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# Migration Governance: New Challenges and Sustainable Pathways

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12:45-13:15

Welcome and Opening Remarks

## PANEL

**Prof. Dr. M. Akif Kireççi**

Chair

**Prof. Dr. Andrew Geddes**

Migration Policy Center, European University Institute

13:15-13:45

Governing Migration in Europe:  
The Normality of Crisis

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Catherina Gomes**

RMIT University, Melbourne

13:45-14:05

International student mobility in the  
Asia-Pacific: Trends and Challenges

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayselin Yıldız**

UNESCO Chair on International Migration  
Yasar University

14:05-14:20

Migration Governance in Turkey:  
Persistent Policy Themes and  
Evolving Models

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saime Özçürümez**

Bilkent University

**Prof. Dr. André Luis Ramos Soares**

UNESCO Chair for Humanities: Frontiers and  
Migrations, Federal University of Santa Maria, Brazil

14:30-14:50

Migration Governance, Trends and  
Recent Responses: Case of Brazil

**Prof. Dr. Fulvio Attina**

University of Catania

14:50-15:10

Current Trends and Challenges in  
Migration Governance: Case of Italy

This webinar will be held in English and the simultaneous English-Turkish translation will be available



## **Prof. Dr. M. Akif Kireççi**

Prof. Dr. M. Akif Kireççi is the Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences at Ankara Social Sciences University and a faculty member at the Department of International Relations. Kireççi is Vice President of the Turkish National Commission for UNESCO (TNCU), the Member of the Presidential Security and Foreign Policy Committee, the Member of Board of Directors of the Turkish Fulbright Commission and Chair of the Specialized Committee on Management of Social Transformation and Migration for TNCU. Kireççi received his PhD degree from the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, USA. He has taught at the same University and has worked as a lecturer at the Stevens Institute of Technology and at Bilkent University.



## **John Crowley**

John Crowley is Chief of Section for Research, Policy and Foresight in the UNESCO Sector for Social and Human Sciences. Since joining UNESCO in 2003 he has also been a programme specialist in social science (2003-05) and head of the communication, information and publications unit (2005-07), chief of section for ethics of science and technology (2008-11) and team leader for global environmental change (2011-14). Before joining UNESCO, he worked as an economist in the oil industry (1988-95) and as a research fellow at the French National Political Science Foundation (1995-2002). He has published a further 100 academic articles and book chapters, mainly on political theory and comparative politics.



## **Dr. Tommaso de Cataldo**

Dr. Tommaso de Cataldo has the Laurea in Philosophy from the State University in Milano, Italy. Started working for IOM in 1998, and served in the Balkans, West Africa as Chief of Mission in Nigeria and Sierra Leone. Currently coordinates the Migration Management Programme in IOM Turkey.



## **Prof. Dr. Andrew Geddes**

Andrew Geddes is a Professor of Migration Studies and the Director of the Migration Policy Centre, at European University Institute. During his career, he has led and participated in a number of major projects on aspects of international migration working with a wide range of academic and non-academic partners. For the period 2014-19, he was awarded an Advanced Investigator Grant by the European Research Council for a project on the drivers of global migration governance. He has published extensively on global migration, with a particular focus on policy-making and the politics of migration and on regional cooperation and integration. Prior to joining EUI he was a Professor of Politics at the University of Sheffield, UK where he served as Head of Department between 2008 and 2011.



## **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Catherine Gomes**

Catherine Gomes is an Assoc. Professor in RMIT's School of Media and Communication. She is an ethnographer whose work contributes to the understanding of the evolving migration, mobility and digital media nexus. As a migration and mobility scholar, Gomes specializes on the social, cultural and communication spaces of transient migrants, especially international students, their wellbeing and their digital engagement. Catherine's work covers the themes of identity, ethnicity, race, memory and gender. She is a specialist on the Asia-Pacific with Australia and Singapore being significant fieldwork sites. Catherine is leader of the Migration, Digital Mobilities and Diverse Communities Research Lab, co-convenes the AsiaPacific@RMIT Seminar Series and leads the Mobilities Reading Group. She has held Visiting Research Fellowships at the Singapore Management University, Nanyang Technological University and Universiti Brunei Darussalam. Catherine's research has appeared in numerous journals.



## **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayselin Yıldız**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayselin Yıldız is the Head of the International Relations Department and UNESCO Chairholder on International Migration at Yaşar University (Izmir/Turkey). She is also the committee member at UNESCO Turkey Management of Social Transformations (MOST) and Migration Group.

Her research and publications focus on migration and refugee studies, integration policies, Turkey-EU relations, and external relations of the EU. She has been the founder and director of Yasar University European Union Center between 2005 and 2015. She held research fellowships at Wageningen University, University of California Berkeley and University of Pittsburgh.



## **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saime Özçürümez**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saime Özçürümez is a faculty member at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration and Director of the Human Mobility Processes and Interactions Research Lab at Bilkent University. She is also the Vice-Chair of the Specialized Committee on Management of Social Transformation and Migration for TNCU. Dr. Özçürümez conducts researches with international institutions. She was a post-doctoral researcher in Germany, Canada, Belgium and worked as a researcher at the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine and Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University. Özçürümez has published books, book chapters and articles on irregular migration, gender and migration, citizenship, social trauma and forced migration, health and multiculturalism, forced migration governance and social integration.



## **Prof. Dr. André Luis Ramos Soares**

André Luis Ramos Soares

is a professor at the Department of History and the Graduate Program in History at the Federal University of Santa Maria. Responsible for the disciplines of Archeology, Prehistory and History of America. He is a visiting professor at Erasmus Mundus, the Master's program in Quaternary and Prehistory, at the Polytechnic Institute of Tomar, Portugal. He is a member of the Geosciences Institute of Coimbra. He is invited professor of the Master in Archeology Techniques and professor of the Graduate Program in Cultural Heritage at UFSM. He is also coordinator of the Laboratory of Archeology, Societies and Cultures of the Americas - LASCA, UFSM and chairholder of the UNESCO-UFSM Chair for Humanities: Frontiers and Migrations since 2018.



## **Prof. Dr. Fulvio Attinà**

**Prof. Dr. Fulvio Attinà**

is Professor of Political Science and International Relations, and Jean Monnet Chair Ad Personam at the University of Catania. He was the former Chair of the Italian Association of Political Science (SISP), he served in the governing bodies of ECPR, ISA and Italian ECSA. He has been visiting professor at universities in America, Asia and Europe. His recent research work and publications are in the field of EU's management of the migration crisis, multilateral security, and humanitarian and emergency actions. He is presently researching the declining world order and exit to the next world order.