

List of Speakers

IOM Summer School on Migration Studies 2019

(in order of the summer school program)

Ms. Lucie Sládková has been the Head of IOM office in the Czech Republic since 2000. Ms. Sládková is a leading specialist in migration issues, focusing particularly on immigration, counter-trafficking and human rights concerns. She studied at the Faculty of Pedagogy of South Bohemian University in České Budějovice, Czech Republic. She obtained her PhD from the Charles University in Prague. In the years 1994-1995, Ms. Sládková studied migration as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Maryland in Washington, D.C. After working as a teacher for several years, Ms. Sládková started her work for Foreigners' and Border Police Headquarters in 1991. Subsequently – prior to starting her career at IOM – she worked for the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic at the Department of Immigration and Border Control. <http://www.iom.cz/home>

Mr. Dušan Drbohlav is a Professor in the Department of Social Geography and Regional Development, Faculty of Science at the Charles University in Prague and a leader of the GEOMIGRACE (Geographic Migration Centre) research team. His academic work and research primarily focuses on behavioral geography, population and social geography. Within these fields he investigates international migration and immigrants' integration issues both in the Czech Republic and in a broader European context. Mr. Drbohlav is also interested in other forms of mobility, regional and settlement preferences of populations and mental maps. Dušan Drbohlav has published numerous articles and books throughout his academic career. web.natur.cuni.cz/ksgrrsek/geomigrace/?q=en/node/35

Ms. Argentina Szabados took over the position of Regional Director where she oversees the work of the IOM Office for South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia in May 2016. Ms. Szabados also manages the activities of the Regional Office in Vienna. She has received numerous national and international awards and has written and contributed to many publications and studies on migration and humanitarian aid topics. She provides advice to IOM Headquarters on regional migration, migration trends and policy matters as well as migration policies of governments within the region. She joined IOM in 1998 as Chief of Mission in Hungary. Prior to assuming her post in Vienna, she was head of the IOM Mission in Germany from 2010 to 2016. Since 2007 she has been a senior lecturer at Fordham University's Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs in New York City. Additionally, she has chaired many committees and boards for the Institute and has sat on the Board of Directors of the Center for International Humanitarian Cooperation, also in New York. <https://rovienna.iom.int/regional-director>

Mr. Michal Broža has been the Head of the UN Information Centre in Prague since 2004. He joined the United Nations in 1995 and has served in various positions since then. In 2005 and 2006, he worked as a Public Information Officer for the UN peacekeeping operation in Liberia (UNMIL). He also worked as a consultant for the World Bank and a researcher in private business. He authored and co-authored books and articles on UN-related issues. As a graduate from Charles University in Prague, he holds an MA degree in Information Science and studied Political and Social Sciences at Charles University as well as the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. He is currently a PhD student at the Environment Centre of Charles University Prague. <http://www.osn.cz/what-we-do/>

Mr. Srđan Matić is the World Health Organization Representative to the Czech Republic and the Head of Country Office since September 2018. During his 18 years of service in WHO, he Matić has served in different capacities with growing responsibility. As the Coordinator for Environment and Health in the WHO Regional Office for Europe, he led the secretariat of the European Environment and Health Process and was the chief organizer of the 5th and 6th Ministerial Conferences on Environment and Health in Parma, Italy (2010) and Ostrava, Czech Republic (2017). He was also the acting head of the WHO European Centre on Environment and Health in Bonn, Germany, in 2012-13 and the regional coordinator for Ebola outbreak response in 2014-15. <https://cz.linkedin.com/in/sr%C4%91an-mati%C4%87-9a217790>

Ms. Katy Barwise manages the projects Mainstreaming Migration into International Cooperation and Development and provides support to development partners to integrate migration into their policies and programs. She also provides technical assistance and capacity building to strengthen policy coherence between migration and development policies, particularly in the framework of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda. Katy holds a master's degree in International Studies and Diplomacy and an undergraduate degree in African history, both from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London. Before joining IOM Regional Office in Brussels in 2017, Katy spent 12 years with IOM in sub-Saharan Africa and the Pacific, working in South Africa, Zambia, Mozambique and Australia (covering the Pacific Islands region). <https://eea.iom.int/contacts/katy-barwise>

Ms. Hana Volná is the Deputy Director of the Department for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance (MFA Prague), she is responsible for Humanitarian Assistance provided abroad: this includes the annual operational strategy, the spending of the annual humanitarian aid budget and Czech participation in global and EU related initiatives such as Good Humanitarian Donorship, Grand Bargain or the EU pilot implementation of humanitarian-development nexus. She is working together with Czech, international and local NGOs, with international organizations, the EU institutions and bilateral co-donors in different areas of humanitarian assistance and forced displacement. www.mzv.cz/pomoc and www.mfa.cz/aid.

