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THE WELCOMING OF REFUGEES AND GRASSROOTS SOLIDARITY

STATE OF RESEARCH AND BEST PRACTICES
IN EUROPE AND CANADA



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VENUE: AULA MAGNA - DIPARTIMENTO DI SCIENZE DELLA FORMAZIONE - CORSO ANDREA PODESTÀ 2, 16121, GENOVA

OCTOBER, 27

09:30-10:30 – Registration

10:30-12:30 - Opening Session

Politics of refugee reception

Chair: Denise Helly, INRS and Ervis Martani, Università di Genova

- **Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, SciencesPo**
Politics of refugee reception in Europe
- **Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Universitat Pompeu Fabra**
Urban resilience and migration governance
- **Yvan Gastaut, URMIS - Université Côte d'Azur**
Racialisation and differences of reception of refugees with an historical approach
- **Questions**

14:00-16:00 – Session I

Externalisation of refugee reception

Chair: Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, SciencesPO

- **Lorenzo Vianelli, University of Luxembourg**
The Reception industry, or the commodification of the reception of asylum seekers
- **Beatriz Padilla, University of South Florida**
Welfare state, "welfare society" and gender blindness: the Portuguese multilevel (des)governance of refugees' affairs
- **Jana Walkowski, Queen's University**
Depoliticising border externalisation through development: An analysis of the EU's mainstreaming of migration-development activities through the EU Trust Fund for Africa Instrument
- **Beniamino Franceschini, Il caffè Geopolitico**
Externalising the EU border in East Africa: the case of the Khartoum Process
- **Questions**

16:30-18:00 – Session II

Solidarity and civil society

Chair: Luca Giliberti, Università di Genova

- **Swanie Potot, CNRS Research Fellow, URMIS - Université Côte d'Azur**
What means solidarity? The case of Polish border
- **Eugenia Blasetti and Giovanna Gianturco, Sapienza University**
Migration and practices of solidarity at sea: search and rescue NGOs in the Central Mediterranean
- **Ipek Demirsu, University of Milan**
Grassroots solidarity for refugees in hostile grounds: spaces and practices of bottom-up inclusion in Verona
- **Antonino Milotta, Filippo Torre, and Piero Gorza, Laboratorio di Sociologia Visuale**
Screening of the research documentary "The ritual of the passage"
- **Questions**

OCTOBER, 28

8:30-9:00 – Registration

9:00-10:30 - Session III

Solidarity and its limits

Chair: Luca Queirolo Palmas, Università di Genova

- **Maurizio Ambrosini, University of Milan**
Politics of exclusion at local level
- **Paola Bonizzoni and Samuele Davide Molli, University of Milan**
A different kind of care? Volunteers and (as?) professionals in the migration and refugee field
- **Elisa Sperandio, University of Arizona**
Refugee reception in families: between grassroots solidarity and the urban politics of hospitality
- **Dorian Jano, University of Graz**
Europeanisation of asylum policy in the Western Balkans: In-between solidarity and securitisation
- **Questions**

11:00-13:00 – Session IV

Canada's experience on private sponsorship program

Chair: Ervis Martani and Enrico Fravega, Università di Genova

- **Tihomir Sabchev, University of Ottawa Refuge Hub**
Exploring the sponsor-led (re)settlement of refugees: lessons from Canada's Private Sponsorship of Refugees program
- **Ian Van Haren, McGill University, and Clothilde Parent-Chartier, University of Ottawa**
Executive action and unequal access: Hurdles to refugee sponsorship in Quebec and the rest of Canada
- **Myriam Richard, University of Montreal**
"Families belong together, but...": transnational refugee families' experiences of separation and reunification in Quebec/Canada and abroad
- **Staci B. Martin, Portland State University and Vestine Umubyeyi, co-researcher**
Finding the smiles in rural resettlement, Canada
- **Sharry Aiken, Faculty of Law, Queen's University**
A Tale of two resettlement Initiatives: Canadian responses to the refugee crises in Ukraine and Afghanistan
- **Questions**

14:00-15:30 - Session V

Private and community sponsorship schemes in Europe

Chair: Jacopo Anderlini, Università di Genova

- **Annette Korntheuer, Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt**
Inclusion trajectories of resettled refugees living with disabilities in Germany
- **Flora Penot, Migrinter - University of Poitiers**
Humanitarian corridors: between resettlement and private sponsorship of refugees in Europe
- **Gabriella D'Avino, University of Birmingham**
The importance of social networks amongst refugees resettled through the Community Sponsorship scheme and the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme in the UK
- **Natasha Nicholls, University of Birmingham**
Navigating emotions: UK Community Sponsorship after two years
- **Questions**

16:00-17:00 – Closing remarks

Within the scope of the **REFINTEG project**, Università di Genova* and the Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS, Canada), in partnership with the Laboratorio di Sociologia Visuale and Centro Studi Medi, are organizing the international conference "The welcoming of refugees and grassroots solidarity: state of research and best practices in Europe and Canada".

The purpose of the conference is to explore current developments in refugee intake and solidarity practices in Europe and Canada through three main areas:

- **Politics of refugee reception**
- **Welcoming and local solidarity**
- **Private refugee sponsorship programs**

In an effort to provide an open and multidisciplinary platform for dialogue, established and emerging scholars and practitioners will share their research and expertise in the field from a variety of disciplines, including, but not limited to, sociology, anthropology, geography, law, political science and urban studies.

SCIENTIFIC AND ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- **Ervis Martani, Università di Genova**
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Participation in the conference is **free of charge**, but places are limited, therefore **registration is compulsory**. The registration **deadline is October 21, 2022 (Friday) 12:00 CET**. For registration please contact at 115366@unige.it

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