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International Workshop

# REFUGEES AND HIGHER EDUCATION: HOSTING AND INTEGRATING SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

**10-11 DECEMBER 2019**

Room 20 (Aula Andreatta), 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Palazzo di Sociologia,  
via Verdi 26 - Trento

Political violence, growing authoritarianism and the ensuing 'refugee crisis' have considerably augmented pressure on higher education institutions to integrate displaced students and scholars. Different European countries have implemented programs to guarantee access to higher education for displaced students and to support at-risk scholars in continuing their academic work. They try to foster collaboration at national and international level in order to consolidate common strategies.

Forced outflows raise several challenges for receiving universities, in terms of curricula adaptation, recognition of credentials and diplomas and overall integration capacities. They also urge European universities to engage in a self-reflexive assessment of their present capacity to reflect traditional values of academic freedom, social inclusiveness and equality.

The organisation of the workshop 'Refugees and Higher Education' at the University of Trento draws from the recent creation (February 2019) of the Italian section of *Scholars at Risks* (SAR Italy): a network comprising today 20 universities and research institutes in the country.

The workshop aims at bringing together institutions, organisations, displaced scholars and students involved in the SAR network, in a view to foster a dialogue aimed at sharing good practices, reflecting on common challenges and responses, and developing future collaborations. It is organised by SAR Italy together with the Rectorate Office of 'Equality & Diversity' and the International Migration Laboratory of the University of Trento. It is open to all scholars, students, administrative staff and members of the civil society.

Tuesday 10.12.2019

## Refugees in Higher Education: European Perspectives

9.00-9.30

Institutional greetings

**Paolo Collini**, Rector of the University of Trento,

**Barbara Poggio**, Department of Sociology and Social Research and Vice-Chancellor for 'Equality & Diversity'

**Ester Gallo**, Department of Sociology and Social Research and SAR Italy National Co-coordinator

**Fulvio Cortese**, Faculty of Law and International Migration Laboratory

**Mirko Bisesti**, Provincia autonoma di Trento, Assessor for Education, University and Culture

9.30-11.00

Moderator: **Giuseppe Sciortino**, Department of Sociology and Social Research and Vice-Chancellor for Research Enhancement

**Angelo Pittaluga**, UNHCR

*Refugees and Tertiary Education in UNHCR strategy*

**Prem Rajaram Kumar**, Central European University  
*Responding to Refugee Inequality and Exclusion in Higher Education in Europe: Moving Beyond the 'Integration' Paradigm*

11.00-11.15      Coffee Break

11.15-13.00

## Session I: Hosting and Integrating Refugee Students

Moderator: **Barbara Poggio**, Department of Sociology and Social Research

**Catalina Jerez**, University of Barcelona

*Rethinking Inclusion of Refugees in Higher Education. Lessons Learnt and Main Challenges*

**Alessandra Scagliarini**, University of Bologna

*The University of Bologna and its Welcome to Refugees: UNI-CO-RE University Corridors for Refugees and the Value of Partnerships*

**Mervat Sayegh**, University of Ferrara

*What is a Refugee Student?*

**Joy Ehikioya**, University of Trento

*The University Community is Still for Me*

13.00-14.30 Lunch Break

14.30-17.00

## Session II: At-risk Scholars and University Strategies of Protection

Moderator: **Ester Gallo** Department of Sociology and Social Research

**Marit Egner**, University of Oslo

*Increasing the Network to Support Researchers at Risk in Europe*

**Mubashar Hasan**, University of Oslo

*The Cost of Asking Dangerous Question*

**Stephen Wordsworth**, Council for At-Risk Academics (CARA)

*What Do At-Risk Scholars Really Need? - Different Ways of Helping*

**Ekrem Duzen**, Bielefeld University

*Experiential Insights for a Scholar at Risk Program: From Planning to Mentoring*

**Gabriele Nicoli, Francesca Helm and Claudia Padovani**, University of Padova

*Learning by Doing. The Padova Experience with SAR: Hosting and Networking*

17.00-17.30 Coffee Break

17.30-19.00

## Projection of the Documentary

*Science in Exile. Four Researchers in Flight from War, Their Dream of Science in Time of Peace (37')*

Director: **Nicole Leghissa**

Producer: The World Academy of Science (TWAS)

Introduces: **Roberta Altin**, University of Trieste

20.00-22.00 Social Dinner

Wednesday 11.12.2019

## Session III: 'How to Host': Sharing Good Practices and Plans Ahead

During this session, we will present and discuss the ongoing protection programs for students and scholars developed by some of the institutions that are members of SAR Italy. Drawing also from other European experiences, the aim is to identify specific legal, economic, administrative, educational/ research strategies and to start planning future collaborations.

9.00-11.00

Moderator: **Claudia Padovani**, University of Padova

**Graziella Gaglione**, University of Rome 'La Sapienza'  
*The Experience of Sapienza University of Rome with Regards to Refugees and Migrant Youth*

**Andrea Pendezzini**, University of Turin  
*The Reception of Refugee Students at the University of Turin: The UNIRESST, passi@unito and UNIT-EDU Projects*

**Elena Ascutti**, European University Institute  
*The EUI Refugee Initiative*

**Alessandro Caforio**, International Telematic University UNINETTUNO  
*University for Refugees and Rebuild Project: A New Mission for Higher Education*

**Uoldelul Chelati Dirar**, University of Macerata  
*From Istanbul to Macerata: a Brief Experience of Solidarity*

**Ester Gallo, Barbara Poggio and Paola Bodio**, University of Trento  
*Forced Displacement, the University and the City: Reflections from the Trento Experiences*

11.00-11.15      Coffee Break

11.15-12.45

Discussion and Concluding Remarks

12.45-14.00      Lunch Break

14.00-17.00

## SAR Italy National Assembly

(only for SAR Italy delegates)

Meeting Room II - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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