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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

16:00 pm: AMPHITHEATER 14, University of Macedonia

20:10 pm: AMPHITHEATER 3, University of

Macedonia



#### Master's in Human Rights and Migration Studies

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# Fundamental rights, values and diversity: conflicts and paradigms

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

11:00 pm Conference Hall, 1st floor, University of Macedonia

16:00 pm Amphitheatre 12, University of Macedonia

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## The Status and the Image of non-Europeans in European societies

## Fundamental rights, values and diversity: conflicts and paradigms

The Jean Monnet Project "Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity" of the University of Macedonia organized a Roundtable on "The Status and Image of Non-Europeans in European Societies", on December 5, 2019 from 16.00 to 22.00 at the University Macedonia, in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair in Intercultural Policy for an Active citizenship and solidarity of the University of Macedonia and the Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Program in Human Rights and Immigration Studies.

The event consisted of a plenary session and two roundtable discussions, with the first two taking place at Amphitheater 14 and the last at Amphitheater 3 of the University of Macedonia.

The speakers of the plenary session on "Challenges for EU Migration and Asylum Policies" were from the European Commission's Legal Service, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the UNHCR, the Greek Council for Refugees, the National Commission for Human Rights and the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia.

The first roundtable discussion on "Minorities and immigrants' representation in the European media and social networks" was co-ordinated by journalist Nikolas Vafiades (Antenna Group). The lecturers were professors from the School of Journalism and Mass Media Communications of

The Jean Monnet Project "Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity" of the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia co-organized a Round Table Discussion, in English, on "Fundamental Rights, Values and Diversity" on 18 December 2019 from 10.30 to 14:30 and from 17:00 to 21:30 at the University of Macedonia.

Co-organizers of the event were the "Culture - Borders - Gender Lab" of the Department of Balkan, Slavic and Eastern Studies of the University of Macedonia, the UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Policy for an Active citizenship and solidarity and the UNESCO Chair on Women and Peace and Security of the University of Macedonia.

The event consisted of a plenary session entitled "Identity claims through fundamental rights - scopes and boundaries" and two roundtable discussions entitled "Gender, Rights and Diversity" and "Assimilation, multiculturalism or civic integration - the role of intercultural skills" that analyzed issues of identity and collective rights of minorities, but also of peoples claiming self-determination, with examples from Scotland and Catalonia, the Balkans and the Europe in general, gender and fundamental rights issues with emphasis on conflict and violence, but also on feminist jurisprudence, and finally multicultural the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the Department of Economics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia.

The second roundtable discussion was entitled "Stereotypes: How the Europeans see and are perceived by the non-Europeans". The keynote speech on stereotypes was given by Assistant Professor Eleni Sideri of the Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies of the University of Macedonia, and there was an interesting discussion revealing the mutual stereotypes that exist. Other speakers were the Executive Director of the Dukakis Center (ACT), the head of the department against racist violence of Thessaloniki, postgraduate and doctoral students, and other citizens of different background or origin.

diversity and cultural pluralism, with emphasis on the role of intercultural skills and competences, of education in values according to the UN approaches and cultural heritage for the purposes of a society.

The speakers were from:

- the Department of International and European Studies and the Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies of the University of Macedonia,
- the School of Law, the School of Journalism and Mass Communications of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Department of English Language and Literature of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki,
- the Department of Political Science of the Democritus University of Thrace,
- the IE University of Madrid,
- UNESCO and
- the Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Greece.

Videos from the two Events can be found at the YouTube Channel of the Project at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCr8y1w4jItjWYAsei2V703g?view\_as=subscriber

Photos from the two Events can be found at the Jean Monnet Project's Website at:

https://jmpeuvadis.uom.gr/category/events/

## **Other News**

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