



## OTHERSIDE // EUROPE A Transatlantic Roundtable on Human Mobility

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[Agora Europe](#) and [Studio Europa Maastricht](#) will organize on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 11h00 AM EST / 05h00 PM CEST to 02h40 PM EST/ 08h40 PM CEST, a transatlantic roundtable on human mobility. The live webinar will tackle different topics, in relation to migration; the concept of borders, sea rescue and saving lives, discrimination, xenophobia and counternarratives, with a particular focus on COVID-19, while taking into consideration the [Global Compact for Migration](#)<sup>1</sup> and the [New EU Pact on Migration and Asylum](#). On this occasion, Agora Europe will also launch its new initiative “Dictionary on Mobility and Borders” (DMB)<sup>2</sup>. The roundtable is co-sponsored by the [United Nations Network on Migration](#), Columbia University [Committee on Forced Migration](#), [Alliance Program](#), [Maison Française](#), [Sciences Po CERI](#), [Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University](#), [UNIMED-Mediterranean Universities Union](#) and [United Nations University UNU-MERIT](#) and is part of the “OTHERSIDE // EUROPE” Series inaugurated at [Columbia University](#) in 2019. Scholars and practitioners from different regions and institutions will share their field and research insights during the conference (see the draft program on p. 2):

- Etienne Balibar, Columbia University (Confirmed)
- Naor Ben-Yehoyada, Columbia University (Confirmed)
- Magali Bessone, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (Confirmed)
- Claude Calame, EHESS (Confirmed)
- Ariane Chebel d'Appollonia, Sciences Po / Rutgers University (Confirmed)
- Caterina Di Fazio, Maastricht University (Confirmed)
- Maria Giannacopoulos, Flinders University (Confirmed)
- Ayten Gundogdu, Columbia University (Confirmed)
- Virginie Lefèvre, Amel Association Internationale (Confirmed)
- Monami Maulik, United Nations Network on Migration Secretariat, Civil Society Liaison Officer (Confirmed)
- Rosalind Morris, Columbia University (Confirmed)
- Daniel Naujoks, Columbia University (Confirmed)
- Kalypto Nicolaidis, University of Oxford / European University Institute (Confirmed)
- Marcello Scalisi, UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union, Director (Confirmed)

<sup>1</sup> **Roundtable 2 - GCM objective 8:** Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants; **GCM objective 9:** Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants; **GCM objective 10:** Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking in persons in the context of international migration; **GCM objective 11:** Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner; **Roundtable 4 - GCM objective 1:** Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies; **GCM objective 3:** Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration; **GCM objective 7:** Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration; **GCM objective 17:** Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration; **GCM objective 23:** Strengthen international cooperation & global partnerships for safe, orderly & regular migration.

<sup>2</sup> The “Dictionary on Mobility and Borders” (DMB) is an academic and cultural project, consisting of an action-oriented handbook with critical entries of 8.000/10.000 characters, based on a multi-stakeholder approach. It aims to provide an extensive and structured contribution to the ongoing global debate on human mobility among scholars, practitioners and representatives. The DMB will contribute to create a common lexicon and will serve as a critical tool to generate a new political discourse on migration and shape counternarratives vis-à-vis discrimination and xenophobia.

- Costanza Sciubba Caniglia, Harvard Kennedy School (Confirmed)
- Melissa Siegel, UNU-MERIT / Maastricht University (Confirmed)
- Kian Tajbakhsh, Columbia University (Confirmed)
- Anna Triandafyllidou, Ryerson University (Confirmed)
- Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, Sciences Po (Confirmed)

