

## International Forum

# Migration Crisis in Europe: Is America a Bystander?

Monday, February 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Cole Cinema (Campus Center), St Mary's College of Maryland

### Speakers

**Dr. Martin Geiger** from *Carleton University* in Ottawa (Canada) where he teaches and writes about migration and mobility, focusing on the multitude of state and non-state actors involved in governing cross-border mobility. His recent article, "International Organizations and the Politics of Migration" appeared in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. Before Carleton, he worked as Senior Researcher of the renowned European migration research center IMIS at *University of Osnabrück*, Germany. He is a collaborator in a EU-funded, multi-year "Horizon 2020" network and research project on diaspora entrepreneurship.

**Dr. P.E. (Polly) Pallister-Wilkins** teaches at the *University of Amsterdam* (The Netherlands) where she has two regional areas of expertise: the Mediterranean, specifically Greece, and the Middle East. Her current research is concerned with humanitarianism, border policing and the political sociologies of walls, fences and security barriers. She has authored articles such as "Interrogating the Mediterranean: Migration Crisis" (2016) and "How Walls Do Work: Security Barriers as Devices of Interruption and Data Capture: Security Dialogue". She co-authored "Crisis, routine, consolidation: the politics of the Mediterranean migration crisis" (2016). She defended her dissertation at *the University of London*.

**Dr. Ioannis N. Grigoriadis** from Bilkent University in Ankara (Turkey) specializes on European and Middle Eastern and energy politics, nationalism and democratization. He has published such books as *Instilling Religion in Greek and Turkish Nationalism: A "Sacred Synthesis"*, (2012) and *Trials of Europeanization: Turkish Political Culture and the European Union* (2009). Dr. Grigoriadis defended his Ph.D. at the School of Oriental and African Studies, *the University of London* (UK) and also studied at *The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens* (Greece) and *Columbia University* (USA). He speaks fluent Greek, English, German, Turkish, French, very good Russian and good Arabic and Italian.

**Esra Dilek**, is a Ph.D. student at Bilkent University in Ankara (Turkey) who received her M.A. in comparative politics at Josef Korbel School of International Studies at *the University of Denver*. One of her recent conference papers is "Security versus the Human Rights Dilemma in European Union Migration Policy: The Greek Evros Antiimmigrant Fence". She has done research on the processes of post-conflict reconciliation as part of peace building and democratization.

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