



## Centre for European Studies Webinar Series

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**Balancing Humanitarianism and Security:**

**The European Union's Responses to  
New Migration and Refugee Issues**

Dr. Martin Geiger, Carleton University



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**2013:**

**Continuation of tragedies in the Mediterranean.  
Hundreds lose their lives on their way to Europe.**

*October 3, 2013: “Lampedusa Boat Disaster”*

*155 rescued, approx. 390 die.*

*Italy grants “post-mortem citizenship” to victims –  
Survivors prosecuted as “irregular migrants”, to be  
deported*



**January 10, 2014:**

**CES Policy Workshop at Carleton University**

**Keynote Speakers:**

Michael Collyer, Sussex University

Sergio Carrera, CEPS Brussels

Petra Bendel, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

Shahamak Rezaei, Roskilde University



## **Dr. Michael Collyer, Sussex University**

*“New Migration and Refugee Flows in the EU’s Southern Neighbourhood”*

Morocco: Important Country of Origin and Transit –  
has initiated a regularization program

Tunisia: Avoids protracted refugee situation by  
accepting

remaining refugees from Shousha camp

Syria: Massive refugee movement and internal  
displacement



## Dr. Sergio Carrera, CEPS Brussels

*“The European Union and its Recent Approaches to Refugees and Migrants”*

- further massive investments in border security
- coercion of Third States neighboring the European Union
- ⇒ Dominance of exclusive circle of Home Affairs
- ⇒ Not yet a common European migration & asylum policy
- ⇒ Strong resistance of EU Member States
- ⇒ Tendencies of a Roll-Back / Re-Nationalization



**Dr. Petra Bendel, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg**

*“The European Union Asylum System”*

- “duty to protect” – EU as an “area of protection”
  - raising protection standards, special concern for vulnerable individuals/groups
  - notions of solidarity and shared responsibility
- ⇒ most likely only mixed results
- ⇒ uncertain member state commitment



## Dr. Shahamak Rezaei, Roskilde University

### *“Migration, Diversity, Social Cohesion in the EU”*

- persistence of exclusionary practices in the “inside”
  - economic crisis+exclusion hinder access and integration
- ⇒ not yet a common EU migration (integration) policy
- ⇒ continuation of exclusion likely (example: access of Bulgarian and Romanian workers/immigrants)



# Balancing Humanitarianism and Security



**The European Union's  
Responses to**

**New Migration and  
Refugee Issues**

**Conclusions/Outlook – Q & A**





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