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Mother Teresa University in Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

21-22 May 2026

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

09:00 -- 09:30 Registration (Conference room B102)

09:30 - 10:00 Opening Plenary Session

Video call link for online participants:

Moderator: Mrs. Drenusha Kamberi, Conference Coordinator, Faculty of Social Sciences (MTU)

Welcoming Speeches

09:30 -- 09:35 Mr. Bekim Fetaji, Rector, Mother Teresa University- Skopje

09:35 -- 09:40 Mr. Bekim Sali, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia and Minister of European Affairs

09:40 -- 09:45 Mr. Sani Demiri, Vice-Rector, Mother Teresa University- Skopje

09:45 -- 09:50 Mr. Vlado Gjerdovski Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance - Skopje

09:50 -- 10:00 Mr. Bejtulla Emini Conference Chair and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences (MTU)

10:00 -- 10:15 Coffe Break





Moderator: Mrs. Elisabeta Bajrami Ollogu

Conference Keynote Session

10:20 -- 10:35 Dr. Robert Pichler Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria - "*Migration in, from and to North Macedonia*".

10:35 -- 10:50 Dr. Helga Špadina Faculty of Law Osijek, Croatia "*Digital Technologies - Diaspora Engagement, and Transnational Networks*"

10:50 -- 11:05 Dr. Maria Koinova University of Warwick, UK - "*Migration Politics, Diplomacy and Activism in an Age of Democratic Decline*"

Moderators and Discussants: Mrs.Drenusha Kamberi & Mr. Rizvan Sulejmani,

Book Promotion,

11:30 -- 11:50 Dr. Mimoza Dushi "*Migration and Identities in Motion: Voices from the Kosovo Albanian Diaspora*"

Moderator: Mrs. Arta Xhelili

Panel Discussion

11:50 -- 12:05 Mrs. Vanja Lazaradis, International Organization of Migration (IOM)

12:05 -- 12:20 Mr. Jasmin Redjepi, Legis

12:20 -- 12:35 Mrs. Sandra Tomovska, Red Cross – Skopje

12:35 -- 13:35 Lunch Break





13:40 -- 16:00 Parallel Working sessions

13:40 -- 16:00 Main Conference Room B102

Session I - Migration Governance, Policy and Institutional Challenges

Moderators and Discussants: Daniel Pavlovski & Enver Abdullahi & Drenusha Kamberi & Avni Avdiu

1. Foreign Workers and Secondary Labour Migration in North Macedonia / Sandra Tomovska
2. Family Law and Migration in the Republic of North Macedonia: Legal Challenges in Cross-Border Relations / Rudina Kaja & Safet Asani
3. Protecting Migrant Women from Violence in International Migration Law -- The Case of North Macedonia / Luljeta Xhemali & Burbuqe Idrizi
4. North Macedonia's Waiting Period for EU Accession and Its Demographic Impact / Fati Iseni & Agim Jakupi
5. The Absent Electorate: Immigration and Its Future Consequences on the Local Electoral Processes in the Republic of North Macedonia / Shkodran Ameti & Drenusha Kamberi
6. Electronic Wills and Testamentary Freedom in the Era of Migration and Digitalization: Civil Law and Common Law Approaches / Bardhyl Limani
7. Artificial Intelligence and Migration Management: Human Rights and Border Security Perspectives / Rahim Jashari
8. Migration and Its Causes in the 21st Century / Shpendim Oxha & Valon Bela
9. The Role of EU Agencies in the Approximation of Migration Policies: The Case of North Macedonia / Enver Abdullahi

Concluding remarks





13:40 -- 16:00 Conference Room 107

Session II - Media, Identity and Social Integration in Migration Context

Moderators and Discussants: Sunaj Raimi, Agron Kurtishi & Nita Beluli & Agron Vrangalla, Bejtulla Emini

1. From Exposure to Attitude: Social Media and the Rise of Xenophobia in a Multi-Ethnic Context / Arta Xhelili & Nita Beluli Luma
2. Media Framing of Migration in North Macedonia: A Content Analysis of News in Online Media / Behar Osmani
3. Media Framing of Migration and Its Influence on Public Perceptions in North Macedonia: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Crime, Security, and Humanitarian Narratives / Agron Vrangalla, Arta Xhelili, Agron Kurtishi & Avni Avdiu
4. Neither Fully Here Nor There? Belonging and Identity Among Young Migrants from North Macedonia Living Abroad / Elisabeta Bajrami Ollogu, Hava Rexhep, Mirlinda Bilalli & Avni Avdiu
5. Religious Populism as Challenge for the Albanian Diaspora / Avni Avdiu & Drenusha Kamberi
6. Sports Policies for Migrants as an Instrument of Social Integration: Analysis of International and Regional Approaches -- Case Study: North Macedonia / Blerim Saiti, Enver Abdullahi, Sedat Baftiu, Bejtulla Emini & Agon Saiti
7. The Impact of Emigration on the Decline in the Number of Students in the Schools of Struga / Fluturim Bajrami
8. Navigating Modern Challenges: Determinants of Adolescent Mental-Health Distress and Social-Work Responses in Post-Pandemic North Macedonia / Natasha Dimeska & Marjan Dabeski
9. The Need for Migration and the Institutionally Dormant State: The Case of North Macedonia / Hava Rexhep, Nora Taravari & Adelina Haskaj
10. Democracy in the Face of Migration: A Theoretical-Sociological Analysis of Political Representation, Social Integration, and Democratic Cohesion / Denis Raufi

