for the German Post to finance her studies in Berlin. She began her working career at the Berlin Institute for Social Research and subsequently worked at the FHW Berlin School of Economics as a researcher. In 1990, she started to work full-time at IG Metall Germany as a senior advisor for equality. She became Head of Department and was an active member of the EMF and the ETUC Women's Committees. In 2000, she worked at the Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU as social attaché in Brussels, where she was responsible for social dialogue. After that, she worked as a senior advisor for the EU Presidency in the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in Germany, dealing particularly with social partner meetings and conferences. Between 2008 - 2014, she was Head of the European Policy Department at the Federal Executive of DGB.

Mrs Bischoff is a member of the ETUC Executive Committee.

She is also a member of the board of the European Movement in Germany.

Gabriele Bischoff studied Political Science at the Universities of Marburg and Berlin and holds a diploma in political science from the Free University of Berlin.



GABRIELLA DE FRANCESCO

Gabriella De Francesco is an operation coordinator at the temporary refugee centre in Mechelen, Belgium. The primary focus of her role is to coordinate a programme supporting refugee integration in the local community through designing and organising leisure activities for children and adults, with the help of local volunteers. Prior to this, Gabriella worked as a teacher in Brussels and as an educational mentor in the area of culture and expression.





GEORGES DASSIS

Georges Dassis, a Greek national, is the current President of the EESC. Prior to that, he was President of the Committee's Workers' group (2008-2015).

Georges Dassis, who opposed the colonels' regime (1967-1974), has been a trade-union activist from the age of 15. During his stay in Belgium in the 1970s, he became a permanent member of the national staff of the Belgian General Federation of Labour (FGTB).

Since 1981, he has been a representative of the Greek General Confederation of Labour (GSEE) to the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) - where he has been on the executive committee since 1982 -, to the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC, formerly ICFTU) and to the International Labour Office (ILO). He is also one of the founder members of the GSEE's Labour Institute (1990) and its current secretary for international relations.

He has served several terms of office at the EESC, first between 1981 and 1990, when he was president of the regional section, and from 2002 to the present, leading the ECO section between 2004 and 2008. At the EESC, Mr. Dassis has been rapporteur on opinions such as the European minimum income, Social dialogue in the Economic and Monetary Union and the Cost of Non-Euro.



GEORGI STOEV

Georgi Stoev is member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and Vice-President of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is also the Chairman of the trade and investment committee and member of the budgetary committee of EUROCHAMBERS and a representative of Idea Society at UN ECOSOC in Geneva. Other positions include: CEO of PLANECON S&P, Vice-Chairman of the Bulgarian-Japanese Economic Council, and member of the Bulgarian Economic and Social Council (ESC).

In his long professional career Mr Stoev worked at Plan Econ in Washington DC whose Managing Director of the regional branch in Sofia he was.

Furthermore, he worked for the Bank of Tokyo and Kobe Steel in Japan, the Chase Investment in the UK, the Bank of Boston, Paribas in the UK, Exxon Mobil -USA and Enel power-Italy.

Mr Stoev obtained degrees in Economics from the University of World Economy in Sofia and in Oriental studies in St Petersburg University /Russia. Postgraduate studies brought him to China, Japan, Russia and UK.

He also completed internships at the Bank of Tokyo and Nikko securities in Japan as well as at the Leadership Academy in Shanghai. Georgi Stoev speaks Bulgarian, English, Russian and Japanese.



GIAMPAOLO MUSUMECI

Giampaolo Musumeci is a freelance journalist and filmmaker reporting on African issues, immigration and war zones, contributing to major international news channels and radio such as Channel 4, Rai News24, Sky News, Rai Tre, MTV, Radio France International, Radio Swiss and a wide variety of international press.

Co-author of "Confessions of a People Smuggler" (Chiarelettere, 2014) published in Italy, France, Germany, Poland, Netherlands, Finland and Taiwan about smuggling and human trafficking to Europe, he has covered and reported stories from Israel, Russia, China, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Afghanistan, DR Congo, Yemen, RCA, Egypt. Author and host of the foreign affairs radio program "Nessun luogo è lontano" on the Italian Radio24 - Il Sole24Ore.

"Congotales" is his first web documentary and ongoing project focused on Kivu, DR Congo.



