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CHALLENGING MIGRATION: security, mobility, labour market, integration, human rights



The aim of the conference is to initiate interdisciplinary discussion on migration as a global challenge for Europe in the twenty-first century. Perceived as a threat to destination and transit countries, migration is discussed as a problem to solve or a danger to stop. But as migration has become a key challenge for European countries, there is a need to propose new, sustainable solutions for migration management that respect not only security, but also human rights, integration and the needs of labour markets in destination countries.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

LINK FOR REGISTRATION

19 March, 2026

WSB University, Dabrowa Gornicza, Poland
Cieplaka 1c street
Auditorium D, ground floor

09:00 - 11:00 — **Registration**

Attendee check-in, badge distribution, and welcome coffee.

11:00 - 11:30 — **Welcoming ceremony**

Łukasz Sułkowski, WSB University, President of Business School

11:30 - 12:00 — **Q-helix alliance presentation**

Paulina Polko

12:00 - 12:30 — **Unwelcome and Unprotected: Refugee Integration and the Reconfiguration of the Right to Asylum**

Michelle Pace, Incoming Visiting Fellow, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

12:30 - 13:00 — **Securitising Migration in Greece and Poland: A Comparative Overview through the Lens of Political Culture**

Georgia Dimari, University of Crete, Greece

13:00 - 13:30 — **Managing Migration, Integration and Return: Lessons Learned from Turkish Experience**

Nurcan Özgür Baklacioğlu, Istanbul University

13:30 - 14:30 — **Lunch break**

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14.30- 16.00 – First plenary session: Migration-security nexus

14:30 - 14:45 — **Sustainable approach to migration-security nexus: migration as a threat, migration as a referent object under threat, migration as a security resource**

Paulina Polko, WSB University

14:45 - 15:00 — **Climate in Motion. Climate Migrations in South Asia: Adaptation and Compulsion**

Blanka Dżugaj, Instytut badań nad Turcją

15:00 - 15:15 — **ONLINE: From Al-Hol to Europe: Empirical Insights from North-East Syria and the Security–Human Rights Dilemma of Repatriation**

Magdalena El-Ghamari, University College of Professional Education

15:15 - 15:30 — **Migration and human trafficking: Underlying psychological mechanisms**

Laura Dryjanska, Asbury University

15:30 - 15:45 — **Migration at the junction of cognitive warfare and the Mental Security (Infrastructure)**

Piotr Gil, WSB University

15:45 - 16:00 — **ONLINE: The Impact of Migration from Africa on Poland's Internal Security: Conditions, Challenges, and Implications**

Karol Kujawa, Academic Centre for Strategic Analysis

16:00-16:15 — **Discussion**

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16.15-17.30 Second plenary session: migration and labour market

16:15 - 16:30

Features of forced migration of youth as a new type of educational loss

Liudmyla Hanushchak-Yefimenko, Svitlana Arabuli; Kyiv National University of Technologies and Design

16:30 - 16:45

Enhancement of the state's economic safety with the involvement of foreigners

Kalina Lubas, Metropolitan University

16:45 - 17:00

Forced migration in wartime: consequences for the labour market

Svitlana Bebko, Olena Evseitseva; Kyiv National University of Technologies and Design

17:00 - 17:15

ONLINE: Skills pipelines amid war-driven internal displacement and cross-border migration: university–industry capability partnerships for value-added apparel manufacturing

Ivan Skorokhodov, Kyiv National University of Technologies and Design

17:15 - 17:30

Discussion

18:00 - 19:00

Dinner

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9.30 – 11.30 Third plenary session: Human rights, integration and cultural dialogue

09:30 - 09:45

Dilemmas of implementing support training for young war refugees from Ukraine

Artur Fabiś, Maciej Witkowski; WSB Univeristy

09:45 - 10:00

IMMERSED: innovative citizen-centred solution that facilitates employment sustainability and financial resilience of Ukrainian refugees into local communities in Poland, Slovakia and Romania. A case study of the ESF+ social innovation project

Dominika Czerniak, Foundation Innovation and Knowledge

10:00 - 10.15

Integration challenges faced by immigrant entrepreneurs: A multiple case study in Portugal

José Carlos Pereira de Morais, ISPGAYA – Polytechnic Institute

10:15 - 10.30

Social integration of Ukrainian forced migrants in Poland. Best practices of local and national administration.

Agnieszka Bielewska, Ewa Ślęzak-Belowska; Uniwersytet Wrocławski, Uniwersytet Ekonomiczny w Krakowie

10:30 - 10:45

The impact of new European Union legislation on the rights of migrants and refugees

Daniela Panc, Titu Maiorescu University

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9.30 – 11.30 Third plenary session: Human rights, integration and cultural dialogue - continue

10:45 - 11:00 **From an exporter of insecurity to a reintegration model: The comprehensive institutional and social approach in Kosovo**

Besnik Fetahu, International Business College Mitrovica

11:00 - 11:15 **Desire for Dignity and the Politics of Resentment in the Migration Context: Fukuyama's Concept of Identity as an Analytical Framework for Integration**

Kamil Kardis, Mária Kardis, University of Prešov

11:30 - 11:45 **Discussion**

11:45 - 12:00 **Closure remarks**

12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch break**

13:00 - 15:00 **Networking and discussion**

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