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**Diego Acosta**

Dr Diego Acosta is a leading international expert on International, European and comparative Migration law and a Professor of European and Migration Law at the University of Bristol in the UK. He is also the International Strategic Lead at the Migration Mobilities Research Centre at the same University. His work discusses Migration law as a central aspect of globalisation and analyses various processes of inclusion and exclusion and their profound implications for the rule of law in Europe, South America and other regions. He is the author of more than 60 publications, and his latest monograph is *The National versus the Foreigner in South America. 200 Years of Migration and Citizenship Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2018). His new project analyses free movement of people regimes and has obtained external funding to map these regimes globally. Dr Acosta is regularly invited to present his work at some of the most prestigious universities around the globe and has been visiting fellow at several institutions, including the University of New York (NYU), the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM) in Vienna, the Centre for Migration Studies at Toronto Metropolitan University, or the Centre for Fundamental Rights at Hertie School in Berlin. He has testified on migration law reform before Parliaments in Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. He has provided consultancy for various governments, international organisations, law firms, political parties and NGOs in the USA, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa. He has been interviewed by media outlets in the USA, UK, Spain, Russia, Denmark, Brazil or Ecuador



**Tasos Balis**

I was born in Johannesburg of S. Africa at 1972. Since 2019, I am close to the Mayor of Mytilene as his special advisor on multiple issues, including issues of migration and refugee integration. For the last 25 years I've been involved in research, technology, and the provision of services in the industry of health and exercise. I studied Physical Education and Sport Science at Kapodistrian University of Athens where I taught for three years as a Ph.D. candidate. From 1999 - 2006 I worked as a Manager for the listed company DYNAMIC LIFE, in the research and development (R&D) department which produced innovative technology systems and marketing tools for the Health and Fitness Industry. From 2006 to 2010 I moved to Breda NL, where I founded and directed a company for the development and promotion of innovative marketing technologies. In 2019, I got my M.A at Sociology (European Integration) from the Aegean University.



**Satchit Balsari**

Dr. Satchit Balsari is an assistant professor in emergency medicine at Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Since 2009, he has been affiliated with the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University, where his research has contributed to advocacy on behalf of vulnerable populations affected by disasters and humanitarian crises. His interdisciplinary interests in mobile technology, disaster response, and population health have been informed by his clinical practice in the United States and his field work around the world. His research has resulted in innovative applications of mobile, cloud-based technology to address public health challenges in mass gatherings, disasters, and humanitarian crises. At Harvard, he directs the Indian Digital Health Network, at the Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute, a policy-research group whose products have shaped the digital health information architecture in India. He co-directs CrisisReady.io, an interdisciplinary research-response network hosted at Harvard and Direct Relief, that promotes data-driven analysis to policy makers responding to disasters and public health emergencies. He is director of the Climate and Human Health fellowship co-hosted by the BIDMC Department of Emergency Medicine, the Center for Climate, Health and Global Environment at Harvard Chan, and the FXB Center.



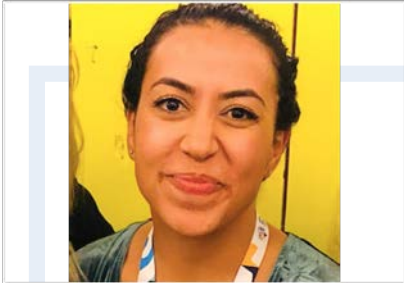
Anikó Bakonyi

Anikó Bakonyi is a human rights defender from Budapest, Hungary. For the past twelve years, she has been working for the Hungarian Helsinki Committee, the leading Hungarian NGO focused on refugee rights, where she is now Head of the Refugee Program. Her work focuses on protecting the rights of refugees through human rights monitoring, counselling, advocacy, and reporting. In her professional life, Anikó has worked with victims of human trafficking, Roma and Jewish Holocaust survivors and their families, and refugees arriving in Hungary from all over the world. Since 2020, she also serves as one of the co-chairs on the board of the Berlin-based EU-Russia Civil Society Forum, with a membership of 180 organizations from the EU and Russia. Her interests have always centered around social justice, and protecting and empowering disadvantaged groups in society.



Jacqueline Bhabha

Jacqueline Bhabha is a Professor of the Practice of Health and Human Rights at the Harvard T.H.Chan School of Public Health, the Jeremiah Smith Jr. Lecturer in Law at Harvard Law School, and an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. She is also the Director of Research at the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University. She received a first class honors degree and an M.Sc. from Oxford University, and a J.D. from the College of Law in London. From 1997 to 2001, Bhabha directed the Human Rights Program at the University of Chicago. Prior to 1997, she was a practicing human rights lawyer in London and at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. She has published extensively on issues of transnational child migration, refugee protection, children's rights and citizenship. She is the author of [Child Migration and Human Rights in a Global Age](#) (2014) and *Can We Solve the Migration Crisis?* (2018). She has edited or co-edited many books, including *Children Without A State* (2011), *Human Rights and Adolescence* (2014), *Research Handbook on Child Migration* (2018), *A Better Future: The Role of Education for Displaced and Marginalized People* (2020), and *A Time for Reparation: Addressing State Responsibility for Collective Injustice* (2021).



