

# List of Speakers

## IOM Summer School on Migration Studies 2020

(in the order of the program)

**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. More information at [web.natur.cuni.cz/ksgrrsek/geomigrace/?q=en/node/35](http://web.natur.cuni.cz/ksgrrsek/geomigrace/?q=en/node/35)

**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. More information at <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>

**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](http://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. More information at <http://www.wittgensteincentre.org/en/staff/member/sobotka.htm>

**Mr. Josef Novotný** is an associate professor in the Department of Social Geography and Regional Development, Faculty of Science, Charles University. He is a distinctly interdisciplinary researcher with interests spanning the areas of environmental, economic and population geography, development studies and international development, migration studies, regional development, or applied spatial data analysis. He has extensive experience with field research conducted in developing countries. In recent years he has focused on issues related to the design and evaluation of development interventions. His publications can be accessed here: <https://www.natur.cuni.cz/geografie/socialni-geografie-a-regionalni-rozvoj/pepino/publikace>

**Ms. Kateřina Velíšková** has a BA in Middle Eastern Studies from SOAS, University of London and and MA in Israeli Studies, Politics and Society, from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Migration and intercultural relations were at the forefront of her studies, especially in relations to European and EU policies. Katerina worked for People in Need or the European Security Journal and currently focuses on humanitarian aid and development cooperation in Caritas Czech Republic. In her role at CCR, she has served as Desk Officer for Georgia, worked as Acting Head of Mission in Mongolia and currently works as Desk Officer for the Middle East and Mongolia. More information at <https://www.charita.cz/en/how-we-help/abroad/> and <https://www.caritas.eu/whatishome/>

**Mr. Erik Siegl** works as the Head of foreign projects at Diaconia CCE - Center of Relief and Development. He completed his doctoral studies in the field of History and Culture of Asia and Africa at the Charles University. Until 2018, he worked as a diplomat (most recently the head of the trade and economic department of the embassy in Ankara) and in various positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. He occasionally publishes in the Czech press on topics of modern history and international relations. He is also the author of a book on contemporary Turkey, which also touches on migration and refugee issues. More information at <https://www.diakoniespolu.cz/en/>

**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. More information at [https://issuu.com/erste-foundation/docs/02\\_ezzeddine](https://issuu.com/erste-foundation/docs/02_ezzeddine)

**Ms. Fatima Mohamed Eldiasty** of Egypt is Senior Protection Officer with UNHCR, recently has worked 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. More information at <http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/28>

**Ms. Kristýna Andrllová** has been working as Senior Protection Associate with the UNHCR Office in the Czech Republic since 2013. Before joining UNHCR, she worked or cooperated with several local NGOs, most importantly as an intern and later as Head of Advocacy at Amnesty International Czech Republic, where she focused on the issues of migration and discrimination. She completed her studies in Human Rights, Conflict and Justice at SOAS, University of London. Before, she graduated in Law/Legal Science at the Charles University in Prague and she also holds a bachelor degree in Environmental Economics, Policy and Management from University of Economics in Prague. More information at <http://www.unhcr-centraleurope.org/en/where-we-work/operations-in-central-europe/czech-republic.html>

**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). More information at <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. More information at [www.bisla.sk/academic-staff-profile/michal-vasecka](http://www.bisla.sk/academic-staff-profile/michal-vasecka)

**Mr. Robert Stojanov** Robert Stojanov: Dr. Stojanov is DiSSGeA Visiting Professor at University of Padova, and assistant professor at Faculty of Business and Economics, Mendel University in Brno. He is an environmental and population geographer focusing on drivers and techniques of smart migration; migration, remittances and development; environmental factors of population dynamics; social and economic impacts of climate change and adaptation strategies (and publishing in leading journals such The Geographical Journal, Climatic Change, Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change, Journal of Flood Risk Management). Robert was awarded by Jean Monnet Fellowship at the Migration Policy Centre (MPC) within European University Institute in Florence, and served as Head of the Adaptation Strategies Research Unit of the Center for Global Change Research at the Czech Academy of Sciences, and as an assistant professor at Charles University and Palacký University. More information at <http://www.stojanov.org/en/>

**Irena Ferčíková Konečná**, has been working as Policy Consultant at the International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers in Europe (ICRSE) since 2018, where she provides expert assistance in promotion of the voices of the most marginalized sex workers to address the effects of the nexus of restrictive migration, anti-trafficking and prostitution policies at the European institutions. Since 2015 Ms. Ferčíková Konečná has been working as an independent consultant providing services to various international and inter-

governmental organizations in the area of anti-trafficking (OSCE, IOM, La Strada International). In 2010-2017 she served as a board member of La Strada International. Ms. Ferčíková Konečná was awarded Fulbright scholarship and did her research at US based NGO Polaris in 2015. Prior to that (2008-2014) she worked as director La Strada Czech Republic. Prior joining La Strada, she worked on projects of the Czech NGOs in Ethiopia and Sri Lanka. She also worked for the Refugee Facilities Administration of the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic for nearly 3 years. More information at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/irena-fercikova-konecna-045a74106/> and <https://www.sexworkeurope.org/>

**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. More information at <https://www.facebook.com/africanhustlers.org/>

**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. More information at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jan-schroth-b59a3514/>