



#### **EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR**

#### SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE

# EFFECTIVE MIGRATION MANAGEMENT: PUTTING POLICY INTO ACTION

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Online Course

#### 26-27-28 AND 31 MAY 2021

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This Executive Training is about developing and strengthening migration management skills. The training is a unique opportunity to develop a deeper ability to understand migration both in its theoretical subtleties and as a very practical subject. It explores the different stages of migration management to include managing evidence, examining decision making processes and implementation. The training combines insights from migration theory and facts, with knowledge about challenges and opportunities arising from political processes, and practical perspectives that occur at the operational level. It will teach participants to develop and apply migration management approaches from the level of policy design to implementation, taking into account operational constraints and opportunities.

This Executive Training provides officers and practitioners working in the field of migration with a holistic approach, looking at the issue of migration management from different perspectives and across different key themes in order to share knowledge and upgrade key expertise. At the end of the training participants will have developed a sophisticated understanding of the complexities, challenges and trade-offs of migration management.

The training will be delivered online, in a synchronous modality. It will take place in the afternoons of 26-27-28 (from Wednesday to Friday) and 31 May (Monday).

#### Who should attend?

• Migration officers/civil servants working on migration and asylum policy



- Political consultants working on migration management
- Professionals working in international organizations and NGOs focusing on migration management
- Journalists and communication professionals who want to learn more about migration in its different aspects
- Individuals aiming to acquire migration management skills

#### How you will learn?

- Knowledge transfer sessions led by accomplished practitioners and academics
- Mixing theoretical approaches and practical examples in three different key areas of migration management
- Interactive training sessions focusing on the analysis of migration, migration policy and implementation dynamics
- Policy case-assignments, working on operational assignments
- Peer-learning setting with professionals with different backgrounds and roles in migration management

#### What you will gain:

- Develop the capacity to shift perspectives in order to apply a holistic approach to migration management
- Understand dynamics of different policy pillars, and policy stages; and to identify interlinkages between these different migration policy pillars and stages
- Understand and to incorporate insights about dynamics of migration and migration governance into policy design and practice
- Develop a comprehensive understanding of migration policy objectives, potentials and its limitations in order to put policy into action

#### **PROGRAMME**

#### 26 MAY AFTERNOON 1 (WEDNESDAY)

13:45 - 14:00 **Welcome Remarks** 

**Andrew Geddes** | Professor of Migration Studies, Director of the Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute

**Alexander Stubb** | Director of the School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute

14:00 - 14:30 Effective Migration Management: the Need for a Holistic Approach

This session will introduce the training theme and the objectives.

Leila Hadj Abdou | European University Institute and University of Vienna Giulio di Blasi | Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative

14:30 - 16:00 **Real Life Cases I** 

Leila Hadj Abdou | European University Institute and University of Vienna Giulio di Blasi | Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative at Refugee Hub

In this session the participants will exchange and analyse challenging, real-life cases of migration management which they have encountered in their own work. These cases will cover different policy stages from identifying a policy problem to implementing and evaluating policy measures. Participants will point out challenges faced, and provide their insights learned from those challenges. To prepare for this session individual case examples will be submitted by the participants beforehand to the organisers. A number of cases will be selected and picked up in discussions throughout the training. At the end of the training participants will develop effective approaches to manage these cases, and present their results.

16:15 - 17:00 Decision-Making: What Drives Policy Makers in Practice - the Dynamics of Politics, Consensus and Crisis

Andrew Geddes | European University Institute

This session will look at one key dynamic of migration governance, namely, how and in which contexts decisions are made. It will try to define the different elements policy makers need to take into account when defining strategies and responses to migration management. The session also will tackle the essential question of how competing and conflicting interests are reconciled.

#### 27 MAY AFTERNOON 2 (THURSDAY)

14:00 - 16:00 What People Want: Public Attitudes and Migration Policy Preferences

James Dennison | European University Institute

This session will approach effective migration management from the perspective of migrants and citizens. Migration is often thought of as being able to be turned off and on like a tap through policies, but a key factor are migrants themselves, how they decide, and develop aspirations and plans to move. In democratic

settings, it is also crucial to take into account the preferences of citizens. This session looks both at looks at peoples propensity to emigrate and their decision making patterns, and the underlying structural and individual drivers of these aspirations to migrate. The session will then discuss public opinion in receiving states/regions to different forms of migration and policy solutions in the field of migration and asylum. It will trace trends and identifies how these opinions are shaped, and provides guidance to participants on how to access useful data and how to interpret it. The session will finally focus on sensible ways to incorporate these attitudes and trends in migration management processes.

#### 16:15 - 17:45 **Evidence: the Role of Data in Migration Management**

Jasper Tjaden | University of Potsdam and IOM

This session will look at the role and utility of data, with a particular focus on forecasting and foresight. What are the limitations of data for policy making and implementation? How effective are immigration forecasts, and how do they come to conclusions about the future of migration and mobility? Which systems in place have proven productive? Which pitfalls do current systems exhibit?

#### 28 MAY AFTERNOON 3 (FRIDAY)

## 14:00 - 15:30 **Putting Policy into Action - Implementation Challenges and Opportunities**

Nanda Kelly | Dutch Ministry of Justice

This session will explore a further key component of effective migration management: the dimension of implementation. Do migration policies achieve desired outcomes? What are common challenges to achieve desired policy outcomes? Is it possible to link policy objectives more closely to action on the ground? In order to illustrate and analyse implementation challenges in this session we will focus in particular on the issue of mixed migration realities.

#### 16:00 - 17:30 Enforcement frameworks and challenges: What works?

Simona Ardovino | European Commission

Mehari Maru | European University Institute

In this session participants participants will work on a scenario that will be based on the presence of a sizeable group of irregular migrants. Participants will need to determine how they will address the challenge taking into account policy, legal and diplomatic constraints, and implementation challenges.

#### 31 MAY AFTERNOON 4 (MONDAY)

### 14:00 - 15:30 Interactive Summary: Insights from the Training based on Real Life Cases

Leila Hadj Abdou | European University Institute and University of Vienna Giulio di Blasi | Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative

In this session, the participants will go back to the cases discussed in the beginning of the training, considering all the insights gained during the different previous sessions. They will prepare an outline on how to tackle these cases effectively with a holistic approach. Based on the interactive work throughout

this session the participants will eventually summarise key principles of effective migration management that can be applied to a multiplicity of cases, and will strengthen the participants capacity in dealing with current and future tasks in the field of migration from policy design to implementation.

**15:30 -16:00 Closure of Training** 

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