



Migration, Mobility and Human Rights In the Mediterranean and Beyond

Human Rights Programme of the University of Malta
15th December 2016

Valletta Campus

Conference Programme

8.30am Registration

9am **Welcome Address by Professor Kevin Aquilina**
Dean of the Faculty of Laws

9.05am **Keynote Speech: Professor Barbara Harrell-Bond**
Leading figure in the field of refugee studies

Panel 1: State and EU Perspective

10am **Dr Jean-Pierre Gauci & Ms Christine M. Cassar** - *Behind the Curve: What Europe could have learnt from Malta's migration experience*
Dr Isolde Quadranti - *Protecting the Human Rights of Unaccompanied Children*
Dr Kathleen Vella - *Increased Mobility as a Viable Durable Solution to Migration*
Dr David E. Zammit & Ms Ruth Chircop - *Vernacularizing Asylum Law in Malta*

11.20am Coffee Break

Panel 2: International and National Perspective

11.40am **Dr Ugo Mifsud Bonnici**: *Universal Human Rights and Non-Universal Judicial Remedies*
Dr Kurt Xerri - *Housing Rights for Asylum Seekers: Scope for greater public involvement*
Dr Michael Briguglio & Dr Maria Brown - *Savings Migrants in the Mediterranean Sea: Interaction between states and NGOs*

1pm Break

Panel 3: Substantive Rights and Policy

2.30pm **Dr Gisele Correia da Silva** - *Gender-sensitivity of the Maltese Asylum System and the Interpretation of the 1951 Refugee Convention with a Focus on Women's Gender-based Persecution Claims*
Dr Marc Koscieljew - *The iRefugee Phenomenon: Information's importance for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants*
Dr Valeska Padovese - *Human Mobility and Access to Care: New challenges for policymakers and healthcare providers*

3.30pm Coffee Break

4pm Discussion

4.30pm **Closing Speech by Dr Austin Bencini**
Chairperson of the Human Rights Programme