

## **Welcoming and Introductory Remarks (10:00 - 10:30)**

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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mersid Poturak, rector of International Burch University

Mr. Željko Komšić, member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (*tbc*)

Dr. Denis Zvizdić, chairperson of the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ms. Joëlle Germanier, director of the Center for Competence in Humanitarian Negotiations (*tbc*)

Assist. Prof. Dr. Alija Kožljak, director of the Social Sciences Research Center at International Burch University

Amb. Daniel Hunn, ambassador of Switzerland to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ms. Laura Lungarotti, Chief of Mission of International Organization for Migration and Sub-Regional Coordinator

Dr. Elmir Camić, Head of Delegation of International Committee of the Red Cross

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aleksandra Nikolić, Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Youth of Canton Sarajevo

## **Keynote Addresses (10:30 - 11:15)**

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### Keynote Address 1: The Transformation of the Humanitarian Response to Migration by Claude Bruderlein

Claude Bruderlein is Adjunct Lecturer on Global Health at the Harvard School of Public Health and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and Senior Researcher at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. He currently serves as Strategic Advisor to the President of the ICRC. Additionally, he is a Senior Researcher at the Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation (CCHN), a Centre he founded in 2016 with the ICRC, MSF, UNHCR, WFP, and the HD Centre. He has previously served as Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General on humanitarian affairs and independent expert to the UN Security Council on the humanitarian impact of sanctions in Sudan, Burundi, and Sierra Leone. In addition, he led efforts to secure access in Afghanistan and North Korea and was a field delegate in Iran, Israel and the Occupied Territories, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Yemen. His work has focused on the access to, and protection of populations affected by conflict and natural disasters, the development of humanitarian law, the promotion of human security strategies, as well as the role of information technologies in emergency response.

For over 150 years, humanitarian organizations have responded to natural disasters and conflicts within the confines of the nation-state. Their mandate to provide life-saving assistance to affected populations in times of crisis have been incorporated into international conventions which assert the responsibility of governments to respond, with humanitarian support. With the integration of human rights law into humanitarian discourse in the early 1990s, humanitarian professionals have become influential commentators of government policies seeking the respect of international norms applicable to all despite crises that do not confirm to the norm of respecting individual human rights and dignities. In this context, and in light of new migration flows transforming humanitarian actors, both local and international, potential mediators along migratory routes, Mr. Claude Bruderlein will discuss the evolving role of humanitarians in finding durable and systemic solutions to migratory pressures for the years to come.



Keynote Address 2: The Dynamic Role of Non-State Actors in Migration Processes: New Challenges, Responsibilities, and Opportunities by Alice Szczepanikova

Dr. Alice Szczepanikova is a Migration and Freedom of Movement Adviser at OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in Warsaw. She is responsible for developing and implementing the migration programme of the Democratization Department currently focusing on supporting actors in migrant integration at the national and local level and on developing trainings for human rights defenders at international borders. Prior to joining ODIHR, Alice worked as a policy analyst in the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission in Brussels. She has a PhD in Sociology from the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom and an MPhil in Gender Studies from Central European University in Hungary. Alice recently developed an innovative learning and training tool about migration governance called Destination Europe as a part of the European Migration Network.

Comprehensive migration management is a complicated cross-cutting policy issue. While states have the right to control entry at their borders, they must also adhere to international human rights standards, including the right to seek international protection and non-refoulement. Many OSCE participating States are struggling to develop capacities and safeguards when responding to the challenges related to mixed migration flows. Non-state actors play an increasingly important and often precarious role in providing humanitarian assistance to migrants and refugees, supporting them in accessing relevant legal procedures and in monitoring and documenting human rights violations at borders and beyond. The presentation will address new challenges, responsibilities, and opportunities faced by the non-state actors and their dynamic role in migration management.

