



CONFERENCE

The Ethics of Migration Beyond the Immigrant-Host State Nexus

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Teatro, Badia Fiesolana
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[Registration](#) is required.

For guaranteed admission please register by 15 December 2017

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Introduction

Over the last three decades, normative political theorists have devoted much attention to the issue of migration. However, most of this literature has singularly focused on the relationship between individual migrants and their state of destination. The debate centres on two sets of questions. The first is whether states have a right to keep would-be immigrants out or whether, conversely, migrants have a right to cross international borders. The second is whether states have a duty to extend citizenship or more limited packages of rights to migrants living in their territory and whether those migrants have a duty to integrate into their host society. Yet the constellation of actors involved in regulating international mobility comprises many more stakeholders. These include, among others, migrants' countries of origin; subnational and supranational levels of government (such as municipalities, provinces and regional unions); sedentary citizens; commercial companies; and civil society organisations such as trade unions, churches, NGOs and activist groups.

Recent developments illustrate the importance of considering the rights and duties of these actors in their various relationships. The influence that increasingly assertive sending states seek to exert over their diasporas has prompted questions about the rights and duties of such states in relation to their expatriate populations as well as the states that host them. The sharp tightening of immigration controls, particularly in Trump's America and on the eastern and southern borders of the European Union, has raised questions about the rights and duties of ordinary citizens and civil society organisations to resist and frustrate unjust migration policies and practices. And the unprecedented scale of the refugee crisis in the Middle East and Europe has foregrounded questions of burden-sharing between host countries and the right of supranational institutions to enforce shared duties of assistance.

This conference provides a forum to explore these and related normative questions. In doing so, it hopes to contribute to a more comprehensive debate on migration ethics, one that moves beyond the focus on what migrants and host states owe each other, to examine the complex structure of rights and duties migrants, sending states, host states, different levels of government, nonstate actors, and ordinary citizens hold vis-à-vis each other.

The conference also features the photography exhibition 'The Game' by Mario Badagliacca, which can be found in the Cloister of the Badia Fiesolana

Credit requirements

To get 10 credits in the SPS PhD programme, PhD researchers must register and attend both days of the conference in full. They are also expected to participate by raising questions from the audience. Additionally, unless they have been selected for presenting a paper at the conference, they must write a short response paper (2,000 - 4,000 words) that comments on at least 3 papers presented at the conference (preferably papers presented on the same panel). The selection of papers must be agreed on before the conference. The response papers must be submitted by 19 January. To attend for credits please register in [Osiris](#).

Programme

Thursday, 11 January

09.30–10.00 **Welcome (with coffee and tea)**

10.00–11.00 **Keynote:** Valeria Ottonelli (University of Genova)
Responsibility for Emigration

Chair: Andrew Geddes (Migration Policy Centre)

11.00–12.30 **Panel 1: Sending states, diasporas and transnational responsibility**

Chair: Gabriella Sanchez (Migration Policy Centre)

Takeshi Miyai (EUI): *Towards the Responsibility to Represent: Unpacking State Responsibilities for Migrants Within and Beyond*

Cleovi Mosuela (University of Bielefeld): *Injecting Moral-laden Discourses into Global Migration Governance: Recruitment of Filipino Nurses to Germany*

Lola Guyot (EUI): *The Ethics of Diaspora Politics: How Do Diasporas Engage in the Debate?*

Vesco Paskalev (University of Hull): *Migration and Democratic Decline*

12.30–13.30 **Lunch**

13.30–15:00 **Panel 2: Migrants, social ethics and civil society**

Chair: Rainer Bauböck (EUI)

Chuanfei Chin (National University of Singapore): *Temporary migrants and social morals*

Bouke de Vries (MPI-MMG): *Social work as a prerequisite for permanent residence*

Tanita Jill Poeggel (University of Edinburgh): *Activism in Whose Interest? Pro-Refugee Volunteering in Germany and Its Pitfalls*