Mr. Robert Stojanov obtained his PhD in environmental geography from the University of Ostrava in 2010 with the thesis "Environmentally-induced Migration in the World." He is a member of the Migration Policy Centre, at the European University Institute. Since 2016, he has worked as assistant professor at Mendel University in Brno, Spatial Hub, Department of Informatics, Faculty of Business and Economics. He spent one year at European University Institute, Migration Policy Centre, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies in Florence. He worked as an assistant professor at the Geographic Migration Policy Centre (GEOMIGRACE) in Prague and at the Department of Social Geography and Regional Development, Faculty of Science at Charles University. He is also a member of the editorial board of the international Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies of the international editorial board of the journal Migration and Development. <http://www.stojanov.org/en/>

Mr. Tomáš Sobotka (Wittgenstein Centre Vienna - Migration and Demography) leads the VID research group on Comparative European Demography. He received his PhD in Demography from the Population Research Centre, at the University of Groningen (the Netherlands) in 2004. In 2005-2010 he was managing editor of the Vienna Yearbook of Population Research and in 2012-2017 he was the principal investigator of the ERC-funded research project EURREP (Fertility and Reproduction in 21st Century Europe, www.eurrep.org). In February 2017, he received the "Allianz European Demographer Award". Currently he is a member of the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) Council. <http://www.wittgensteincentre.org/en/staff/member/sobotka.htm>

Ms. Fatima Eldiasty of Egypt is Senior Protection Officer with UNHCR, currently working as senior field coordinator for the Libya operation. She has joined UNHCR in 2003 where she acquired distinguished experience working at particularly challenging duty stations, namely Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Zimbabwe. Additionally, Ms. Eldiasty has HQ experience having worked at UNHCR Geneva and the MENA Bureau in Amman. Ms. Eldiasty is experienced with managing and coordinating emergency operations, having headed UNHCR offices in Duhok and Aleppo, respectively. Ms. Eldiasty has an impressive interagency coordination portfolio, having been appointed as Area Humanitarian Coordinator, Area Security coordinator and UN hub manager in Aleppo and earlier in Duhok. In addition to chairing protection sub-clusters, Non-food Items and Shelter sub-clusters, she is a Camp coordination and Camp management sub-Clusters in Syria and Iraq. http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/2549#_ga=2.187246881.804403737.1499165096-546423902.1499165096

Ms. Alexandra Dubová is a Protection Associate at the UNHCR Office in Prague working on protection of asylum-seekers and refugees in the Czech Republic. In her work, she focuses on vulnerable persons, alternatives to detention and statelessness. She graduated from the Law Faculty at the Pan-European University in Bratislava (2009) and obtained her LL.M. degree in Human Rights at the Central European University in Budapest (2010). Before joining UNHCR, she worked as an Assistant Lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights (2015-2019) and Lawyer with the Organisation for Aid to Refugees providing legal assistance to migrants and asylum-seekers in Czech detention centers (2013-2015). <https://www.linkedin.com/in/alexandra-dubova-18291813/>

Ms. Eva Janská is an associate professor at the Charles University in Prague who specializes in international migration, migration policy, integration/adaptation of foreigners into majority society and integration/adaptation of second generation. She obtained her PhD in regional and political geography from the Charles University in Prague in 2003. She worked as a visiting lecturer at the Universidad de Sevilla, Spain (2004-2005, Erasmus-Socrates teaching internship), at the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute in Hague (1999), at the University of Oslo in Norway (1997) and at the Warsaw University (1997). She also lectured at the Faculty of Arts, Monash University in Melbourne, Australia (1995) during her five-month doctoral internship. Eva is a member of the Czech Geographical Society and works as a researcher at the Geographic Migration Centre (GEOMIGRACE). <http://www.geomigrace.cz/?q=en/node/38>

