

9th EMN Educational Seminar on Migration: Protection of Migrants in Vulnerable Situations

organised by the International Organization for Migration (IOM)
as the coordinator of the EMN Slovakia

Bratislava, Slovakia

3 – 5 July 2023 | www.emnseminar.sk

Draft Programme

Seminar topics:

- migrants on the move and their vulnerabilities
 - power of the passport
- phenomenon of migrant caravans
 - modern slavery and the law

» side activity: Holding On virtual reality stories «

During coffee and lunch breaks, you can immerse yourselves into the lives of internally displaced people (IDPs) by asking them to reflect on their [most cherished possessions](#). The items that displaced people carry with them when they have to leave their homes often become physical representations of a world that has since disappeared. For many, they represent a promise of return. A key, a shirt or a photo can now serve both as a symbol of struggle and a beacon of hope.

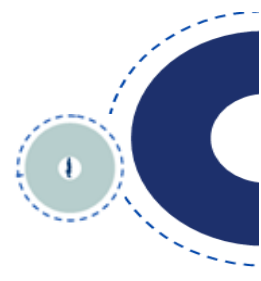
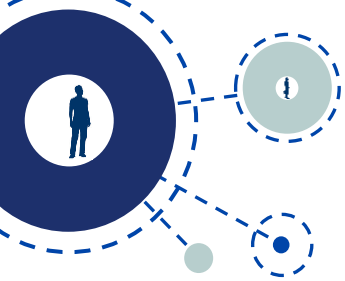
» public events: film screenings «

In the evenings, you can join us to watch films *The New Europeans* about migration in the European Union after recent pandemic and with ongoing conflict in Ukraine, and *Buoyancy* about modern slavery in the fishing industry.

The seminar is organised as in-person event.

The English and Slovak interpreting is provided.

You can register here: <https://www.emnconference.sk/registration.html>



3 July (Monday, 9.00am – 5.00pm CEST): Vulnerabilities, rights, and protection of migrants

Registration

Opening of the seminar

Valon Halimi, Chief of International Organization for Migration (IOM) Slovakia ad interim & Ján Orlovský, Director of Migration Office, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic on behalf of the EMN Slovakia

New and protracted crises: vulnerabilities of migrants and refugees

Jeanette Camarillo, Deputy Director for the Department of Operations and Emergencies (DOE), IOM Headquarters, Switzerland (tbc)

What are we doing to protecting migrants in the 21st century and what needs to be done?

tbc

Coffee break

Health challenges in the whole migration cycle and displacement

Nassim Majidi, Founder, Executive Director of Research & Policy, Migration & Displacement Pillar Lead, Samuel Hall, Kenya

Lunch

Gender and migration (lecture + workshop)

Melissa Siegel, Professor of Migration Studies at United Nations University-MERIT and Maastricht University, The Netherlands

Coffee break

Vulnerabilities of working migrants and migrant children in the global economy

Samuel Okyere, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, SPAIS, University of Bristol, United Kingdom

Wrap-up of the first seminar day

Evening Programme

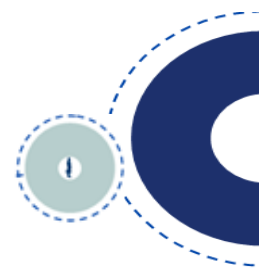
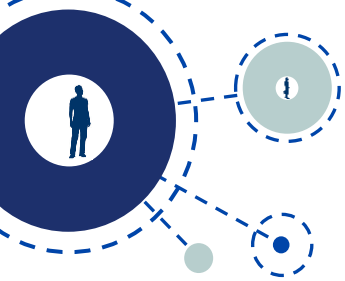
EMN Discussion Evening: The New Europeans

(Time: 19.30 – 21.30 CEST | Place: Kino Mladost', Hviezdoslavovo námestie 17, Bratislava, Slovakia)

The Slovak premiere of the documentary film *The New Europeans* (2022, 52min; English and Slovak subtitles), by Nina Maria Paschalidou. **Free public event followed by a discussion with experts.**

The humanitarian catastrophe triggered by the war in Ukraine and the complex reception structures for refugees created in record time show how contradictory Europe is when it comes to refugees. Some are welcomed with open arms, others are rejected. But foreign workers play a crucial role in the European economy, even if Europe seems to do its best to keep the majority of economic migrants out.





4 July (Tuesday, 9.00am – 5.00pm CEST): Power of the passport & phenomenon of migrant caravans

The global mobility and visa cost regime

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Smuggling and organized criminal networks in migration flows

Dardan Koçani, Field Coordinator for Kosovo, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime

Coffee break

The Power of Passport – documentary screening and discussion

Simona Carnino, a freelance Journalist and Documentarist, Italy

Lunch

Organised Migrants in Central America and Mexico: an exercise of collective (em)power(ment)

Abril Ríos, DPhil candidate in Migration Studies, Oxford Centre on Migration, Policy, and Society, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Coffee break

Regularisation and other ways to protect undocumented migrants / migrants in irregular situations

Michele LeVoy, Director of the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM), Belgium

Wrap-up of the second seminar day

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EMN Film Screening: Buoyancy

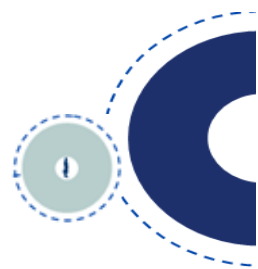
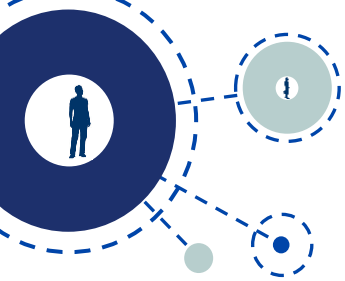
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The Slovak premiere of the drama film Buoyancy based on real events (2019, 1h 32min; English and Slovak subtitles; trailer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_bu10Ao-oM) by Rodd Rathjen. A story of a Cambodian teenager sold into forced labour on a Thai fishing boat is a passionate testimony against social injustice and a moving coming-of-age tale about a boy whose humanity is put to the test.

Free public event.





5 July (Wednesday, 9.00am – 4.00pm CEST): Modern slavery and the law

**Slavery is not a crime in almost half the countries in the world – how can we change that?
(lecture + workshop)**

Katarina Schwarz, Assistant Professor in Antislavery Law and Policy & Associate Director of the Rights Lab, at the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

Coffee break

Global estimates and datasets on human trafficking & examples of effective assistance to the victims

Heather Komenda, Senior Regional Thematic Specialist for Protection, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Regional Office for South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Austria

Trafficking in human beings within the European Union

EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator Office (tbc)

Lunch

How to best cover and communicate human trafficking stories? Tips for policymakers and journalists

Martha Mendoza, Investigative Journalist & Pulitzer prize-winner, Associated Press (AP), USA

Concluding remarks and handing over of the certificates

What is the EMN?

The European Migration Network (EMN) is an EU network of migration and asylum experts who work together to provide objective, comparable policy-relevant information and knowledge on emerging issues relating to asylum and migration in Europe. The network is coordinated by the European Commission (DG Migration and Home Affairs) and comprises National Contact Points for all EU Member States (except Denmark) as well as Norway, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Montenegro, Armenia, and Serbia as observers.

Coordinator of the EMN National Contact Point for the Slovak Republic is the International Organization for Migration (IOM), other members are the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic. The activities of the EMN in Slovakia are funded by the European Union and co-funded by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic. Further information is available at www.emn.sk and www.ec.europa.eu/emn. For any queries please contact us at ncpslovakia@iom.int.