Concluding remarks





13:40 -- 16:00 Conference Room 106

Session III - Labour Migration, Youth Mobility and Brain Drain

Moderators and Discussants: Izet Zeqiri & Fati Iseni & Mirlinda Bilalli & Hava Rexhepi

1. Educational Policies and Talent Retention: Impact on Youth Migration in North Macedonia / Hava Rexhepi, Avni Avdiu, Mirlinda Bilalli, Adelina Haskaj & Nora Taravari
2. The Incoherence of Social and Educational Policies and Its Impact on Youth Migration and the Flight of Human Capital in North Macedonia / Hava Rexhepi, Elisabeta Bajrami Ollogu & Daniel Pavlovski
3. The Impact of Migration on Unemployment in the Western Balkan Countries: A Panel Econometric Analysis / Blerta Kondri, Izet Zeqiri & Zana Beqiri Luma
4. Human Resource Management Strategies for Reducing the Effects of Labor Migration in SMEs in North Macedonia / Bujamin Bela & Besarta Alija
5. Emigration of the Medical and Nursing Students / Bajram Kamberi, Drenusha Kamberi, Farije Kamberi, Gojart Kamberi & Avni Avdi
6. MIGRATION AND EDUCATION: OPPORTUNITY OR OBSTACLE? / Bukurie Imeri-Jusufi, Teuta Jusufi Zenku, Arife Imeri- Shaini
7. Democracy in the Face of Migration: A Theoretical-Sociological Analysis of Political Representation, Social Integration, and Democratic Cohesion / Denis Raufi

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Session IV (Online) -- International Perspectives on Migration

Moderators and discussants: Diturije Ismaili & Arta Xhelili & Agon Saiti & Elisabeta Bajrami Ollogu & Blerim Saiti

1. Digital Migration and Diasporic Consciousness in the Age of AI/ Mehraj Hussain Para
2. SHQIPE: Algorithmic Belonging Work in Second-Generation British Albanian Influencers on Instagram / Ilir Saliu
3. Climate-Induced Migration and Human Rights in Bangladesh: Towards a Domestic Legal Framework for Internally Displaced Persons / Md. Rakibul Hasan Roni
4. Democracy, Rule of Law and European Integration / Albana Jeminaj
5. Migration and Social Work: Challenges and Opportunities in Social Integration / Ferdi Kamberi, Sherif Sejdiu & Artan Nimani
6. Labor Mobility and Migration in the Global South: Political Economy Dynamics and Market Inequalities / Jannatul Ferdous
7. Migration, Peace and Geopolitics / Gazmend Hoxha
8. Migration of Albanian Youth as an Economic Factor and Social Challenge / Halim Bajraktari & Dafina Abdullahu
9. AI-Driven Migration Governance in South Asia: Digital Identity and Climate Mobility in Bangladesh--India Labor Migration / Ramisa Tabassum & Mahamudul Hasan
10. From Border Control to Predictive Migration Governance: AI, Climate Mobility, and Digital Governance in Bangladesh--India Migration Diplomacy / Mahamudul Hasan & Ramisa Tabassum
11. Invisible in the Curriculum: A Systematic Audit of Climate Change, Environmental Risk, and Displacement in Humanitarian Education Programmes / Upanto Ahmed
12. Reassessing Refugee Exclusion in Terrorism Cases: Article 1F of the 1951 Convention and EU Asylum Governance / Mafruza Sultana
13. Responsibility to Protect in the Era of Climate Change: Expanding the Scope of R2P / Rokeya Romana Pinkey
14. Free Movement of Workers in the EU Accession Process: Legal Approximation, Labour Market Asymmetries, and the Fiscal Cost of Out-Migration in Albania and the Western Balkans / Florjan Salaj & Enkeleida Pulaj





15. Irregular Migration and Border Security Challenges in Kosovo: The Role of the Kosovo Police / Gentianë Morina & Rahim Jashari

16. The Impact of Migration from Iran on Visual Arts: Identity, Belonging, and Cultural Reconstruction / Gonca Türk

17. The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Migration and Border Management in Kosovo: Challenges for Public Safety and Human Rights / Vilard Bytyqi

Concluding remarks (online)





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22 May 2026

10:00 -- 12:00 Photography Exhibition "Harmony in Unity" (Conference room B102)

10:00 - 10:25 Mrs. Drenusha Kamberi & Mr. Isan Ajdari "When host society becomes homeland"

10:25-10:50 Mrs. Qazime Sherifi "Migration Memory of Prespa"

10:55 - 11:20 Mrs. Genta Spahiu Mirzo "Within the frame" - Narrative behind photography

11:20-11:45 Mr. Edon Sulejmani & Mr. Emir Bakiu "Digital platforms bridging diaspora networks"

11:45 -11:55 Mrs. Zulejha Saiti "Voice of Violin"