Mr. Salim Murad is a lecturer at South Bohemian University for the Department of Social Science, Political Science and Pedagogical Faculty. From April to June 2003, he was a visiting fellow at the Refugee Studies Centre, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford. He also studied at the Institute of Political Science, Copenhagen University in 2004. Mr. Murad obtained his master's degree in Migration and Intercultural Relations and wrote his PhD on Theory of Politics in 2011 at the Comenius University in Bratislava. He is the course director of EMMIR, the European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations. <http://www.emmir.org/faculty/course-directors/>

Mr. Michal Vašečka received his Ph.D. (2004) in sociology from Masaryk University in Brno. He focuses his interests on issues of ethnicity, race, and migration studies, as well as populism, extremism, social movements, and civil society. As an Associate Professor Michal operates at the Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA) since 2015 and at the Pan-European University in Bratislava since 2018. Previously, he worked at the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University in Brno (2002-2017) and at the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences of Comenius University in Bratislava (2006-2009). As a visiting scholar he operated at the New School University in New York (1996-1997), at the University of London (1998), at the Georgetown University In Washington DC (2008-2009), at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor (2015), and he was also a ISGAP Scholar-In-Residence at the Oxford University (2016). Michal Vašečka is a founder and former director (2006-2012) of the Center for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture (CVEK).

He has been selected as a representative of the Slovak Republic in the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), human rights body of the Council of Europe. www.bisla.sk/academic-staff-profile/michal-vasecka

Mr. Eric Opoku Ware has an educational background in migration studies and he is the founder and chief executive officer of Sahara Hustlers Association since 2012. Drawing from his own personal experience of migration, the organization campaigns against irregular migration and human trafficking from Africa to Europe, notably by working to create awareness, especially among the African youth, regarding the dangers of travelling through the Sahara Desert or the Mediterranean Sea to Europe and outlining how they can be productive in their own homeland. The association partners with several local and international organizations in the migration field. Moreover, Mr. Ware has been speaking about these issues on different platforms and countries and has also participated in drafting national migration policy documentation for Ghana. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/eric-opoku-ware-a2aa6a16/>

Ms. Teresa Albano has been Economic Affairs Officer at Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in the Office of the Coordinator for Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA). She has almost 20 years of experience in international NGOs and international organizations (including IOM between 1999 and 2012) dealing with humanitarian and development aid as well as human trafficking and migration issues. She is responsible for developing and implementing programmatic activities in the field of counteracting trafficking and promoting good migration governance, she gained extensive experience in the Mediterranean Region (Morocco, Libya, Tunisia), South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro, Romania, Moldova), Sub-Saharan countries (Nigeria and Niger) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan) as well as in crisis zones (Kosovo and Libya). <http://www.osce.org/secretariat/eea>

Ms. Petra Ezzeddine is a social anthropologist (PhD). She lectures at the Department of Anthropology and Gender Studies, and Faculty of Humanities at Charles University in Prague. She teaches courses on anthropology of migration, gender in migration, anthropology of family and methodological courses. Her research deals with gender aspects of migration, transnational forms of parenthood (Sasakawa Scholarship for Young Leaders), the globalization of care for children and the elderly (Erste Fellowship Generations in Dialogue) and female migrant domestic workers. She is a member of the editorial board of the academic journals Cargo and the Journal of Human Affairs. She works closely with several Czech and Slovak non-governmental organizations, research institutions and IOM Prague. https://issuu.com/erste-foundation/docs/02_ezzeddine

Mr. Jan Schroth is currently a project manager at the International Organization for Migration in Prague. He has worked there on various projects focused on labour migration, integration, return migration or migration and development since 2004, such as the Independent Network of Labour Migration and Integration Experts (LMIE-INET) EC or the Informed Labour Migration from Mongolia projects. He has organized IOM Summer Schools on Migration since 2009. Between 2004 and 2005 he worked for United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) in Yemen. Before entering IOM, he worked also in Czech People-in-need Foundation as well as at the Czech News Agency as journalist. He obtained his MA in International Relations at Charles University in 2003. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jan-schroth-b59a3514/>