

**Autumn Academy 2017**  
**Strategic Approaches on Migrants with Irregular Status in Europe**  
**St Hugh's College, Oxford, 18-22 September 2017**

The Autumn Academy is a symposium for senior policy makers, NGO leaders, academic experts and foundations from across Europe, to be held at [St. Hugh's College, Oxford](#). This year will provide a unique opportunity for those responsible for developing or implementing policies towards irregular (undocumented) migrants at the international, EU, national or city level to share their knowledge, expertise and ideas; to consider the implications of the latest research evidence and analysis; to learn from recent experience and to critique policy and practice options. The agenda will provide an opportunity to learn from differing approaches in the United States, considering their potential applicability to the differing contexts in Europe.

Informed by evidence on the changing demography of irregular migrants in Europe, the symposium will explore over four intense days of discussion and reflection the policy challenges posed. Taking account of the evolving international and European legal and policy frameworks, the symposium will address the key questions being addressed at differing tiers of governance, from international fora to the particular issues faced by cities and other municipal authorities, in Europe and the USA. It will give particular attention to areas of recent and potential policy development relating to enforcement, social policies and access to justice; considering the framing of these issues in political discourse before a final session on key themes, reflections and future agendas.

Participants, of whom there will be no more than thirty, will contribute to the agenda as speakers, respondents, and session chairs. They will dine together each evening in Oxford colleges and restaurants reflecting Oxford's own heritage. A guided walking tour of Oxford will be arranged early in the week to introduce participants to the history of the city and, among other opportunities to relax, the opportunity provided to punt on the River Cherwell before a barbeque dinner at its boathouse restaurant.

The symposium is organised by the [Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity](#), the knowledge-exchange arm of the [Centre on Migration, Policy and Society](#) (COMPAS) at the [University of Oxford](#). Funding is provided by [The Social Change Initiative](#), supported by [Atlantic Philanthropies](#), as a programme within its own Migrant Learning Exchange initiative. Participation is by invitation only and the only cost to non-speaker participants is of travel to Oxford.

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## Monday 18th September

17:00: Welcome refreshments (tea/coffee)

17:30 – 19:00: **Opening session**

**Welcome and opening remarks on the symposium**

**Dr Sarah Spencer**, Director, Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford

**Opening session: Irregular migrants in the Global Compact**

Discussion led by: **Michele Klein Solomon**, Senior Policy Advisor to the Director General, International Organization for Migration

*Round table discussion*

19:00: Session closes. Drinks outside meeting room

19:30: **Dinner at St Hugh's College** (symposium venue)

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## Tuesday 19th September

**Irregular migrants in the EU: people, politics and the law**

Morning Chair: **Morten Kjaerum**, Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Sweden

9:30 – 11:00: **Irregular migrants in Europe today**

Discussion led by: **Anna Triandafyllidou**, Robert Schuman Chair, Global Governance Programme, EUI Florence

*Response from Chair/ Round table discussion*

11:00 – 11:30: morning refreshment break

11:30 – 13:00: **Evolving International & European human rights frameworks**

Discussion led by: **Pia Oberoi**, Advisor on Migration and Human Rights at the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

*and*

**Colm O'Cinneide**, Professor of Constitutional and Human Rights Law, University College London and a member of the European Committee of Social Rights

*Round table discussion*

13:00 – 14:00: **Lunch**

Afternoon Chair: **José Ruiz de Casas**, Deputy Director General for Justice and Home Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain

14:00 – 16:00: **Evolving EU legal and policy frameworks**

Discussion led by: **Sergio Carrera**, Head of Justice and Home Affairs Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels

and

**Margaret Tuite**, European Commission Coordinator for the Rights of the Child, DG Justice

*Round table discussion*

*Take-away observations – symposium participant; Close of sessions*

16:00 – 16:30: *afternoon refreshment break*

17:30 – 19:00: **Guided walking tour of old Oxford, beginning at the Martyr's Memorial, St Giles and ending at Merton College**

19:00: *Brief tour of Merton College & grounds, led by Merton College Fellow, **Professor Michael Keith**, Director of the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford*

19:30: **Dinner at Merton College**, hosted by **Professor Michael Keith**, Director of the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford

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## Wednesday 20th September

### Criminalisation, enforcement and return

*Morning Chair: **Tone Skodvin**, Chief Adviser, Department of Business and Ownership, City of Oslo, Norway*