Keynote Address 3: Cooperation in National and International Migration and Development Policy by Eduard Gnesa

Eduard Gnesa specializes in political and legal affairs and international cooperation issues, with a particular focus on migration policy. His professional career spans various executive capacities within the Swiss federal administration. These included the Federal Department of Justice and Police, where he served as Director of the Federal Office for Migration, and the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, where he was a Special Envoy for International Cooperation on Migration Issues. Amb. Gnesa has continued to perform various duties since his retirement last year. He is a Delegate for Refugees and Business at the State Secretariat for Migration, he lectures on Swiss and international migration policy at the University of St. Gallen (HSG), and he is a member of various international bodies specializing in migration and refugee affairs.

significant resources to develop a foreign policy on migration that addresses all aspects of migration while also taking national interests into account. To that end, it has developed a toolbox of various instruments - including international and regional dialogues on migration, migration partnerships with individual countries, programs to strengthen the protection of refugees and migrants in their regions of origin, and readmission agreements and cooperation agreements concerning migration - that comprise its foreign policy on migrations. This whole of government approach is complementary to both international efforts and unique needs of people on the move. Amb. Gnesa will discuss these topics covered by Switzerland's foreign policy on migration as an example of good practices and seek to jump start an intelligent conversation on national and international cooperation to find good solutions.

Switzerland, although not a frontline country in terms of irregular and mixed migration flows, has invested



**Panels (11:30 - 13:30)**

Panel 1 - Irregular and Mixed Migrations: Analyzing Actors and their Contributions on the Ground

Achieved Activities of the Inspectorate of the Service for Foreigner's Affairs Represent a Significant Contribution to Overall Security by Rade Kovač

Contribution to the Management of the Migration Crisis from the Aspect of Police Management in Bosnia and Herzegovina by Emir Efendić

Efficiency of Information Management as a Tool in Prevention of Mistreatment of Migrants within Irregular Migrations in Turkey by Nemanja Božović

Leveraging a Design Thinking Approach to Explore Novel Collaborations by Rebecca Yang, Jamar Williams, and Patience Saaka

The Emergence of Spain as a Reception Country for Asylum Seekers and its Deficiencies: The Case of the

Humanitarian Interpretation Service by María Jesús Cabezón Fernández and Rubén Rodríguez Puertas

Legal Position of Civil Aviation in Cases of Smuggling of Illegal Migrants and Deportations by Enis Latić and Izudin Hasanović

The Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) Framework in Practice: Reflections on Implementation by Christie Bacal-Mayencourt

The Role of the Catholic Church in Working with Children and Youth on the Move: The Case of the Social Corners in reception camps for migrants in Bosnia and Herzegovina by Šimo Maršić, Lorena Trupiano, and Antonio Topalović

Venezuelan Migration Crisis: Regional and Local Responses by João Roriz and Suzete Bessa

Panel 2 - Migrating and Moving: Examining Migration Flows in an International Context

Access Prohibited: Asylum Denial and Border Violence amid Humanitarian Crisis on the Balkan Route by Emina Kuhinja

Implications of Ukrainian Humanitarian Response on European Migratory Flows by Maura James

Influencing Migratory Patterns into and out of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Factors at the Point of Origin, the Transit Space, and the Destination Place by Amer Kurtović and Sanel Safić

Managing Mobility Along the Balkan Route: Im/mobility Practices and Bordering Architectures by Synnøve Bendixsen

Migration Crisis in Serbia: Challenges and Solution by Lepa Babić and Sandra Dabić

Migration Management as a Tool of Foreign Policy: Cases of Belarus, France, and Turkey by Alija Kožljak and Haris Šehović

Sociological Aspects of Facing the Migration Crisis: Bosnia and Herzegovina Context of the Global Challenge by Muedib Šahinović

The Fortification of Europe and the Denial of Migrants' Humanity by Andrea Vågen

Panel 3 - People on the Move: Exploring Human Rights and International Protection while in Transit

Drama and Theater Approach in Teaching Bosnian as a Foreign Language to Migrant / Refugee Children in Bosnia and Herzegovina by Nermina Delić and Vildana Pečenković

