

Call for Papers

The Management of Migration and Asylum in Europe: Current Challenges and Policy Responses

**University of Cambridge, Robinson College
15-16 March 2012**

Deadline for Paper Abstracts: Monday 16 January 2012

This international workshop aims to provide an intellectual venue for a discussion on the development of asylum and migration policy approaches in Europe within a multidisciplinary framework by bringing together academics and practitioners.

Objectives The recent political and social turbulences in the Middle East and North Africa, commonly referred as the 'Arab Spring', triggered new waves of migratory influxes to Europe by intensifying the pressure of population movements for several EU member states. In the face of such rapid changes, it would be timely to have a discussion on the current processes that are turning migration and asylum issues in Europe into increasingly salient issues. In this dynamic context, this workshop aims to contextualise current migration and asylum challenges faced by Europe through discussions over the rapid shifts in the international political arena from a multidisciplinary perspective.

Workshop format The workshop is organised around three sessions. Each panel will have a leading academic as a discussant.

Session I, will be on current security challenges posed by immigration in Europe. It will involve a discussion on border management during crisis situations, global migration management and the European Union's (EU) role in it, and the implications of climate change on environmental refugees

Session II, will concentrate on wider demographic and social issues such as the ageing European populations-immigration nexus, integration and social cohesion, and the impact of global economic and financial crisis on migratory influxes to Europe.

Session III, will be on the assessment of policy responses developing at the national and the EU levels. This section will also consider the interactions between the European Union and its Member States in the field of asylum and migration. It seeks to understand both the role of Member States in shaping the EU asylum and migration policy, and the EU role involved in domestic-level asylum and migration policy-making processes.

We welcome papers on any topic having relevance to the above listed workshop sessions.

Funding We aim to contribute to the travel costs of paper presenters, depending on the number of participants and availability of funds.

Paper proposals If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send the following information to <jes42@cam.ac.uk> and <ec409@cam.ac.uk>:

1. An abstract of up to 250 words
2. A brief bio of up to 250 words
3. Your contact details
 - a. Name
 - b. Current institutional affiliation and position
 - c. Full postal address
 - d. Email address

The deadline for the submission of paper proposals is Monday 16 January 2012 (17:00 GMT). Please email <ec409@cam.ac.uk> should you have any questions.