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## JEAN MONNET CHAIR

### ***EU MEDITERRANEAN BORDER CRISIS AND EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION (EUMedEA)***

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# JEAN MONNET CHAIR TEACHING

## *The EU and Med Border crises L'Azione esterna dell'UE e le crisi ai confini Meridionali*

### TIMETABLE

24 November 2016- 2 February 2017. All classes were delivered on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (h.16-19), Room L, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Catania.

### FOCUS

Analysis of the **EU's initiatives to face crises** at its Southern borders. Analysis of the Mediterranean as a main area of crises, with a special focus on the migration issue and potential solutions.

### APPROACH

**Multidisciplinary.** The crises at EU Med borders were studied through the lenses of a political approach (Prof. Stefania Panebianco, JM Chair Holder); economic approach (Prof. Tiziana Cuccia, JM Chair Teaching Staff) and juridical approach (Prof. Rosario Sapienza, JM Chair Teaching Staff).



### STUDENTS

**The course was open to all the students of Catania University. 48 people** eventually enrolled by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (final registration deadline) and attended the course. This year, the group of students was very broad, including undergraduates of different Departments: Political and Social Sciences; Economics; Languages; Literature; Agricultural Sciences. Moreover, the group of students included over 7 citizens/workers not enrolled in Catania University who participated for personal interest and to deepen their knowledge on the topic of the course..

### FINAL EXAMINATION

Class test and essays on one of the topics analysed during the course (Prof. Panebianco and Prof. Sapienza) and class presentations (Prof. Cuccia). As an elective course (Insegnamento a Scelta), this teaching entitles to 6 ECTS.



### TEACHING MATERIAL

Teaching material was provided throughout the entire duration of the course. **Academic papers, statistics, key documents** were sent to the enrolled students through a dedicated mailing list. Moreover, all the **readings, power point presentations and video classes (OERS)** are available on the EUMedEA Jean Monnet Teaching page.

### OUTREACH

The course was **advertised** through the Department and Catania University's pages, where a notice of initiation was published with all the relevant information. Moreover, the newsletter of Catania's university, allowed spreading information across different departments and wider public. Finally, all the information about the JM Chair, including its events, courses and working papers were forwarded through a mailing list of more than 60 academic contacts.

### ASSESSMENT

**Anonymous Assessment Questionnaires** were distributed to assess students' degree of satisfaction with the course's content and organization (Section A), their personal interest for the chosen topics (Section B) and their general satisfaction (Section C). Overall, 31 students answered the questionnaire. The largest majority expressed a positive (score 4) and very positive (score 5) assessment on the course content, its multidisciplinary approach as well as the chosen topics. Overall, **students' interest for the course was very high** and all the students said they would recommend the course to their peers. The results of the questionnaire are publicly available on the [EUMedEA page](#).



### ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

All the participants attending at least the 60% of classes were awarded an attendance certificate, with the EU and EUMedEA Logo, the name of the course and number of hours.

### COURSE LANGUAGE

Italian

*The EU Med Border Crises  
The course numbers  
2016/2017*



**36**  
*Hours of Teaching*



**3**  
*Different Teachers*



**48**  
*Students*



**6**  
*Credits Recognized*

## GALLERY

Pictures of the Jean Monnet Teaching are available on the EUMedEA Page at:  
[http://www.dsps.unict.it/eumedeagallery/elective\\_course\\_16-17](http://www.dsps.unict.it/eumedeagallery/elective_course_16-17)

## JEAN MONNET CHAIR EVENTS

The EUMedEA events are activities organized to foster dialogue, to promote debate and to spread knowledge on the key topics of the EUMedEA Jean Monnet Chair. They are addressed to students, academicians, practitioners and broader public. They include:

- Seminars
- Crash Course EUMedEA
- Conferences and RoundTables

## SEMINARS

### *New Threats in the Mediterranean: NATO's Role and Defence Cooperation in Europe*

**WHO:** Prof. Jean-Pierre Darnis, IAI, Istituto Affari Internazionali (Rome)/ University of Nizza Sophia Antipolis

**WHEN:** 15 December 2016, h.16:00

**WHERE:** Aula Magna, Department of Political and Social Sciences

**STUDENTS:** Over 25 people (both students and external participants) joined the event.

**OUTREACH:** Advertised on the Agenda of Catania University and Jean Monnet Chair page.

**OUTPUT:** The video of the seminar is online at the EUMedEA Page in the OERS Section.

**LANGUAGE:** English

**GALLERY:** Pictures of the Seminar are available on the EUMedEA webpage



## *Le operazioni di ricerca e soccorso nel Mediterraneo/ Search and Rescue Operations in the Mediterranean*

**WHO:** PT.V. (CP) PIL Giovanni TURINI, 2° Nucleo Aereo Guardia Costiera- Catania Capo Servizio Sicurezza Volo

**WHEN:** 14 December 2016, h.16:00

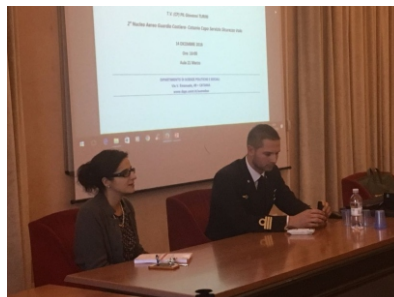
**WHERE:** Aula 21 Marzo, Department of Political and Social Sciences

**STUDENTS:** Over 35 people (both students and external participants) joined the event.

**OUTREACH:** Advertised on the Agenda of Catania University and Jean Monnet Chair page.

**LANGUAGE:** Italian

**GALLERY:** Pictures of the Seminar are available on the EUMedEA webpage



## 2<sup>nd</sup> EUMedEA CRASH COURSE

### *“Managing Crises at EU Med borders”*

#### **TIMING:**

25 June-01 July 2017. Monday to Thursday (h.9:00-18:00) and Friday (9:30-15:30). Room 21 March, Department of Political and Social Sciences, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, University of Catania

#### **FOCUS OF STUDY:**

Advanced study and training event for PhD and M.A. Students interested in EU external action and the **management of crises at the EU borders, migration in particular**. The objective of the Crash Course [CC] was to provide participants with an intensive academic teaching and with practices of crisis management. Moreover, it aimed to support PhD students in debating and fine-tuning their research projects.



#### **COURSE STRUCTURE:**

.Three main sessions:

**Academic Session:** Guest speakers lecture on a specific topic to provide participants with an intensive teaching on key selected issues.

**Research Session:** PhD students present their research projects. Lecturers comment on the PhD projects and MA students participate in the general discussion. The goal is to support PhD students to improve their research both at the theoretical and empirical level.

**Training Session:** Experts from international and non-governmental organizations illustrate their cooperation experience in the Med area. The goal is to share the practice of crisis management on the ground.

The 3-session structure was adopted for 4 out of 5 days of the Crash Course, i.e. from Monday to Thursday with the following timetable:

9:00-12:30- Academic session

11:00-11:30 Break

14:00-15:45- Research Session

15:45-16:00- Break

16:00-18:00 Training Session.

On Thursday afternoon, a visit to the EURTF/FRONTEX offices in Catania was organized, allowing participants to experience directly on the ground practices of crisis management as well as to meet FRONTEX representatives.

The last day, was devoted to a Round Table titled *“Human Security and Humanitarian Intervention in the Mediterranean* (9:30-13:00). A wrap-up session on Friday afternoon was devoted to comments and plans for the future.

#### **OUTREACH**

A call for participation was **published and circulated** in early February 2017 through academic newsletters (e.g. SISP; EISA; ECPR SGEU, EURAMES Info Service); academic announcements websites (e.g. H-Announce; educative.com; mladinfo.eu); Facebook and the Agenda of Catania University. **The Round Table was also specifically advertised.** An article was dedicated to the event by the Agenda of Catania University and by the daily local newspaper “La Sicilia”.





## APPLICATIONS

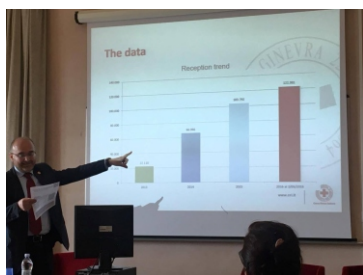
**More than 50 applications** were received from PhD and M.A. students around the world. The Call was open until the 10<sup>TH</sup> of April. To be considered eligible, a full application required a CV, a motivation letter and a research project for PhD Students; a CV and motivation letter for M.A. Students.

