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**Refugee reception and humanitarian protection in Greece and Italy:  
evidence from the ground**

ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI

*Research Dissemination Center (KE.Δ.E.A), Conference Room 1  
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“EVI-MED – Constructing an evidence base of contemporary Mediterranean migrations” seeks to conduct data collection of migrant flows and experiences of the reception system and essential analysis on the Mediterranean migration crisis and to make these swiftly and publicly available to policymakers, practitioners, migrant community support organisations, and the research community. EVI-MED is a Middlesex University London project funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Department for International Development. The project team is led by Professor Brad Blitz and with Martin Baldwin-Edward, Dr Alessio D’Angelo, Professor Eleonore Kofman and Dr Nicola Montagna as co-investigators.

The project is undertaken in partnership with the Greek Council for Refugees (Greece), Borderline Sicily (Italy) and People for Change Foundation (Malta). It also benefits from close collaboration with a number of well-established specialist organisations, including the Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS), Migrant Report, the Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat (RMMS). EVI-MED academic partners include the University of Palermo and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

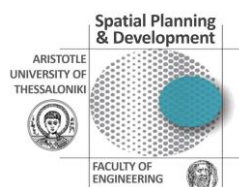
This seminar presents initial results from the EVI-MED project after the first wave of surveys in Greece and Italy and seeks to situate it within the wider context of asylum policy, humanitarian assistance and the reception system in Greece.

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**PROGRAMME**

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09:00	Reception & coffee
09:20-09:30	Welcome address, Periklis Latinopoulos, Head of the School of Spatial Planning & Development
<hr/> <b>Session 1: The EVI-MED project (09:30-11:10)</b> <hr/>	
09:30-09:50	<i>About the EVI-MED project</i> , Brad Blitz, Middlesex University
09:50-10:10	<i>Preliminary findings from the Greek study</i> , Panagiota Seva Agolli, Greek Council for Refugees
10:10-10:30	<i>Perspectives from Italy</i> , Elio Tozzi, Borderline Sicily
10:30-10:50	<i>Modalities of movement</i> , Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University
10:50-11:10	Questions & Discussion
11:10-11:30	Coffee break



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**Session 2: Migration and Asylum in Greece (11:20-13:00)**

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- 11:20-11:40 *Greek asylum policy within the EU framework*, Martin Baldwin-Edwards, EVI-MED project
- 11:40-12:00 *The EU-agreement of March 2016 in front of legal and political impasses*, Konstantinos Tsitselikis, University of Macedonia, & Hellenic League of Human Rights
- 12:00-12:20 *A reception crisis of 'transitory lives'? Some reflections from Lesbos on the tension between solidarity, philanthropy and threat*, Giorgos Tsimouris, Panteion University
- 12:20-12:40 *Identity politics during the refugee crisis in Greece*, Giorgos Aggelopoulos, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- 12.40-13:00 Questions & Discussion
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch break

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**Session 3: Refugee reception & humanitarian assistance (14:00-15:40)**

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- 14.00-14.20 *Researching separated asylum seeking children. Experiences from the field*, Chrisa Giannopoulou, PhD
- 14.20-14.40 MSF in Greece: operational challenges and humanitarian dilemmas, Achilleas Tzemos, Médecins Sans Frontières
- 14:40-15.00 [*title TBC*], Ioanna Petritsi, ARSIS
- 15.00-15.20 [*title TBC*], Ioanna Fourkiotou, Solidarity Now
- 15.20-15:40 Questions & Discussion
- 15:40-16:00 Coffee break

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**Session 4: Grassroots solidarity to refugees (16:00-17:40)**

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- 16.00-16:20 *The Colors-Open Kitchen in Idomeni*, Thanasis Makris, Oikopolis Social Centre
- 16.20-16:40 A housing project for refugees in Kilkis, Kilkis Volunteers / Refugees Idomeni.
- 16:40-17:00 Questions & Discussion
- 17:00-17:30 Open floor, Wrapping up & Conclusions