Gender Perspectives on Irregular and Mixed Migrations through Bosnia and Herzegovina by Lejla Ramić-Mesihović

The Environmental and Climate Migration Project by Veronica Dini, Luca Saltalamacchia, and Tiziana Bandini

The Environmental and Climate Migrants by Veronica Dini and Tiziana Bandini

The Legal Protection of Climate Refugees in the European Union by Erika Moranduzzo

Migrants' Climate Science Before Courts? Making Room for Qualitative Narratives by Anna Berti Suman

Upholding Human Rights of the People in the Move in Bosnia and Herzegovina by Sara Arslanagić, Marina Mitrović, and Sara Vukičević



Protection Challenges: The Role of International Humanitarian Actors and Governmental Authorities in Addressing Key Vulnerabilities of Communities and People on the Move by Camilla Gray and Antonio Salgado Delgado

Provision of Protection Services to Vulnerable Populations on the Move: An Empirical Study of Cases from the Field by Heather Komenda

#### Panel 4 - Emigration, and Immigration: Studying Causes and Effects

Arc of Noah is Draining: A Comparative Study of Albanian and Kosovar University Youth Contemporary Immigration Case by Matilda Likaj and Klodjan Shqiri

Connecting Academic Success and Post-Graduation Emigration on the Case of International Burch University by Amer Kurtović and Ada Selmanović

Drivers of Youth Emigration: A Taxonomy of the Profiles of Youth Emigrants by Adisa Čakanović and Irena Žarić

Effects of Migration with Endogenous Labor Supply and Heterogeneous Skills by Gianfranco Atzeni, Luca G. Deidda, Marco Delogu, and Dimitri Paolini

Ethnicity and Cultural Politics as a Case of Student-Centric Educational Intervention against Xenophobia by Anej Manović and Dželila Mekić

Factors Influencing the Emigration of Healthcare and Information, Communication, and Technology Workers from Bosnia and Herzegovina by Michael Newson

Migrations and Extreme Nationalism by Zlatko Hadžidedić

Migration and Youth – New Perspectives in the Post COVID Era. Case Study: Republic of North Macedonia by Arta Xhelili, Elisabeta Bajrami Ollugu, Rizvan Sulejmani, and Murat Aliu

Perception of the Impact of Immigration in Nine European Countries by Gabriele Ruii

#### Workshops (14:00 - 15:30)

##### Workshop 1 - Informing the Design of Migration Management Studies

Despite the recent proliferation of study programs in the field of migration studies, there are presently only three migration management study programs in Europe. This trend has not followed labor market needs, which is one of the reasons why migration management efforts have tended to flounder in the face of increasing migratory pressures. To that end, International Burch University through its Department of International Relations and European Studies and with the support of the Social Sciences Research Center has decided to partner with

the University of Sassari in Italy to establish a multidisciplinary study program at the second cycle of studies in migration management to leverage students' previous education in various other fields and produce specially trained graduates. This workshop seeks to engage with practitioners in the format of a listening session to collect feedback to inform the design of the Master program, as well as other educational opportunities that can be designed based on this conversation.

##### Workshop 2 - Simulation of the Tool "Destination Europe"

Destination Europe, developed as a part of the European Migration Network, is an engaging discussion platform that introduces users to migration and integration decision-making. They take up roles of various actors involved at the EU, national and city level and immerse themselves in different future scenarios about migration. These stories are based on evidence and illustrate potential outcomes of migration policy

decisions for different groups of migrants such as asylum seekers, labor and irregular migrants and citizens of EU countries where migrants settle. Participants engage in role play and step outside of their comfort zone to better understand the positions of various actors in the migration debate, whilst remaining fact-based throughout the entirety of the exercise. Dr. Alice Szczepanikova will facilitate two parallel sessions



for interested participating, in addition to a simultaneous training of trainers session for selected participants.

### Workshop 3 - Building Inclusive and Resilient Communities

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### Conclusions and Recommendations (15:45 - 16:30)

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