9:30 – 11:00: **Challenges relating to Enforcement and Removals**

*Discussion led by: **Stephen Kershaw**, Director of Strategy, Transformation and Partnerships, Home Office, Immigration Enforcement, UK*

and

**Godfried Engbersen**, Professor of Sociology, Erasmus University, Rotterdam

*Round table discussion*

11:00 – 11:30: *morning refreshment break*

11:30 – 13:00: **'Cities of Sanctuary?' Balancing enforcement with inclusion**

*Discussion led by: **Assistant Commissioner Bitta Mostofi**, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, New York*

and

**Inspector Michael Zwart**, Amsterdam police, The Netherlands

*Round table discussion*

13:00 – 14:00: **Lunch**

*Afternoon Chair: Peter Webinger*, Deputy Director-General, Legal Affairs and head of the Directorate for Migration, Citizenship Affairs, Asylum and Human Rights, Ministry of the Interior, Austria

**14:00 – 15:30: A personal data firewall between enforcement and services – a pan European approach**

*Discussion & problem-solving exercise led by: Stephanos Stavros*, Head of Office of the Secretary General's Special Representative on Migration and Refugees, Council of Europe

*Round table discussion*

**15:30 – 16:30: Labour market enforcement**

**Patrick Taran**, President, Global Migration Policy Associates; formerly Senior Migration Specialist at the International Labour Office

*Interviewed by: Professor Bridget Anderson*, Professor of Migration, Mobilities and Citizenship, School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies (SPAIS), University of Bristol

*Round table discussion*

*Take-away observations – symposium participant; Close of sessions*

**16:30: Refreshment & free time**

**17:30 – 18:30: Punting on the River Cherwell, an Oxford pastime (transport leaving at 17:15)**

**18:30 drinks / 19:00: BBQ dinner at Cherwell Boathouse (return transport at 21:30)**

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## Thursday 21st September

### Social policies and access to services: opportunities and barriers in multi-level policy agendas

*Morning Chair: Annika Forsander*, Development Manager, Centre of Expertise in Immigrant Integration, Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finland

**9:30 – 11:00: Inclusion or exclusion from public services: the case of Portugal and Italy**

*Discussion led by: Gabriele de Giorgi*, Advisor to the Prime Minister, Italy

*and*

**Catarina Reis Oliveira**, Director, Migration Observatory, High Commission for Migration, Portugal

*Round table discussion*

**11:00 – 11:30: morning refreshment break**

**11:30 – 13:00: Residents with irregular status: challenges for cities in a European policy context**

**Ramon Sanahuja Vélez**, Director of Interculturality, Barcelona

*In debate with*

**Simon Mordue**, Deputy Director General for Migration, DG Home

*Round table discussion*

13:00 – 14:00: **Lunch**

*Afternoon Chair: tbc*

14:00 – 16:00: **Access to essential services: the case for inclusion and addressing concerns**

Panel of speakers who have been key players in securing policy change in relation to access to healthcare, shelter and other essential services in Europe:

**Jan Braat** (Senior Policy Advisor, City of Utrecht)

**Rosa Logar** (President, Women Against Violence Europe)

**Tanya Broder** (Senior Attorney, National Immigration Law Centre, United States)

**Dr Henry Ascher**, Professor of Public Health, University of Gothenburg)

*Round table discussion*

*Take-away observations – symposium participant; Close of sessions*

16:00 – 16:30 *Afternoon refreshment / free time*

19:00: **Dinner at Al-Shami**

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## **Friday 22nd September**

*Morning Chair: Dr Sarah Spencer*, Director, Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity, COMPAS, University of Oxford

9:00 – 10:30: **Framing discourse on ‘illegal’ migrants: messaging and the media in Europe and the US**

*Discussion led by: Frank Sharry*, Executive Director, America’s Voice

*Round table discussion*

10:30 – 11:00: *refreshment break*

11:00 – 12:45: *Take-away themes, reflections and forward agendas*

*Discussion led by: Michele LeVoy*, Director, Platform on International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)

*Round table discussion*

*Chair’s closing remarks*

12:45 – 13:30: **Lunch**

13:45: **Departure from Oxford.** Transport will be provided to Heathrow Airport, including one stop at Oxford Rail Station.