

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

Hotel Devín, Riečna 4, Bratislava, Slovakia
3 – 5 July 2023 | www.emnseminar.sk

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 in the virtual reality 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.

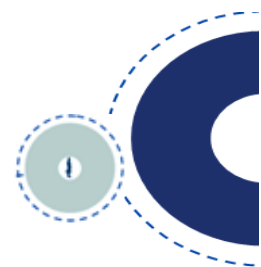
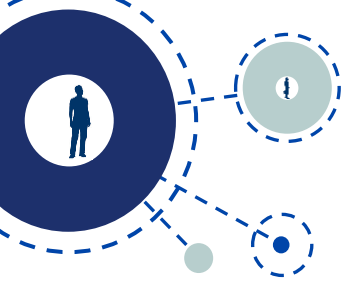
» public events: film screenings «

In the evenings, you can join us to watch films [Buoyancy](#) about modern slavery in the fishing industry, and [The New Europeans](#) about migration in the European Union after recent pandemic and with ongoing conflict in Ukraine, followed by discussion with experts.

The seminar is organised as in-person event.

The English and Slovak interpreting is provided.

Moderated by Katarína Kubovičová, Soňa Oboňová, and Natália Ulrichová from EMN Slovakia coordinating team.



3 July (Monday, 9.00 – 16.30 CEST): Vulnerabilities, rights, and protection of migrants

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.10 Opening of the seminar

*Katarína Kubovičová, Coordinator of EMN Slovakia, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Slovakia &
Ján Orlovský, Director of Migration Office, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic & EMN Steering Board member for the Slovak Republic*

9.10 – 9.30 Opening key note speech: Vulnerability in migration and displacement

Valon Halimi, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Slovakia & EMN National Steering Board member

9.30 – 10.30 New and protracted crises: vulnerabilities of migrants and refugees (online)

Federico Soda, Director of the Department of Operations and Emergencies (DOE), IOM Headquarters, Switzerland

10.30 – 10.50 Situational vulnerabilities of foreigners and people in need of protection in Slovakia

Ján Orlovský, Director of Migration Office, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic & EMN Steering Board member for the Slovak Republic

10.50 – 11.05 Coffee break

11.05 – 12.00 Migration and health: challenges and needs across the migration cycle (online)

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

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Gender and migration (including workshop)

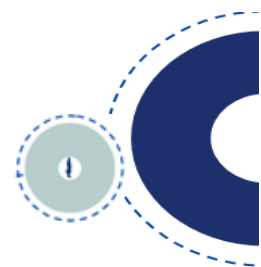
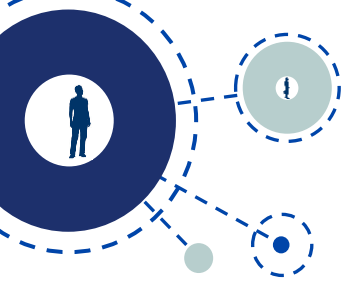
Melissa Siegel, Professor of Migration Studies at United Nations University-MERIT and Maastricht University, The Netherlands

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee break

15.15 – 16.15 Vulnerabilities of working migrants and migrant children in the global economy (including workshop)

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

16.15 – 16.30 Wrap-up of the first seminar day



Evening public event on 3 July

EMN Discussion Evening: The New Europeans

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

Free public event. Tickets will be available at the cinema before the screening from 18.30 CEST.

The Slovak premiere of the documentary film *The New Europeans* (2022, 52min; English and Slovak subtitles), by Nina Maria Paschalidou.

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.

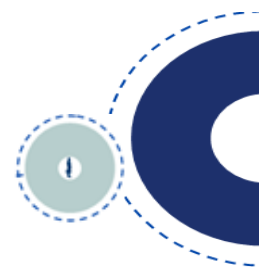
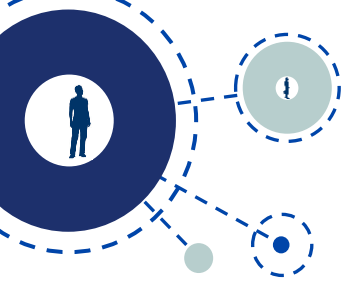


Film is followed by a discussion with experts on migration, migration policies and long-term attitudes of the public towards foreigners in Slovakia in the light of wider economic, demographic, and social realities. More light on these topics will be shed by

- Ján Orlovský, Director of the Slovak Ministry of Interior's Migration Office
- Oľga Gyárfášová, Sociologist & Associate Professor at the Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Comenius University in Bratislava, and
- Lucia Mýtina Kureková, Labour Migration Expert & Senior Researcher at the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

Moderated by Zuzana Vatrálková, Chief of Mission at International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Ireland. Discussion will be held in Slovak with no interpreting.

