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Migration Studies Weekend Lectures

Background

The EU-funded **ENIGMMA** project, in close cooperation with the Secretariat of the State Commission on Migration Issues (SCMI) and the Tbilisi State University (TSU), and in accordance with the MoU between the SCMI and the TSU signed in 2014, has been organising lectures and seminars on various migration-related topics within the **ENIGMMA project's Migration Studies Weeks**. During the academic year 2015/2016, three Migration Studies Weeks have been organised (October and December 2015 and April 2016). The Migration Studies Weeks covered issues related to migration and development, migration research methods, migration and economics, and human rights of migrants.

In the fall semester of 2016, the ENIGMMA project is organising migration lectures in a new format: **Migration Studies Weekend Events**. During these events, two full days will be dedicated to migration lectures and seminars; during the introductory evening session participants will get to know each other, will be introduced to the specific topic of the event, as well as will share their expectations.

The Migration Studies Weekends will be organised outside of Tbilisi with transportation and accommodation to all registered participants provided. The participants will arrive on Friday late afternoon and depart on Sunday evening. Up to 25 participants can partake at the events. The organisers focus on the following **target groups**:

1. Students of different disciplines from different Georgian universities interested in migration;
2. Representatives of Georgian state institutions whose work is related to migration;
3. Representatives of non-governmental and international organisations functioning in Georgia whose work is related to migration;
4. Media representatives operating in Georgia who are interested in migration issues.

The Migration Studies Weekend events will be held in **English language** without translation, therefore very good command in English is required.

In total, **8 events are planned to be organised within the 2016/2017 academic year**. The participants are encouraged to complete the entire migration course, therefore, while selecting participants, priority will be given to candidates who are continuously participating in the Migration Studies Weekend events.

Participation in the Migration Studies events is **free of charge**, transportation, accommodation, food and training materials will be covered by the ENIGMMA project.

Timeframe and Topics

The topics for the Migration Studies weekends are selected according to the priorities demonstrated during the ENIGMMA migration summer schools in 2015 and 2016. The list below provides topics, dates and a short outline of the events.

	Date	Topics	Outline
1	September, 23-25	Introduction into Migration Studies	Main forms of migration, main theories of migration studies, links between migration studies and other disciplines, recent global migration trends, impact of

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			development on migratory movements and vice versa, role of economic, social, demographic, political environmental, and other factors on population movements, etc.
2	October, 21-23	Migration and Development	Academic and policy approaches, migration and sustainable development goals (SDGs), role of remittances, skilled migration and diaspora. Main research methods applied to study the links between migration and development and examples of completed or on-going research
3	November, 18-20	Migration and Economics	Overview of the economic factors influencing migratory movements and vice versa, economic and other related effects/consequences (labour market, health situation, poverty, etc.) of emigration and immigration. Main research methods applied to study the links between migration and economics and examples of completed or on-going researches
4	December, 9-11	Integration and citizenship issues	Overview of current integration debates in Europe, immigration laws and integration policies, challenges related to integration for both immigrants and receiving societies. Integration, nationality and identity. Citizenship and nationalisation as a highest level of integration
5	February, 10-12	Asylum, refugees and displaced persons	Overview of recent global trends in asylum and forced displacement, asylum in international law and national legislation, solutions to forced displacement, case studies
6	March, 10-12	Migration and human rights	Family reunification, rights of the child, rights to private life. Human rights during the irregular migration procedures: deportation and detention. Overview of the ECtHR case law
7	April, 21-23	Trafficking in Human Beings	Definitions and overview, root causes, international and national frameworks, trafficking process, needs of victims of trafficking (VoT), VoT identification and protection, persecution of traffickers and prevention of trafficking in human beings
8	May, 19-21	Perception of migration and	Understanding of media's functioning, media landscape and its changes, links

		migrants, role of media	between media, policy and public perceptions, migration in media, public information on migration strategies, etc.
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Lecturers

The Migration Studies Weekend events will be organised in cooperation with experienced lecturers representing various European universities and research centres (Maastricht University, Sorbonne University School of Economics, Oxford University, University of Vienna, etc.), as well as EU member states practitioners specified in various migration fields (representatives of state institutions, NGOs and migration lawyers). ICMPD internal experts will also take part in the lecturing process. The list and short biography of the lecturers will be announced in advance before each of the specific Migration Studies Weekend event.

Locations

The locations will be decided based on their proximity to Tbilisi and their availability. The location of the event will be announced in advance before each of the specific Migration Studies Weekend event. First Migration Studies Weekend event will take place in Mtskheta (Gino Wellness Hotel).

Selection procedure

The Migration Studies Weekends events will be announced approximately 30 days prior the actual event; however, the entire list and timeframe of the events will be publically available for the potential participants and their individual planning. Up to 25 participants will be admitted to each of the events. The participants will be selected by the ICMPD EMIGMMA project team in coordination with the respective lecturers. The selected participants will be announced at least 2 weeks prior to the event for completion of logistical preparations.

While selecting participants, the following aspects will be taken into consideration:

1. The candidate belongs to at least one of the target groups listed above;
2. The candidate currently resides in Georgia;
3. The candidate demonstrates significant interest in migration studies (direction of the studies at the university, work activities related to migration, general interest, etc.);
4. The candidate has a good command in English;
5. Previous studying or work experience related to migration;
6. Continues participation in the Migration Studies Weekend events.