### Draft program

Time	Session	Speakers
05h00-06h00 PM CET	<i>Introductory Remarks</i> Presentation of Agora Europe, SEM, the CFM and the UN Network on Migration; the "whole-of-society" approach and the main outcomes and expectations of the regional reviews/IMRF; keynote  Moderator: Caterina DI FAZIO, Maastricht	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caterina DI FAZIO, SEM</li> <li>• Kian TAJBAKHS, CFM</li> <li>• Monami Pisky MAULIK, UNNM</li> <li>• Tbc</li> <li>• Emmanuel KATTAN, Alliance</li> <li>• Marcello SCALISI, UNIMED</li> <li>• Etienne BALIBAR, CU</li> </ul>
06h00-07h10 PM CET	<i>I. Saving lives, protecting migrants, and advocacy for humane cross-border mobility</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naor BEN-YEHOYADA, CU</li> <li>• Claude CALAME, EHESS</li> <li>• Maria GIANNACOPOULOS, Flinders</li> <li>• Ayten GUNDOGDU, Barnard</li> <li>• Virginie LEFEVRE, Amel</li> <li>• Melissa SIEGEL, UNU-MERIT</li> <li>• Catherine WIHTOL DE WENDEN, Sciences Po CERI</li> </ul>
07h10-07h20 PM CET	<i>Break</i>	
07h20-08h30 PM CET	<i>II. Enhancing cooperation on evidence-based migration policymaking and public debate</i>  Moderator: Virginie LEFEVRE, Amel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magali BESSONE, Paris 1</li> <li>• Ariane CHEBEL D'APPOLLONIA, Sciences Po CEE</li> <li>• Rosalind MORRIS, CU</li> <li>• Daniel NAUJOKS, CFM</li> <li>• Kalypso NICOLAIDIS, Oxford</li> <li>• Costanza SCIUBBA CANIGLIA, Harvard</li> <li>• Anna TRIANDAFYLLIDOU, Ryerson</li> </ul>
08h30-08h40 PM CET	Recommendations and Ways Forward	tbc

### Practicalities

- Scholars and practitioners of *Agora Europe's* network, and other experts will be invited to attend a closed workshop on the topic of human mobility on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11h30 AM EST / 05h30 PM CET (expected duration: 2h30) primarily to help inform the transatlantic roundtable and define further its outcomes. Participants will be invited to share experiences and practices, in turn furthering cooperation towards the development of common approaches to dignified migration, addressing discrimination and social justice in the migration field.
- Speakers will be asked to share the outline or text of their presentation (10 mins), prior to the workshop, by May 8<sup>th</sup> COB.
- The roundtable will be held on zoom and broadcasted live on different social media platforms. Technical information will be provided to all speakers 1 week prior to the event.
- On May 25<sup>th</sup>, texts shared by participants will be published by *Agora Europe* on several media platforms. The texts will also be used to collate a series of recommendations vis-à-vis "Saving lives, protecting migrants, and advocacy for humane cross-border mobility" and "Enhancing cooperation on evidence-based migration policymaking and public debate" which will also be published on *Agora Europe's* website, as well as on global media platforms, and made publicly available to audiences at large.

*Agora Europe* is a transatlantic series on human mobility jointly co-founded at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University and Columbia University in 2018 by Etienne Balibar, Caterina Di Fazio, and several other scholars and practitioners. It aims to inaugurate and promote a transnational debate—reaching across Europe and beyond—on the scale, scope, and substance of the European political space, as well as on migration, unsettlement, forced displacement and disappearances narratives and counternarratives. The purpose of these debates is to encourage cooperation, promote inclusion, and develop connections across Euro-Mediterranean and Atlantic regions, questioning the meaning of citizenship and its limits in an age of mass migration and global interconnection. In order to facilitate these debates, *Agora Europe* functions as a permanent and itinerant agora, bringing together scholars, representatives, practitioners, cultural actors, migrants and citizens to share their experiences and make their voices heard. The *Agora Europe Series* prompted the organization of a cultural and artistic festival funded by Fondazione Cariparma and over 30 public and live events on topics pertaining to saving lives, the Sea as connector and not a border, countering hate speech and advocating for inclusive policies. Since 2020, *Agora Europe* is a non-profit association registered at Hendaye’s City Hall, France. It coordinated and presented at the European University Institute, the European Parliament, the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Columbia University and Studio Europa Maastricht [Charta 2020](#), the first charter of European public goods, recently promoted the [Joint Statement on Sea Rescue](#), jointly published in the US, UK, France, Italy and Senegal, and is currently implementing several other projects, including the *Otherside // Europe Series*. *Agora Europe* was recently awarded the Europe for Citizens grant of the European Commission for the project “EU-MED”.