Marxiano Melotti (Niccolò Cusano University): *Migration crisis, cultural industry and tourist gaze. Which ethics for a complex relationship?*

15.00–16.15 **Panel 3: Borders and resistance**

Chair: Lucrecia Rubio Grundell (EUI)

Guy Aitchison (University College Dublin): *What kind of act is unauthorised border-crossing? Four possibilities*

Caleb Yong (MPI-MMG): *Justifying Resistance to Immigration Law: The Role of Legitimacy*

Rutger Birnie (EUI): *Who should resist unjust deportations?*

16.15–16.45 **Coffee break**

16.45–18.00 **Panel 4: Nonstate actors in migration governance**

Chair: Eleonora Milazzo (EUI)

Molli Gerver (Newcastle University): *Just Migrant Repatriation*

Benedikt Buechel (University of Edinburgh): *Beyond the state: the moral nexus between private corporations and would-be immigrants*

Sara Silvestri (City, University of London): *The Global Governance of Migration and the Catholic Church: beyond the “Pope Francis effect”*

18.00–19.00 **Keynote:** Michael Blake (University of Washington)
The Good Migrant: Justice, Reciprocity, and Jeb Bush

Chair: Ayelet Shachar (MPI-MMG)

Friday, 12 January

09.00–10.00 **Keynote:** Rainer Bauböck (EUI)
Private Government, New Technologies and the Future of Citizenship

Chair: Bouke de Vries (MPI-MMG)

10.00–11.45 **Panel 5: Cities, local communities and migrant rights**

Chair: Dana Schmalz (MPI-MMG)

Benjamin Boudou (MPI-MMG): *From the city of refuge to #citieswelcomerefugees: Towards an urban turn in the ethics of migration*

Zsolt Kapelner (Central European University): *Immigrant sanctuaries and the right to include*

J. Matthew Hoyer (Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study): *Migration Ethics, Republican Liberty, and Sanctuary Cities*

Corrado Fumagalli (IOM-China): *Resisting brain hubs*

Jakob Huber (Goethe University Frankfurt): *Place-Related Collectives and Immigrant Rights*

11.45–12.00 **Introduction to the photography exhibition ‘The Game’**
by Mario Badagliacca (Archivio delle Memorie Migranti)

12.00–13.00 **Lunch**

13.00–14.00 **Keynote:** David Owen (University of Southampton)
Justice, States, and Global Migration Governance

Chair: Anna Triandafyllidou (EUI)

14.00–15.45 **Panel 6: International and supranational migration governance**

Chair: Leila Hadj Abdou (Migration Policy Centre)

Graham Finlay (University College Dublin): *Is There a Human Right to Migrate?*

Dario Mazzola (Università degli Studi di Milano): *The Migrant, the State, and the Impartial Agency: Converging Justifications for an International Authority over Migration*

Eleonora Milazzo (EUI): *Teaming up or tearing apart? An account of interstate solidarity in the context of the European refugee emergency*

Martijn van den Brink (MPI-MMG): *Should the European Union curtail the Member States' competence to adopt rules on the acquisition and loss of nationality?*

Luisa Feline Freier (Universidad del Pacífico): *Ethics & Migrants' Rights: What's with the "Right to Migrate"?*

15.45–16.15 **Coffee break**

16.15–17.30 **Panel 7: Future challenges of displacement**

Chair: Rutger Birnie (EUI)

Blair Peruniak (University of Oxford): *Political Institutions and Future Refugees*

Milla Emilia Vaha (University of Tampere): *Recognition at the Time of Relocation: Small Island States and the Complex Right to Continuous Statehood*

Dana Schmalz (MPI-MMG): *"A problem not of space": Rethinking solutions in refugee protection*

17.30–18.30 **Keynote:** Matthew Gibney (University of Oxford)
The Duties of Refugees

Chair: Jennifer Welsh (EUI)

18.30 **Aperitivo**