

Refugee protection and the European civil society

Scientific workshop

Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Central European University, Budapest

4-5 May 2017

Different forms of institutional, collective, or individual acts for refugee protection and the influences of these acts on wider social and political processes has only recently become subject of scholarly interest. In some countries, like Spain and Italy, since the 1990s specialized organisations and networks have emerged in service of refugee protection. In other countries, refugee related organisational and informal networks have been initiated by 'newcomers' to the field. The workshop aims to understand the emergence of such refugee related networks by examining their mobilization paths, norms and values, and identities of the individual and collective actors.

The role of networks formed both among the refugees themselves and in the host societies to coordinate volunteering activities is crucial to understanding the actual effects of transnational forced migration and refugee protection in Europe. The workshop presents empirically supported analyses of individual, collective and institutional forms of refugee protection, in particular practices of humanitarianism and solidarity towards forced migrants and refugees. Papers and discussions will examine the relevance and limits of existing knowledge on migration experiences developed predominantly in the old immigration countries saturated with post-colonial relations and exposed to industrial labour migration in the post-WWII era. In the current European political and economic conditions, ideologies of support and solidarity towards migrants seem to be intimately tied to transformative mobilisations, political struggles and social movements in other domains of life, such as minority protection and empowerment, support of homeless and other vulnerable people including precarious workers. In exchange, moral economies of care towards migrants and refugees are expected to have impacts on broader politics of solidarity in the host societies.

The workshop is organized and co-sponsored by the **Centre for Social Sciences at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences** and the **Central European University**, its **Centre for Policy Studies** and **Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology**. Additional support has been offered by **Ruhr University, Bochum, Department of Sociology** and the **International Sociological Association, Research Committee 31, Sociology of Migration**.

The event is one of the many recent initiatives which bring together the international networks of the Central European University and several Hungarian academic institutions to the benefit of the wider scholarly public in Budapest and beyond.

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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

DAY 1

4th May 2017

Due to limited capacity of the venue, please register at refugee.civic@tk.mta.hu till
Midday 3rd May 2017

Venue:

Centre for Humanities, HAS

(1097 Budapest, 4. Tóth Kálmán str., Ground floor, Conference Hall)

13.00 - 13.20	Welcoming address	Iván Szelényi William Graham Sumner Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Yale University, member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
		Ludger Pries Faculty of Social Science, Ruhr-University, Bochum, Cátedra Guillermo y Alejandro de Humboldt, El Colegio de México
		Margit Feischmidt Institute for Minority Studies, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

*1st Section Chaired by **Attila Meleg** (Corvinus University, Budapest)*

13.20 - 14.00	Ludger Pries Faculty of Social Science, Ruhr-University, Bochum, Cátedra Guillermo y Alejandro de Humboldt El Colegio de México	Networks of asylum and refugee related organisations in the Mediterranean Area of the European Union
14.00 - 14.40	Giulia Sinatti Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology	Humanitarianism, empowerment and engaged citizenship: the mixed logics of volunteers and workers in migrant reception centres in Milan, Italy.
14.40 - 15.20	Robin Vandevoordt University of Antwerp, Department of Sociology	Between subversive and professional humanitarianism: on Belgian civil support for refugees (<i>co-author: Gert Verschraegen, University of Antwerp, Department of Sociology</i>)
15.20 - 16.00	Margit Feischmidt Ildikó Zakariás Institute for Minority Studies, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences	Politics or anti-politics of care and compassion

16.00 - 16.20 COFFEE BREAK

*2nd Section Chaired by **Vera Messing** (Institute for Social Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences, HAS)*

16.20 - 17.00	Daniel Mikecz Institute for Political Science, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences	Claim making and prefigurative action: the case of helping organizations in Hungary during the refugee crisis
17.00 - 17.40	Alena Kluknavska Centre for Nonprofit Sector Research, Faculty of Economics and Administration, Masaryk University	Welcome or unwelcome? The state and civil society in the public debate on the refugee crisis in Austria, the Czech Republic and Slovakia (<i>co-authors: Jana Bernhard, Hajo Boomgaarden, Department of Communication, University of Vienna</i>)
17.40 - 18.20	Jaroslav Šotola Mario Rodríguez Polo Department of Sociology, Andragogy and Cultural Anthropology, Palacky University, Olomouc	The transformation of European solidarities under the challenge of the “refugee crisis”

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DAY 2

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Venue:

CEU

(Budapest 1051, 9, Nádor str., Monument Building, 1st floor, Popper Room)

9.15 - 9.30 **Welcoming address** **Éva Fodor**
professor, vice-rector, CEU
Prem Kumar Rajaram
associate professor, CEU

1st Section Chaired by Margit Feischmidt (Institute for Minority Studies, Centre for Social Sciences, HAS)

9.30 - 10.10 **Céline Cantat** Border spectacles: refugee protection and the spectacularisation of
Prem Kumar Rajaram mobility
CEU

10.10 - 10.50 **Ildikó Asztalos** Collaboration between Swedish municipal authorities ongoing the
Morell reception of unaccompanied refugee minors
Mälardalen University; Uppsala
Centre for Russian and Eurasian
Studies, Uppsala University

10.50 - 11.30 **Zsófia Nagy** „Thank you crisis” – the integration of refugee children into public
Faculty of Social Sciences, ELTE education in Greece

11.30 - 11.50 **COFFEE BREAK**

2nd Section Chaired by Ludger Pries (Faculty of Social Science, Ruhr-University, Bochum, Cátedra Guillermo y Alejandro de Humboldt, El Colegio de México)

11.50 - 12.30 **Paul Scheibelhofer** (De-)Constructing gender and difference in the context of refugee-
Department of Educational sponsorship of unaccompanied young men
Science, University of Innsbruck

12.30 - 13.10 **Robert Rydzewski** "My family has another friend" – volunteers' initiatives and the
Institute of Ethnology and dialectic relations between them and migrants on the Western Balkan
Cultural Anthropology at Adam Route.
Mickiewicz University in Poznań,
Poland

13.10 - 14.00 **LUNCH**

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- 14.00 - 14.40 **Katarina Kosmina** Ways and Means of Refugee Aid Provision: Reshaping Civil Society.
European Policy Center, Belgrade, Structures Along the Western Balkan Route
Serbia *(co-author: **Sena Maric**, affiliation)*
- 14.40 - 15.20 **Natalija Perisic** The Role of Civil Society in Overcoming Gaps in Migrant Protection – a
Jelena Tanasijevic View from Serbia
Faculty of Political Sciences, Department of Social Policy and
Social Work, University of
Belgrade
- 15.20 - 16.00 **Patrícia Artimová** Variations in volunteers' motivation
University of Ostrava, Faculty of *(co-author: **Miriama Mikulášiková**, University of Ostrava, Faculty of Science,
Science, Department of Human Department of Human Geography and Regional
Geography and Regional Development)*
- 16.00 – 16.20 COFFEE BREAK**

*3rd Section Chaired by **Céline Cantat** (CEU)*

- 16.20 – 17.00** **Drago Župarić-Ilić** From 'humanitarian opportunism' to 'securitization discomfort': The
Institute for Migration and Ethnic role of refugee rights' actors in Croatia
Studies, Zagreb, Croatia *(co-author: **Marko Valenta**, Norwegian University of Science and Technology,
Trondheim, Norway)*
- 17.00 - 17.40 **Claudia Olivier-** Transnational Social Support: A multi-level approach for refugees in
Mensah the face of repatriation
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Institute of
Education/Social Work
- 17.40 - 18.00** **Céline Cantat** Concluding remarks
Ludger Pries