



Canada-Europe
Dialogues on Migration

THE CHALLENGE OF CROSS-BORDER MIGRATION: balancing security concerns and humanitarian commitments

VICTORIA, BC - MAY 29-31, 2019

Turning grief into helping refugees

Responding to forced migration
and refugees with innovative policies:
Examining Europe and Turkey

Migrant workers:
National and global context



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The University of Victoria (UVic) is home to the project “**Canada-Europe Dialogues on Migration (CE-DoM): Cross-Border Mobility and the European Union Refugee Crisis**”. This project is co-funded by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, housed at the Centre for Global Studies, and carried out under the framework of the EU-Canada Network (www.eucanet.org) at the University of Victoria.

The Jean Monnet Project “Europe Dialogue on Migration: Cross-Border Mobility and the European Union Refugee Crisis” (CEDoM) was pleased to co-organize a series of public events in conjunction with the Canadian Council for Refugees’ Consultation at the University of Victoria (May 29-June 1st). CEDoM co-sponsored three events for the general public and engaged with many of the over 300 delegates who explored issues affecting refugee protection and newcomer settlement. The focus of this CEDoM initiative was to debate public policy approaches to governing refugees from a comparative transatlantic perspective. The EU project allowed for debating the Canadian experience with a comparative view to how the European Union and EU member states have tackled the challenge of managing irregular migration and refugees.



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Thursday, May 29

TURNING GRIEF INTO HELPING REFUGEES

On the evening of Thursday, May 29th, CEDoM organized an event focussing on the ‘refugee crisis’ in Europe and the policy response by the European Union and its member states. **Prof. Ruben Ziaotti** (*Dalhousie University, Director of the Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence*), set the agenda by providing a critical account of how the influx of hundreds of thousands of refugees into Europe has been governed. Building on this review of the European response, **Tima Kurdi**, an internationally recognized spokesperson who has partnered with governments, businesses, and citizens worldwide to help raise awareness about the global refugee crisis, took the stage. Tima Kurdi shared her personal tragedy with the audience: In September 2015, as refugees from Syria the family of her brother Abdullah tried to cross from Turkey to Greece. Their boat sank and Abdullah’s wife and two sons, Alan and Ghalib Kurdi, died. Tima Kurdi’s very public personal tragedy has shone light on the human suffering involved in the refugee experience and how the international community can address this suffering more effectively.



Tima Kurdi



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A EUROPE - CANADA DIALOGUE ON THE REFUGEE CRISIS:

Oliver Schmidtke (CFGS Director, UVic),
Ruben Zaiotti (JMEUCE Director, University of Dalhousie)

IN CONVERSATION WITH TIMA KURDI, AUTHOR OF

THE BOY ON THE BEACH

MY FAMILY'S ESCAPE FROM SYRIA AND OUR HOPE FOR A NEW HOME

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TURNING GRIEF INTO HELPING REFUGEES

Book sale and signing after the event

Tima Kurdi is an internationally recognized spokesperson who has partnered with governments, businesses, and citizens worldwide to help raise awareness about the global refugee crisis. Tima was born in Damascus Syria and immigrated to Canada in 1992. In September 2015, a personal tragedy struck Tima's family - her brother, Abdullah, lost his wife, Rehanna, and their two boys, Alan and Ghalib Kurdi, while trying to cross from Turkey to Greece. She and her brother Abdullah co-founded the Kurdi Foundation to honour her nephews, and to keep their memory alive (as well as the memory of all the children affected by war), she and her brother have been working at a refugee camp in Erbil, Kurdistan to provide children with education, medication, clothes, and food.

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Friday, May 30

FORCED MIGRATION AND REFUGEES WITH INNOVATIVE POLICIES: Examining Europe and Turkey

On May 30, **Dr. Saime Ozcurumez**, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Bilkent University, delivered a lunch-time key note address entitled: *'Responding to Forced Migration and Refugees with Innovative Policies: Examining Europe and Turkey'*. Based on her recent research experience from Turkey, Dr. Ozcurumez developed an emerging social cohesion model examining the policy transformation from humanitarian protection to social integration. Coping with over 3.6 million refugees in its territory, Turkey faces profound challenges in how to promote the social inclusion of refugees regarding policy fields such as housing, the labour market and education.



Dr. Saime Ozcurumez



Responding to Forced Migration and Refugees with Innovative Policies: Examining Europe and Turkey

MAY 30 2019 | 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM
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University of Victoria

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DR. SAIME OZCUREMEZ is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Bilkent University in Turkey.

Why and how are protracted displacement and social cohesion linked in coping with mass influx?

Based on the recent experience from Turkey, this presentation develops an emerging social cohesion model examining the policy transformation from humanitarian protection to social integration.

Moderated by
Oliver Schmidtke
Director, Centre for Global Studies
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Saturday, May 31

MIGRANT WORKERS: National and Global Context

On Saturday, May 31, CEDoM co-organized a workshop entitled ‘**Migrant workers: National and global context**’. The focus on this session was on recent changes in migration and refugee policies in response to broader developments in the international arena. The workshop brought together a representative from the NGO sector (*Marco Luciano*, Migrant Canada) and two representatives from Canada federal government (*Francesca McConnell*, Employment and Social Development Canada, and *Glen Bornais*, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada). Moderated by Jill Hanley and Luis Alberta Mata, the discussion addressed, among other, the expansion of the temporary workers scheme and its implications for migrant workers’ rights and social inclusion.



Marco Luciano



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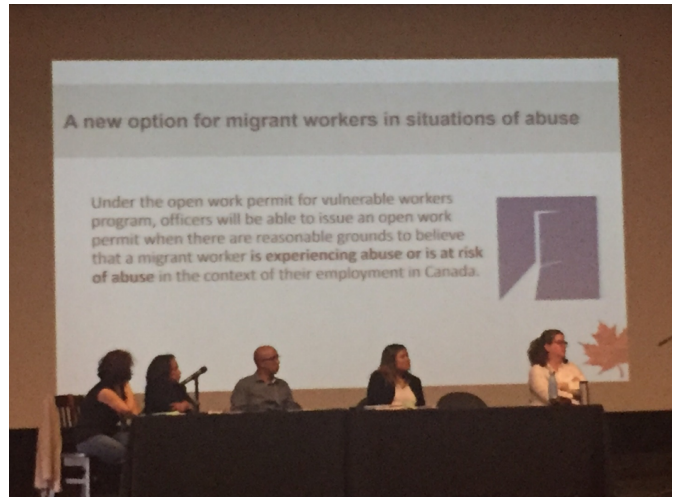


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 EU CA Strong and emotional talk by @TimaKurdi during the #CEDoM event about the tragedy of her family when trying to escape the #Syrian war. The image of Tima's nephew caught the media's attention and became an important turning point in the refugee crisis. #ccrconsult @CFGV_UVic



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