

We would like to thank you for attending the annual AGS International Graduate Student Conference. International Relations is a complex and ever evolving field of study, and this conference provides us with a unique opportunity to engage in dialogue with one another. We believe refugee politics is an important topic that deserves our academic attention. We hope you will have a great and fruitful time at the conference!

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all those who have contributed to this conference: the volunteers, the staff, the presenters, the moderators and our keynote panel. Thank you so very much!

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13th AGS International Graduate Student Conference

Refugee Politics in International Relations

Paris, 27 April 2018, 9 AM - 6 PM



- Bringing together graduate students, scholars, and field practitioners
- Discussing the social, political, economic, and humanitarian implications of migration
- Keynote panel: 4-6 PM

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9:00 am **Registration and light breakfast**

9:30 am - **Panel 1: Politics, Strategies, and Responses**

11:15 am *Moderator: Ambassador Michael Einik*

"EU-Turkey Deal on Syrian Refugee Crisis: An Analysis of Biopolitics of the Global Migration Management"

Ufuk Can Aksu, University of Exeter, United Kingdom

"Africanistan: An Afghanistan in France's Backyard?"

Dominique Austin, American Graduate School, France

"Educate. Empower. Employ: The Higher Education Needs of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon"

MaryBeth Bognar, Danielle Bernard, and Jami Junter, New York University, United States

"Rohingya as Homines Sacri: The Statelessness Conundrum"
Igor Milić, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy

11:15 am - **Coffee break**

11:30 am

11:30 am - **Panel 2: National and International Legalities**

1:00 pm *Moderator: Dr. Ruchi Anand*

"Could they be Protected? To What Extent does the International Law Constitute a Potential Solution in Dealing with the Problem of the Environmentally Displaced People?"

Fabio Massimo Battaglia, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain

"Assessing the Impact of the Educational System of a Host Country on Nationalist Sentiments of Refugees"

Suneetha Musah, American Graduate School, France

"Corruption, Code, and Conviction: the Need for Improved Anti-Trafficking Legislation in Brazil"

Morgan Peterson, Brown University, United States



Moderator Amber FRENCH

Amber French is Editorial Advisor at the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC), a nonprofit educational foundation based in Washington, DC. Since joining ICNC in 2014, Amber French has led in developing and managing ICNC's numerous editorial and media initiatives. Amber led the development of the Minds of the Movement blog, for which she is Co-Editor. In 2016, she oversaw the launch of the Nonviolent Conflict News website, a news aggregator site on civil resistance around the world. She also launched and is managing ICNC Press, which has so far produced seven books in online and print editions. She is currently based in Paris, France.

Previously, Amber served as editor of the Migration Policy Institute's Migration Information Source and the UNESCO/Max Planck Institute journal New Diversities, as well as Assistant Program Specialist in the Social and Human Sciences Sector of UNESCO. She earned an MA in International Relations and Diplomacy at the American Graduate School of Paris, and a BA in International Relations and French (double degree) from Tulane University.



Clotilde WARIN

Clotilde Warin runs *Confrontations Europe, La Revue*, a quarterly publication which reports on current events in Europe and analyses important issues linked to the EU agenda, while reiterating the think tank's recommendations. A journalist, Clotilde began her career at the business magazine *L'Expansion*, where she covered agriculture, consumption and retail. Subsequently, she reported on social and environmental issues in France and abroad, in both the written press and on television. For five years, she also wrote articles for the online magazine hosted by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and, in 2015, she was appointed Editorial Project Manager at the Ministry of Ecology, Energy and Sustainable Development.

Previously, Clotilde spent four years in East Africa – mainly Ethiopia – where she presented a daily radio programme for the privately-owned, English- and French-speaking radio Afro FM. She is a graduate of Sciences Po (Institute of Political Science) Paris and the CFJ School of Journalism, and has a Master 2 degree in French literature from the University of Paris-Sorbonne. In charge of the migration issue for the think tank *Confrontations Europe* (Paris) and editor-in-chief of *Confrontations Europe the Review*, a quarterly publication. She is also a research consultant for the Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael.'

"Mass Asylum-Seeker Influx Forcing Changes to Customary International Law"
William Thomas Worster, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

1:00 pm -
2:00 pm

Lunch break (provided)

2:00 pm -
3:30 pm

Panel 3: Accommodation v. Xenophobia

Moderator: Dr. Douglas Yates

"The Hard Research of a 'Safe Place'"
Luca Buscema, University of Messina, Italy

"Syrian Refugees in Jordan and Lebanon: Under the Shadow of Palestinian Refugees"
Emre Ceyhun, Bogazici University, Turkey

"Smear Campaign: Examining the Implications of the U.S. Anti-Refugee Agenda"
Selina March, University of London, United Kingdom

"Exploring President Trump's Xenophobic Rhetoric Towards Immigrants ('They Will Come Back to Bite Us') and its Complex Effects on DREAMers and Other Immigrant Youth"
John Stuetz, Arcadia University, United States

3:30 pm -
4:00 pm

Coffee Break

4:00 pm -
6:00 pm

Keynote Panel

Moderator: Amber French

Keynote panelists:

Dr. Shoshana Fine, *Research Associate and Adjunct Lecturer, Sciences Po*

Ms. Clotilde Warin, *Confrontations Europe, La Revue*

Amir M. Zandi, *Jurist in International Law*
Président de l'institut Meydane

6:00 pm

Reception with refreshments



Amir Mohsen ZANDI

Amir Mohsen Zandi is an Iranian researcher and lawyer graduated from a Master in “International Public Law” at Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas University, Institut des Hautes-Etudes Internationales-Paris and “Diplomacy, Strategic negotiations” at Paris-Saclay University (in partnership with AGS).

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Shoshana FINE

Shoshana Fine holds a PhD in Political Science and International Relations from Sciences Po Paris where she is currently research associate and adjunct lecturer. Her monograph, *Borders and Mobility in Turkey: Governing Souls and States*, has recently (2018) been published with Palgrave as part of their *Mobility and Politics* series. She has also worked for the International Organisation for Migration and the International Centre for Migration and Policy Development. Her book discusses how in the last two decades, Turkey has witnessed a variety of bordering interventions rooted in its problematisation as variously “transit,” “destination,” “European,” “Muslim” and “safe.” It brings into focus seemingly disparate actors involved in such interventions, from the EU and international organisations to missionaries, security professionals and migrants themselves. It exposes how these actors depend upon the intersecting rationalities of managerialism, securitisation, humanitarianism and orientalism to control, contain, process, save and soul-lift mobile populations.