



IMPROVING EU AND US IMMIGRATION SYSTEMS

Final Conference

SHARED CHALLENGES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE UNITED STATES: EMERGING FROM THE CRISES

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The United States, the European Union, and EU Member States face some similar challenges and opportunities in the field of human mobility and migration, despite the differences between them. As they deal with shifting economic, demographic, and geopolitical circumstances and priorities, not to mention the legacy of a deep recession and a rapidly changing neighbourhood, policymakers on both sides of the Atlantic must ensure that their immigration systems are resilient, flexible, and responsive.

This conference, hosted by the European University Institute (EUI) and the Migration Policy Institute (MPI) will bring together policymakers, analysts, and members of civil society from both sides of the Atlantic to discuss what the European Union and United States can learn from each other as they reform and adjust their immigration systems, and how they can cooperate more effectively on migration issues.

The discussion address the future direction for EU and US immigration policies, drawing on the outcomes of research conducted by EUI and MPI as part of the European project "Improving EU and US Immigration Systems' Capacity for Responding to Global Challenges: Learning from experiences", funded by the European Union. The project has produced a series of research papers and policy briefs that analyze shared challenges on either side of the Atlantic, from demographic change, competitiveness, and immigrant integration, to border security, development, and cooperation with sending countries.



10.00 – 10.30 *Registration and coffee*

10.30 – 11.00 **Session I: Introductory Remarks and Overview of the Project**

Philippe Fargues, Director, Migration Policy Centre, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute

Demetrios Papademetriou, President, Migration Policy Institute

Diane Schmitt, Head of the Immigration and Integration Unit, DG Home Affairs

11.00 – 12.30 **Session II: Immigration, Economic Growth and Competitiveness**

This session will examine the tools that policymakers have at their disposal to enhance immigration's contribution to prosperity. It will assess the role of immigration policy in addressing the impacts of demographic change and improving employers' access to skills, while facilitating immigrant integration.

Chair: **Alessandra Venturini**, Executive Director, CARIM, European University Institute

Speakers: **Hans Dietrich von Loeffelholz**, Head of Economic Research on Migration and Integration, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Germany

Simone Bertoli, Jean Monnet Fellow, European University Institute

Herbert Brücker, Head of the department for International Comparisons and European Integration at the Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Nuremberg

Madeleine Sumption, Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch*

13.30 – 15.00 **Session III: Security Challenges and Transatlantic Cooperation**

The past decade has been a period of rapid change and innovation in the field of border security, as policymakers on either side of the Atlantic have implemented a host of new information and border monitoring systems. This session will examine the lessons that the EU and US can draw from each other's experiences, and assess the prospects for rationalizing and improving their border systems in the future — including through more effective international cooperation with both receiving and sending countries.

Chair: **Elizabeth Collett**, Migration Policy Institute

Speakers: **Frank Düvell**, Senior Researcher, Center on Migration, Policy & Society (COMPAS)

Rey Koslowski, Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, State University of New York

Delphine Perrin, Researcher, European University Institute

15.00 – 15.30 **Session IV: Where Next? The Future of European Immigration Policies and Engagement with the MENA region**

The weak labor market, fiscal crises, and political turmoil in the Middle East and North Africa have presented European policy makers with new challenges, while heightening existing ones. What has changed as a result of these experiences, and how should the EU and Member States respond? Looking forward, how can Europe develop more thoughtful immigration and external engagement policies that meet the continent's needs and inspire public confidence?

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