



5th INTERNATIONAL STUDENT E-CONFERENCE

Organized by the Interns of the UNESCO Chair

“INTERCULTURAL POLICY FOR AN ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND SOLIDARITY”

University of Macedonia

“The New Pact on Migration and Asylum: Resilience of the Asylum Regulatory System, Armed Conflicts and the Protection of Fundamental Rights”

Wednesday, June 3rd 2026 15:00-21:00, on ZOOM

Registration link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/oO-ZoifwRpafnLwo4TgOEA>

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Programme

15:00-15:15 Welcome session

Welcome from the Organizing Committee of the Conference: Myrsini Maria Kodonaki and Styliani Pantou, undergraduate students of the Department of International and European Studies, UoM

Welcome Remarks by:

- **Professor Alexandros Chatzigeorgiou, Vice Rector of the University of Macedonia**
- **Associate Professor Ioannis Konstantinidis, Head of the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia**
- **Aikaterini Tzitzikosta, President of the Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO (written welcome remarks)**

1st SESSION 15:15-17:05

PROCESSING OF ASYLUM APPLICATIONS OF THE EXTERNAL BORDERS

Chair: Professor Despoina Anagnostopoulou, Director of the UNESCO Chair

Invited Speakers (60 minutes)

Eleni Koutsouraki, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Hellenic Mediterranean University: “Safe third countries in the New Pact on Migration and Asylum”

Revecca - Emmanuela Papadopoulou, Professor at the School of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens: “The principle of solidarity in the New Pact on Migration and Asylum”

Sara Morlotti, PhD Candidate, School of Law, University of Milan: “Externalisation Issues connecting to the New Pact on Migration and Asylum”



Student Interns of the UNESCO Chair of Intercultural Policy (50 minutes)

Chair: Anna Maria Mavrona, Undergraduate Student at the Department of Political Sciences, Democritus University of Thrace

Myrsini Maria Kodonaki, Undergraduate Student at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia: *Regulation (EU) 2024/1356 (Screening)*

Christina Sianou, Undergraduate Student at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia: *Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 – Asylum and Migration Management Regulation (AMMR) – Mandatory Solidarity*

Sofi Sazo, Postgraduate Student, Master's in Human Rights and Migration Studies, University of Macedonia: *Regulation (EU) 2024/1349 – Border asylum procedures*

Anna Maria Mavrona, Undergraduate Student at the Department of Political Sciences, Democritus University of Thrace: *Regulation (EU) 1349/2024 – Detention and returns of third-country nationals not entitled to remain in the EU – List of safe third countries*

Styliani Pantou, Undergraduate Student at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia: *The role of the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA) in promoting the EU Asylum Policy*

Break 17:05-17:15

2nd SESSION 17:15-18:55

ADDRESSING MASS ARRIVALS

Chair: Dionysia Tsolaki, PhD in International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, MA and MA, Law School of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Adjunct Lecturer at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia

Invited Speakers (60 minutes)

Dr. Dr. Tryfon Korontzis, Rear Admiral HCG (ret.), Collaborating Academic Staff at the Hellenic Open University, Professor at the School of National Security / Police Academy: *“The role of the Standing Corps in the EU Migration and Asylum Framework”*

Evangelos Vordoglou, Lawyer, LLM, MSc in Law and Informatics, University of Macedonia, member of the Alumni Association of the Master's Programme “Law and Informatics”: *“The use of AI in Asylum and Migration management”*



Ioanna Pervou, Assistant Professor at the School of Law, Democritus University of Thrace, Teaching Personnel at the Hellenic Open University: *“Enforced disappearances during migration flow management”*

Student Interns of the UNESCO Chair of Intercultural Policy (40 minutes)

Chair: Christina Sianou, Undergraduate Student at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia

Ioanna Tseliou, Undergraduate Student at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia: *“Potential mass arrivals and pressure on asylum systems due to the crisis in the Middle East and Gaza”*

Ioannis Gkouvelos, Undergraduate Student at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia: *“Regulation (EU) 2024/1359 – Activation of EU emergency mechanisms”*

Ioulia Maria Valtou, Postgraduate Student, Master’s in Human Rights and Migration Studies, University of Macedonia: *“External dimension of asylum policy and cooperation with third countries”*

Alexandra Kontou, Undergraduate Student at the School of Law, Democritus University of Thrace: *“Potential instrumentalization of migrants”*

Break 18:55-19:00

3rd SESSION 19:00-20:50

ISSUES OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS PROTECTION

Chair: Professor Despoina Anagnostopoulou

Speakers (80 minutes)

Evdokia Bakalou, International Relations Specialist and Member of the Think Tank “Synergia”: *“The New Pact on Migration and Asylum: Balancing Effective Migration Management and Fundamental Rights Protection”*

Despoina Anagnostopoulou, Professor and Director of the UNESCO Chair “Intercultural Policy for an Active and Supportive Citizenship”, University of Macedonia: *“Regulation (EU) 2024/1356 (Screening) and Fundamental Rights”*

Metaxia Kouskouna, Assistant Professor (retired), School of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens: *“Proposal for a Regulation establishing a common system for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals in the Union (COM (2025) 101 final)”*

Dionysia Tsolaki, PhD, University of Macedonia, MA and MA in Law School of the Kapodistrian and National University of Athens, Research Associate at the UNESCO Chair, and Coordinator of the UNESCO Chair Internship 2026: *“The concept of safe third country and ECtHR decision in JB v. Greece ”*



Student Interns of the UNESCO Chair of Intercultural Policy (30 minutes)

Chair: Efthymia Samara, Undergraduate Student at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia

Angeliki Gkantouna, Undergraduate Student at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia: *“The relationship between security and human rights”*

Anastasios Arailoudis, Undergraduate Student at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia: *“Compatibility issues with the Geneva Convention – Non-Refoulement”*

Efthymia Samara, Undergraduate Student at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia: *“Compatibility issues with the Charter of Fundamental Rights”*

20:50-20:55 Awards Ceremony – Best student papers

20:55-21:00 End of Conference Speech: Anastasios Arailoudis and Angeliki Gkantouna, Undergraduate Students at the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia

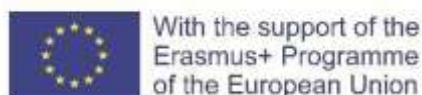
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