## PARTICIPANTS

**24 Participants** were eventually selected: 11 PhDs and 13 M.A. from 13 different countries (Algeria, Belarus, China, Czech Republic, Egypt, Germany, Iran, Italy, Morocco, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Turkey). A list of participants is available at the EUMedEA page.

## SPEAKERS

**4 International Guest Lecturers** taught classes on key topics during the academic sessions and discussed PhD projects during the research sessions. **4 Experts** from different organizations (Arci/EuroMed Salto, UNICEF, Italian Red Cross, Chiesa Valdese) run a training session and shared their cooperation experiences with the CC participants. **Other 5 Experts** (FRONTEX, EASO, UNHCR, Italian Coast Guard and Medicinè sans Frontières) participated in the final Round Table. Finally, the Pro-rector of Catania University and the Director of the Department of Political and Social Sciences and the Jean Monnet Chair Holder contributed to the Round Table with their Welcoming Address.



## TEACHING MATERIAL

Teaching material was provided before and during the CC. **Academic papers** were sent to the participating students through a dedicated mailing list. Moreover, all the **readings, powerpoint presentations and video classes (OERS)** are available on the EUMedEA Crash Course webpage. The PhD students' power point presentations were shared with CC participants and guest lecturers before the beginning of the CC.

## FUNDING & GRANTS

PhD Students were offered a **full grant** covering accommodation and flight reimbursement up to 400€. The M.A. students (with the exception of those coming from Catania) were offered **half grants** covering accommodation. No registration fees were required

## ETCS & ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE

An attendance certificate was delivered to each participant at the end of the Round Table on Friday 30 June. The participants of the Crash Course are entitled to 6 ECTS.

## ASSESSMENT

### Anonymous Assessment Questionnaires

were distributed to assess students' degree of satisfaction with the Crash Course's content (Section A) and organization (Section B), their personal interest for the Crash Course's topics (Section C) and their general satisfaction (Section D). Overall, 22 students answered the questionnaire. The majority expressed a positive (score 4) and very positive (score 5) assessment on the course content and structure. In the section devoted to comments and suggestions, some participants expressed the need to make a shorter schedule and almost all expressed their satisfaction with the visit to FRONTEX Offices. Overall, students' expectations were respected and 22 out of 22 said they would recommend the course to their peers.



## LANGUAGE

English

## GALLERY

Pictures of the Crash Course are available at the EUMedEA Gallery.



**18 Hours of teaching**  
**8 Hours of PhD's presentations**  
**10 Hours of practitioners**



**5 Academic Lecturers**  
**9 Experts**



**24 Students**



**13 Countries**



**3 Sessions**  
**1 Visit to FRONTEX/EURTF**  
**1 Round Table**



**6 ECTS**



**More than 50 Applications**



**9 Full Grants**  
**6 Half Grants**

**All the numbers of the CC EUMedEA 2017**

## CONFERENCES AND ROUND TABLES

### *Human Security and Humanitarian Intervention in the Mediterranean*

The Round Table was the **closing event of the EUMedEA Crash Course**. Following the welcome address of the Rector of Catania University, Prof. Francesco Basile, of the Director of the Department of Political Sciences, Prof. Giuseppe Barone and of the Jean Monnet Chair Holder, Prof. Stefania Panebianco, Prof. Christian Kaunert, Director of the Institute for European Studies opened and moderated the Round Table. Marika Armento (UNHCR), Mark Camilleri (EASO), Izabella Cooper (FRONTEX), Emilie Dubuisson (Médecins sans frontières) and Sergio Liardo (Italian Coast Guard) discussed on the main challenges of humanitarian interventions in the Mediterranean. Overall, **around 30 people** participated to the event.