GONÇALO LOBO XAVIER

Gonçalo Lobo Xavier is currently Vice-President for Communication at the EESC, where he is serving his second term of office. During his previous mandate, he was Vice-President of the Europe 2020 Steering Committee (2013-2015) and member of the SOC and TEN sections. Today he attends TEN and INT.

Since February 2013 Mr Lobo Xavier has also been the Portuguese National Delegate for Innovation in SME's and Risk Finance for the Horizon 2020 programme and, since 2007, has been representing the Confederation of Portuguese Industry (CIP) in BUSINESSEUROPE's Working Group on Research & Technological Innovation.

In Portugal Mr Lobo Xavier works as an adviser to the board of the Association of Portuguese Metallurgical, Mechanical Engineering and Similar Industrial Companies (AIMMAP), the country's most important industrial sector, where he has been responsible for international relations and communication since 2013.

Prior to that (2002 to 2012), he was executive director of RECET (Portuguese Technological Centres Network), managing R&D and international projects with partners mainly from Spain, France and other EU Member States.

Gonçalo Lobo Xavier has a Business Management degree from the University of Minho (Braga, Portugal) and also did his international studies at the University of West Florida (USA) and at Mikely Polytechnic in Finland. Gonçalo has been doing trainee programs on different areas of international business and communication.

Mr Lobo Xavier has been rapporteur of numerous EESC opinions, such as the *Annual Growth Survey 2015*, *Industrial changes in the European packaging sector*, the *Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan*, *Opening up education* and he's now preparing the Commission's requested report on the *Mid-term evaluation on the Horizon 2020 programme*.

Gonçalo Lobo Xavier just did in September 2016 his first marathon in Berlin (4h and 22 minutes) and he's thrilled with the idea of running another one.

HANS WINKLER

Hans Winkler is the Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna since April 2009. He is a former Austrian Diplomat and Secretary of State.

Upon graduation from the University of Vienna (Dr. iuris) and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Hans Winkler began his career in the Austrian foreign ministry in 1970. He held various positions in Austrian missions, was the permanent representative of Austria to the Council of Europe in 1990s and in 1996 he became head of the Department for North and South America in the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Between 1999 and 2005 he was head of the Office of International Law and, additionally, from 2002 Deputy Secretary General. In 2005, Winkler was appointed Secretary of State in the Ministry for European and International Affairs, a position which he held until December 2008.



HAYDÉE SABÉLAN

Haydée Sabélan is a free-lance journalist working for Libération and Mediapart as a correspondent in the north of France. Ms Sabélan mostly covers social and migration issues. She is the author of «Ceux qui passent» a book on migrants in Calais, from the time of Sangatte to the time of the jungles. Haydée has a master's degree from the Centre universitaire d'enseignement du journalisme of Strasbourg (CUEJ).



IGOR SLOBODNÍK

Igor Slobodník is the Ambassador-at-Large for Migration at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava since April 2016.

Before he became Ambassador-at-Large, Mr Slobodník was the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic and was responsible for security policy, external economic relations, development assistance, international organizations, and the countries of the Eastern Partnership, Africa, Asia and Pacific as well as Americas. Since Czechoslovakia split in 1992, Ambassador Slobodník occupied several positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defense of the Slovak Republic. Previous jobs included Deputy Chief of Mission at the Slovak Embassy in Denmark, Ambassador to the United Kingdom and Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany of the Slovak Republic. Mr. Slobodník also served as Political Director at the Ministry of Defense. In 2003, he became the Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the North Atlantic Council. In 2008, he took the position of the Political Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He started his diplomatic career as the Private Secretary to the Minister at the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia in Prague; before he worked as a journalist, editor and editor-in-chief in Bratislava. Ambassador Igor Slobodník is a graduate of Comenius University's Faculty of Arts, from which he obtained a degree in Russian and English Studies.



ILIAS CHATZIS

Ilias Chatzis, has been appointed Chief, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section UNODC in April 2012.