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4 July (Tuesday, 9.00 – 17.15 CEST): Power of the passport & phenomenon of migrant caravans

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.45 Passports, visas: coats of arms of a feudalistic mindset

Boldizsár Nagy, Associate Professor, Central European University, Austria

9.45 – 10.45 The global mobility and access to identity (online)

Baptiste Amieux, Regional Immigration and Border Governance Specialist, Policy and Programme Support Division, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Regional Office for the EEA, the EU and NATO, Belgium

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Smuggling and organized criminal networks in migration flows: focus on Southeast Europe

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

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.45 The Power of Passport – documentary screening and discussion

Simona Carnino, freelance Journalist and Documentarist, Italy

14.45 – 15.45 “Alone, we go fast. Together, we go further”. Migrants’ collective (dis-)empowerment in the Americas (online)

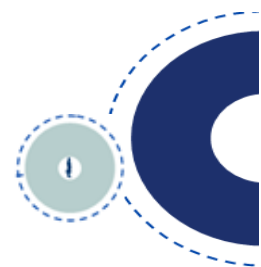
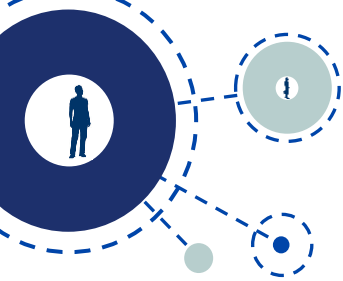
Abril Ríos, DPhil candidate in Migration Studies, Oxford Centre on Migration, Policy, and Society, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00 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

17.00 – 17.15 Wrap-up of the second seminar day



Evening public event on 4 July

EMN Documentary Screening: **Buoyancy**

(Time: 19.30 – 21.00 CEST | Place: Kino Mladosť, Hviezdoslavovo námestie 17, Bratislava, Slovakia)

Free public event. Tickets will be available at the cinema before the screening from 18.30 CEST.

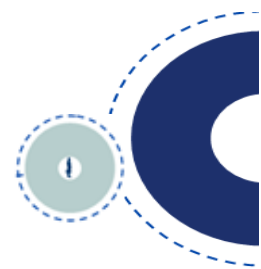
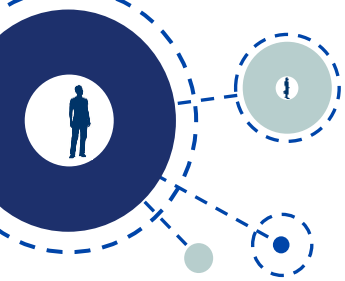
The Slovak premiere of the drama film *Buoyancy* based on real events (2019, 1h 32min; English and Slovak subtitles; trailer:

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. This captivating drama shines a light on the horrors that so many people are living through at this very moment.



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5 July (Wednesday, 9.00 – 16.15 CEST): Modern slavery and the law

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 10.30 Slavery is not a crime in almost half the countries in the world – how can we change that? (including workshop)

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

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 11.45 The global anti-trafficking framework: overview, issues and debates (including workshop)

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

11.45 – 12.30 Trafficking in human beings within the European Union (online)

Zsuzsanna Felkai Janssen, Anti-Trafficking Team Leader, EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator Office, Belgium

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 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

15.00 – 16.00 How to best cover and communicate human trafficking stories? Tips for policymakers and journalists (online)

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

16.00 – 16.15 Concluding remarks & handing over the seminar certificates of participation*

** for participants who attended the entire seminar*

Valon Halimi, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Slovakia

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, Republic of 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.