**WHEN:** 30 June 2017, h.09:30

**WHERE:** Aula Magna, Department of Political and Social Sciences

**OUTREACH:** The event was advertised on both the Agenda of Catania University and the daily newspaper 'La Sicilia'.



***Mare Nostrum: Valutazione e lezioni apprese. Dibattito sui risultati della ricerca FIR14 «Operazioni militari umanitarie: l'esperienza 'Mare Nostrum'. Valutazione degli esperti e lezioni apprese», diretta da Fulvio Attinà, pubblicati nel volume a cura di Stefania Panebianco.***

### *SULLE ONDE DEL MEDITERRANEO*

***Cambiamenti globali e risposte alle crisi migratorie. Egea editore, 2016***

Following the introduction by Giuseppe Barone, director of the Department of Political and Social Sciences, the book edited by Stefania Panebianco, Jean Monnet Chair EUMedEA, and focused on the response to the migration crisis was presented. The authors Fulvio Attinà, Luigi Caranti, Francesca Longo, Stefania Panebianco, Daniela Irrera, Rosa Rossi, Simona Gozzo, Rossana Sampugnaro joined the event. Giuseppe Campesi (Università di Bari), Teresa Consoli (Università di Catania) and Adriana Di Stefano (Università di Catania) animated the debate, offering interesting reflections on the book as well as on the key issues behind the current migration crisis.



**WHEN:** 27 March 2017, h.16:00

**WHERE:** Aula Magna, Department of Political and Social Sciences

**OUTREACH:** The event was advertised on both the Agenda of Catania University and the daily newspaper 'La Sicilia'.



# JEAN MONNET CHAIR TOOLS

EUMedEA tools are instruments to promote research and spread knowledge on the key topics of the EUMedEA Jean Monnet Chair. They include **working papers**, **links**, **OERS**.

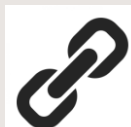
## Research, Working Papers and Links



**3 Working Papers**  
**1 Report**



**2 Rich Reading**  
**Resources on key topics**



**1 List of Links on key**  
**topics**



**15 #Med4thought videos**

### WORKING PAPERS

The following Working Papers are currently online at the EUMedEA page:

-EUMedEA Working Paper 3-2017

*Gassauer, Georg. The European Refugee Response: Lessons learnt from the EU Turkey Statement.*

EUMedEA Working Paper 2-2017

*Ben Rommane, Sabri. EU Actress: A Consistent Inconsistency.*

EUMedEA Working Paper 1-2017

*Greco, Chiara. From Idealism to Pragmatism. Euro-Mediterranean Relations 20 Years after the Barcelona Declaration.*

Students and scholars are invited to submit potential working papers on a regular basis.

### REPORTS

The Report **of the experts on the possible intervention in Libya: Quali saranno le conseguenze per l'Italia dell'intervento occidentale in Libia?** edited by Stefano Palumbo is currently online at the EUMedEA Page.

### RESEARCH & LINKS

The EUMedEA page contains a key section devoted to “Research”. Its rationale is to offer constantly updated **reading resources** for class work, papers and dissertations **on the key research areas and topics** of the EuMedEa Chair. Similarly, a “Link” section is always updated with all the institutional and academic links relevant to the topic of the Chair.

### #Med4thought

The section **#Med4thought** contains a **collection of videos and interviews** that are intended to provide **food for thought** and stimulate reflection on the key topics of the EUMedEa Chair. Organized by theme, they give a background knowledge and hints on current debates, key issues and actors. Currently the videos are organized according to the following themes:

- border, migration, refugees
- mare nostrum, maritime security
- neighbourhood policy, democracy, Arab Spring.



# OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OERS)

The **EUMedEA Open Educational Resources (OERS)** are freely accessible media tools (e.g. interviews, video lectures, etc.) that are useful for teaching, learning and researching on EUMedEA key topics.



**3 Video-Lectures**



**1 Interviews**



**Over 280 visits on  
the OERS Page** (since October 2016)

## VIDEOLECTURES

The EUMedEA OERS page hosts **video-lectures** that are used as a teaching support. The video lectures were mainly recorded during the Jean Monnet Course and during the Crash Course EUMedEA. Whereas the page is constantly under update and new OERS are soon expected to be uploaded, at the moment 9 main video lectures can be mentioned:

-*The EU response to the migration crisis*, lecture by Prof. Christian Kaunert, during the EUMedEA Crash Course (Catania, 29 June 2017).