A national of Greece and a qualified lawyer, Mr Chatzis has held a number of senior legal positions within UNODC as well as other international organizations prior to his appointment. Mr. Chatzis served as Terrorism Prevention Officer in the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch. Furthermore he was Project Coordinator in the UNODC Anti-Organized Crime and Law Enforcement Unit; Director of the Secretariat Against Organized Crime, Stability Pact for Southeast Europe located in Bucharest, Romania; Head of the Department for Rule of Law and Human Rights in the OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro; Head of legal section in the office of the International Supervisor for Brcko, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr Chatzis holds a Master's Degree on War Studies from the University of London and a law degree from the University of Athens, Greece. He has practiced criminal law in Athens, Greece and is a member of the Athens lawyers association. Besides his mother tongue, Mr Chatzis is fluent in English and French and has a working knowledge of Serbo-Croat. He was born in 1967.



Speakers' bios



JEAN-LUC LEMAHIEU

Jean-Luc Lemahieu was nominated as Director of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs as of 1 December 2013 of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Before taken up his position in Vienna, he served for extended periods in countries challenged by political economies heavily depending on narco cultivation such as Afghanistan and Myanmar, and transit regions such as the Caribbean. His first appointment with the United Nations dates from 1990, as a United Nations industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) Junior Professional Officer assigned to the Republic of Korea. He also worked briefly for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) before finally joining UNODC (then UNDCP) in 1994. Up to now, he brings twenty years of hands-on field experience with him. Mr. Lemahieu is a licenced Jurist with a Postgraduate Degree in International Law.



LEONARD DOYLE

Leonard Doyle is the Director of Media and Communications for the International Organization for Migration, based in Geneva, Switzerland. He has previously worked with IOM in Haiti and in the Philippines in humanitarian emergencies. Prior to that, he was Washington Editor and Foreign Editor of The Independent (UK). During his career, he also worked on The Observer and The Guardian. He has been a foreign correspondent in New York, Washington DC and Brussels and has reported from Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas. He was educated at University College Dublin and the College of Europe, Bruges.



MALTE KJEMS

Malte Kjems is Head of Communications at the Think Tank EUROPA based in Copenhagen, Denmark. He is responsible for developing and executing the strategic communication and communicate the organizational activities to decision makers as well as the general public. He serves as an advisor to the director of the think tank and is responsible for media and press relations, social media and edits and contribute to memos, analysis and policy briefs. He is head of 'Europa Akademiet' – Think Tank EUROPA's program for master's degree students. Malte Kjems holds a MA in Rhetoric from The University of Copenhagen.



MARTIN GLEITSMANN

Martin Gleitsmann is the Head of the Department for Social policy and Health at the Austrian Economic Chamber. Before he started his career at the Austrian Economic Chamber, Mr. Gleitsmann worked at the Social Security Institution for Trade and Industry and at the Federation of Farmers of Lower Austria.

Mr. Gleitsmann was also the Vice-President and the President of the Board of Administration in the Main Association of Austrian Security Institutions as well as the Deputy-Chairman of the Social Security Institution for Trade and Industry. Other current functions include Member of the Board of Directors in the Main Association of Austrian Security Institutions, Manager of the platform "Health Care Management Austria", Member of the Board of Administration in the Labour Market Service Austria, Member of the Austrian Social Partners' Advisory Council for Economic and Social Affairs and Expert lay judge at the High Federal Court.

Martin Gleitsmann studied law and gained his Ph.D. in 1980. He is married and has three children.



MARTIN NESIRKY

Martin Nesirky is Director of the United Nations Information Service in Vienna. Mr. Nesirky served as Spokesperson for the Secretary-General of the United Nations in New York from December 2009 to March 2014. Before that, he was Spokesperson and Head of Press and Public Information at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Vienna, for more than three years. He had an extensive journalistic career at Thomson Reuters (1982 to 2006), serving as Bureau Chief, News and Television, both in Moscow and Seoul; prior postings also include assignments in London, East Berlin and The Hague. A UK national and graduate of Bath University, Mr. Nesirky is married and has two sons and two daughters.

MICHAEL O'FLAHERTY

Michael O'Flaherty is Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights. Previously, Mr. Flaherty was Established Professor of Human Rights Law and Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland, Galway, and served as Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission. From 2004-2012, he was a member of the United National Human Rights Committee, latterly as a Vice-Chairperson.

Professor O'Flaherty was involved in the Dublin Process on the Strengthening of the UN Human Rights Treaty Body System. He also held a number of senior posts at the United Nations, including the establishment of the UN human rights field missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Sierra Leone.

