



Mercator Dialogue on  
Asylum and Migration

## **Max Weber Multidisciplinary Research Workshop**

European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Emeroteca, Badia Fiesolana

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### ***“Reducing migration flows by involvement in countries of origin: Assessment of EU and national policy”***

The Workshop is organized by the Max Weber Programme in collaboration with the MEDAM project.  
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#### Abstract:

The EU is facing an unprecedented inflows of immigrants from the southern Mediterranean and there's a growing pressure on the European institutions to find an effective way to manage (and arrest) the migration flows in the short-medium term. A number of measures have already been adopted such as the so-called migration compacts (the Jordan compact and the ones for the transit countries), whose effectiveness is questioned by several analysts. The current debate at the EU Commission is about finding a proper mix between humanitarian and pro-development assistance to the countries of origin, with specific focus on countries that are hosting the majority of refugees such as Lebanon, Libya, Jordan and Turkey.

The workshop brings together researchers from different areas to discuss the effectiveness of these policies in the countries of origin, particularly in the south med area. More precisely, how the EU assistance is responding to the migration crises (especially to the countries that are hosting the majority of refugees), how and to what extent these measures can affect the decision to migrate, and how can cooperation between EU and countries of origin can be further developed.

#### About MEDAM:

The Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration is a practical research and consultation project that addresses pressing issues in asylum and migration and aims to provide evidence-based solutions from a primarily economic perspective. With a view to strengthening Europe's ability to act, MEDAM intends to fill the gaps in policy research on asylum and migration and to develop recommendations for decision-makers at the national and European levels. Funded by Stiftung Mercator, the project brings together researchers from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute in Florence and the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels.



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## **Preliminary Programme**

### **Session 1: 14:00-15:15**

The decision to Migrate and Migrants' expectations

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### **Session 2: 15:30-16:45**

EU Asylum and Refugee Policy

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### **Session 3: 17:00-18:15**

Focus on the Middle East

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