-*A new paradigm for humanitarian intervention*, lecture by Dr. Polly Pallister-Wilkins, during the EUMedEA Crash Course (Catania, 28 June 2017).

-*The EEAS and the institutional setting to deal with EU foreign policy*, lecture by Dr. Caterina Carta, during the EUMedEA Crash Course (Catania, 27 June 2017)

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## INTERVIEWS.

"Italy split over allegations of NGO-migrant smuggling case", interview to Prof. Stefania Panebianco by Eric J. Lyman on Xinhuanet.

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## **WEB VISITS AND USERS**

### **NUMBER OF VISITS**

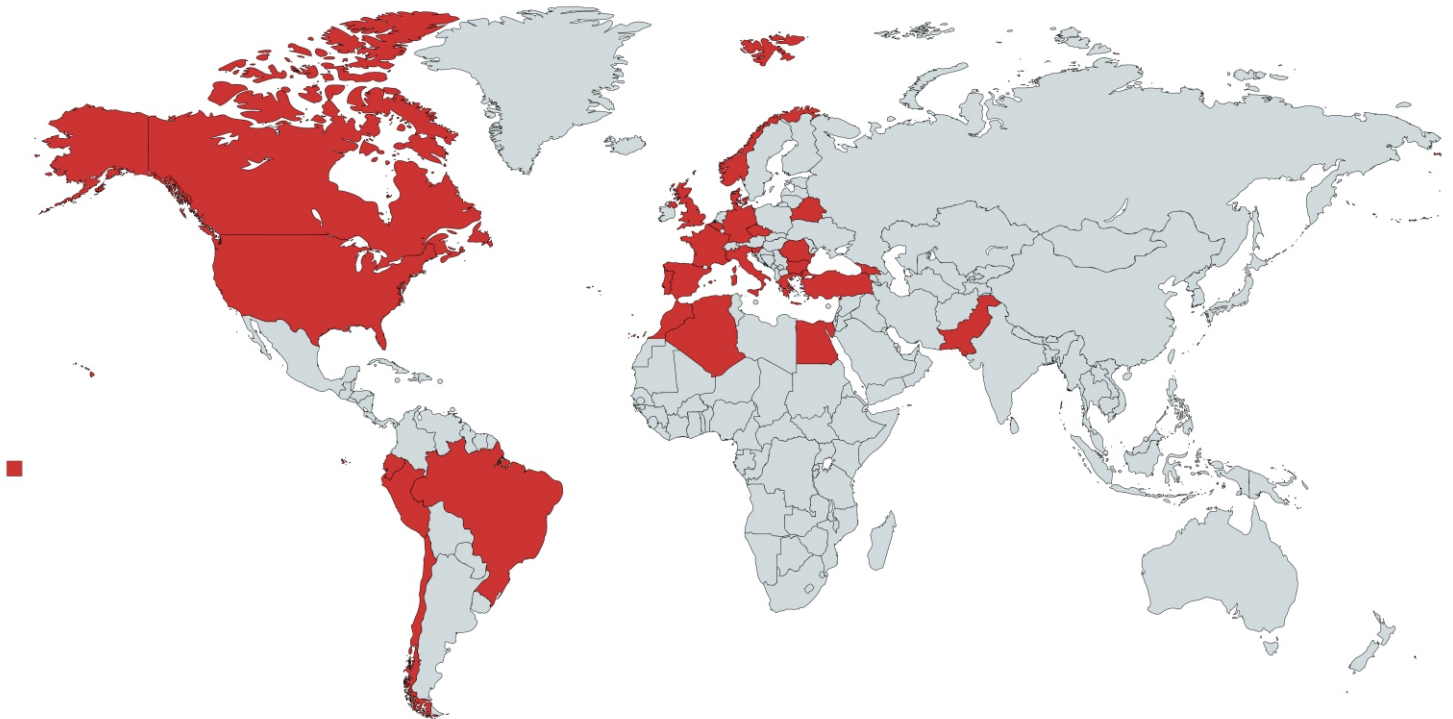
**2212** at the EUMedEA page

**1508** VISITS at the EUMedEA Crash Course page

**384** EUMedEA Working Papers page

**280** EUMedEA OERS page

### **USERS AND GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION**



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