Professor O'Flaherty came to NUI Galway from the University of Nottingham where he was Professor of Applied Human Rights and Co-director of the Human Rights Law Centre. His publications include volumes on the law and practice of human rights field operations, the professionalization of human rights field work and on human rights diplomacy.



MUHAMMAD MANWAR ALI (Abu Muntasir)

Muhammad Manwar Ali (Abu Muntasir) is the founder and Chief Executive of JIMAS, a UK educational charity which pioneered Zakat distribution in the UK. He currently holds several positions, such as Interventions Provider for the Office of Security & Counter-Terror (OSCT), Chaplain for University of Suffolk, Suffolk New College and Ipswich Hospital, and he is a member of the Local Scrutiny & Involvement Panel (LSIP) for the Crown Prosecution Service (CSP) East England. Mr. Ali has worked in IT for 25 years and has extensive (over 30 years) experience in teaching Islam and organising activities and community projects in the UK. He provides training for university Islamic Societies, diversity training on Islam to the Police and others, input to schools, engages with church groups and interfaith organizations (www.jimas.org).

Manwar Ali is one of the few scholars in the UK who had been directly involved in violent Jihad for around fifteen years and fought in Afghanistan, Kashmir and Burma.



MUNA DUZDAR

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PAUL BEKKERS

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Before his posting in Malaysia, Paul held the position of Director for Health, Gender and Civil Society as well as Special Ambassador for HIV/Aids. Previously, he worked in various roles for the Foreign Ministry in the areas of political affairs, development co-operation, environmental affairs, trade and culture. Besides Malaysia and Poland he served in Turkey, South Africa, Ghana and Zaire.

Paul Bekkers studied law, economics and history at the University of Leiden and Radboud University Nijmegen, where he obtained a Master's Degree in Law. He followed courses at the United Nations in Geneva and at Columbia University/Amsterdam Campus.

Paul Bekkers served as board member in a variety of non-profit organizations, including AFS intercultural programmes, Emio Greco Dance Company and the Warsaw Volunteer Mission.

Ambassador Bekkers is 55, married to Agneta Linssen and has 3 children.



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He is married and has two children.



PRINCE WALE SONYIKI

Prince Wale Sonyiki is the President of the African Society in Croatia and a project manager. He has been volunteering and working on the integration of refugees at "Migrants in Croatia". Currently he is also part time working as community social worker for the Belgium organization Médecins du Monde in Croatia. Previously he also worked as a sales manager for a Croatian company. In 2015, Prince, who is originally from Nigeria, won an award for the promotion of peace, nonviolence and human rights, the "Krunoslav Sukić" 2015 in Osijek, Croatia.

In Nigeria, Mr. Sonyiki had jobs as a secretary for a Catholic church, the Red Cross and an investment company. He also has experience as a sailor and fisherman. After elementary and secondary school – a government technical college –, Prince attended the Yaba college of Technology in Lagos which he finished with the Ordinary National Degree, planning to finish with the Higher National Degree.

However, it came differently. Prince, who not only has this name, but also is a real prince from the Ijebu tribe in Ogun state in the South west of Nigeria, where his father was the King maker and elderly of the tribe, had to flee Nigeria in November 2011 when his twin brother was assassinated by the Fulani herds men better known as Boko Haram in the North of Nigeria.



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He is currently leading the communication and knowledge management activities for Euromed Migration IV, and particularly its activities on balancing the narrative on migration.



TANIA KAMBOURI

Tania Kambouri is a German policewoman from a Greek immigrant background who grew up in Bochum, North Rhine-Westphalia. After completing secondary school, Ms Kambouri started her career as a policewoman and studied at the college of higher education for public administration in Duisburg, obtaining senior qualification for the police service. Since 2007 she has been deployed in patrol duty in Wuppertal and Bochum.

In 2013, Ms Kambouri sent a letter to the editor of the German police trade union's newspaper, describing her experience in patrol duty, where she and her colleagues were confronted with disrespectful behaviour from criminals on a daily basis, most of them originating from predominantly Muslim countries. The letter triggered a heated discussion among the German police. Tania Kambouri became known all over Germany when she published her book *Deutschland im Blaulicht – Notruf einer Polizistin*, which was met with mainly positive reactions. Since then Ms Kambouri has given many interviews and been invited to different German talk-shows.



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