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CALL FOR PAPERS

THE MIGRATION CRISIS AS A CHALLENGE FOR DEMOCRACY **European Integration and Democracy Series, Vol. 5**

The [Centre for Direct Democracy Studies](#) (CDDS), University of Białystok, Poland (UwB) is pleased to announce a call for papers for the upcoming fifth volume in the *European Integration and Democracy* series, devoted to the challenges for democracy posed by migration in both global and regional contexts.

In 2012, the Centre, aiming to foster both academic research and policy analysis about the challenges posed by European integration to the notion of democracy, established a dedicated, peer-reviewed book series that produced, up-to-date, three volumes, each analysing a single challenge.¹ From the third volume onwards, [Intersentia](#) – a Belgian-based reputable international printing house – publishes the series in accordance with the [Guaranteed Peer-Review Contents](#) (GPRC) standard.

To satisfy its multiple curiosities, for the present volume, the Centre has joined forces with the [Research Group on Fundamental Rights & Constitutionalism](#) (FRC), Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium (VUB), the [Hungarian Europe Society](#), the [Department of International and European Law](#), Masaryk University, the Czech Republic and the [Department of Pedagogical Studies](#), University of Žilina, Slovakia.

Topics of interest

The fifth volume in the series will be devoted to a migration crisis as a challenge for democracy. The recent influx of migrants from war-torn countries in the Middle East and Africa to Europe and its social, legal, economical and political implications gave an impetus to this book. The present migrant crisis – due to its scale, controversy and complexity of both reasons and implications – is rather unprecedented. We are particularly interested in how the presence of an alien amongst the citizens and residents of a country has challenged the very concepts of ethics, democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights. Our interest is not singly focused, but wishes to take into account a range of perspectives: from the global through to regional (e.g. European Union and Visegrad Group) and national levels.

Therefore, in the present call for papers, the Centre asks for high quality multidisciplinary contributions analysing, in particular, the following:

¹ These are: E. Kuźelewska and D. Kloza (eds.), *The Challenges of Modern Democracy and European Integration*, European Integration and Democracy Series, Vol. 1, Aspra-JR: Warsaw-Białystok 2012, 249 pp.; E. Kuźelewska and D. Kloza (eds.), *Elections to the European Parliament as a Challenge for Democracy*, European Integration and Democracy Series, Vol. 2, Aspra-JR: Warsaw-Białystok 2013, 371 pp.; E. Kuźelewska, D. Kloza, I. Kraśnicka and F. Strzyckowski (eds.), *European Judicial Systems as a Challenge for Democracy*, European Integration and Democracy Series, Vol. 3, Intersentia: Cambridge 2015, 244 pp. The fourth volume is currently in preparation and will be published by September 2016 as: D.J.B. Svantesson and D. Kloza (eds.), *Transatlantic Data Privacy Relations as a Challenge for Democracy*, European Integration and Democracy Series, Vol. 4, Intersentia, Cambridge (forthcoming).

- Who are asylum seekers? How do we conceptualise, in law and in other social sciences, the distinction between asylum seekers, economic refugees and economic migrants? Do current definitions in international law and public discourse provide a satisfactory explanation? What are the legal lacunas that must be addressed?
- What are the origins of the migration crisis and the migratory routes (of asylum seekers)? What are the legal responses to minimising the risk of triggering migration flows caused by conflict, natural disasters etc.?
- What is the attitude of a society towards migrants? Does it vary according to the response of the state to the crisis? E.g. does more liberal response lead to more liberal attitude of society?
- What is the role of NGOs in minimising the impact of the migration crisis on the fundamental rights of asylum seekers?
- What is the role of mass media in the framing of the migration crisis?
- Who should decide about accepting migrants: the government or the people in a referendum? Or the European Union? Why?
- How should legal frameworks (international, supranational and national) be adapted to facilitate successful integration of migrants?
- To what extent are the fundamental rights of migrants, especially their privacy as well freedoms of expression and religion, secured?
- How can law assist in facilitating the return of displaced persons to their countries of origin?
- What is the impact of a migration crisis on amendments to immigration law? What direction are these changes going in and what are the consequences for society?

The Centre is unable to remunerate the authors due to its limited financial resources. However, we strongly believe that the scientific and academic outcomes will provide professional satisfaction and interesting exchange to all of the people involved.

Timeline

- **10 September 2016** – deadline for extended abstracts (approx. 1500 words)
- **30 September 2016** – notification of acceptance
- **24-25 October 2016** – dedicated conference at the University of Białystok, Poland in which 4-5 authors of the best extended abstracts will be invited
- **20 December 2016** – deadline for the final submission (camera-ready version)
- **31 March 2017** – book ready

Information for the authors

- Submissions will normally be between 6,000 – 15,000 words, although papers of a higher word length may also be submitted subject to negotiation with the Editors.
- Both abstracts and final submissions will be evaluated through a double blind peer review by the Series Editors and by appointed peer reviewers.
- Submissions should be made anonymously in British English and sent via EasyChair platform at <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=eiads5>.
- Questions, if any, should be mailed to eiads5@easychair.org.

We hope you will find this project interesting and inspiring.

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