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**Melina Daskalakis**

Mrs Melina Daskalakis is a Municipal Councilor for the City of Athens from 2015 onwards. In 2019 she was appointed as the Special Advisor to the Mayor of Athens for Migrants and Refugees. As of October 2021, she is also the President of the City of Athens Reception and Solidarity Centre (KYADA). She has served as the President of the Athens Development & Destination Management Agency (ADDMA) (2019-2021), the President of the Committee of Charitable Institutions of the City of Athens (2016-2019), and of the Athens Municipal Radio Station (2017-2018). She is a practising lawyer.



**Marcello Di Filippo**

Marcello Di Filippo is a professor of International Law at the University of Pisa and Coordinator of the Observatory on European Migration Law at the same university. He has published extensively on the issues relating to European migration law and human rights. He also collaborates as an Independent Expert on Human Rights and Refugee Law with UNHCR Italy.





Vasileia Digidiki

Dr Vasileia Digidiki is a Harvard Instructor, the Director of the Harvard FXB Summer Program on Migration and Refugee Studies, and a Health and Human Rights Fellow. She is a psychologist by training with more than 14 years of experience working on issues of distress migration, human trafficking, victim blaming and child protection and serves as a Senior Associate Editor for the Behavioral Medicine, a Taylor and Francis Publications journal with an impact factor of 2.4.

Since 2017, Dr. Digidiki has led the Harvard FXB Center's research agenda on distress migration. She has conducted research in Greece, Bangladesh, West and Central Africa, Sudan and Mexico focusing on child protection, access to education, access to antenatal care, and the nexus between human trafficking and distress migration. Dr. Digidiki has been funded by a number of international organizations, including IOM, BRAC and UNICEF, to analyze datasets and conduct research in the field of migration, child protection and human trafficking. In 2021, she was commissioned by IOM to produce the first worldwide report on child trafficking, analyzing the largest worldwide dataset on child trafficking victims.

In 2022, Dr. Digidiki and Prof. Jacqueline Bhabha, developed the first international, interdisciplinary summer program on migration and refugee studies in collaboration with the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Dr. Digidiki also teaches in the FXB Center's Executive Education program for child protection professionals, as well as the Center's Child Protection Certificate Program for students, and has taught for Harvard University's Harvard X online training on Child Protection. Dr. Digidiki holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, two master's degrees on Forensic and Social Psychology and a PhD in Social and Clinical Psychology. During her PhD studies, she was awarded the Greek State Scholarship, and in 2019 she was awarded the Health and Human rights Fellowship. She is a native of the Greek island of Lesbos where she offered her services as a first responder during the massive influx of distress migrants in 2015 and 2016.



**Emmanuella Doussis**

Emmanuella Doussis is a professor of international institutions at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, director of the Institute of European Integration and Policy and UNESCO Chairholder on Climate Diplomacy. She lectures on international institutions, international and European environmental law and policies, the role of international law in addressing several crises, including the climate crisis, climate diplomacy & climate policies with a focus on Southeast Europe. She has studied political science and law at the University of Athens and at the Sorbonne in Paris (Paris I). Her interest in environmental issues goes back to when she was a student in Paris. After a first Master in International Law, she completed a second one in Environmental Law. Since then, environmental issues have been at the center of her research interests.

She has been a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at UC Berkeley, visiting professor at the Universities of Grenoble-Alpes, Bourgogne, Aix-Marseille and a visiting fellow at the European University Institute (EUI). Her most recent book concerns the role of international law in effectively managing climate change (*International Law and Climate Change Diplomacy*, Nomiki Vivliothiki, Athens, 2020). She has coordinated European educational and research projects (Jean Monnet module on *Moving the EU forward* 2015-2018, Jean Monnet module on *European Climate Diplomacy* 2019-2022). She is a member of the IUCN World Environmental Law Committee, of the Scientific Council of the Centre for Mediterranean Integration, the scientific committee of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Greek National Committee for Adaptation on Climate Change.

She has published alone or in collaboration with other authors ten books, and many articles in peer-review international journals. For her educational and research activities she has been awarded the 2021 Natural Resources International Legal Specialist Award from the Centre of International Sustainable Development Law.





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**Thalia Dragonas** is Emerita Professor of Social Psychology at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. She was Dean of the School of Education, Chair of the Department of Early Childhood Education for several terms, member of the board of the Greek Open University and the Center of Educational Research. Her research activity lies in the area of identities and the articulation of the social with the psychological. She has participated in and directed many Greek and international projects on minority and refugee integration. She worked extensively for the educational reform of the Muslim Minority in Western Thrace (1997-2019). She is currently participating in the Erasmus+ European-African collaborative project “Humanitarian Action—Climate Change and Displacements”. Specific areas of research interests are: social inclusion; minorities; refugee integration; psychosocial identity; intergroup relations; intercultural education; ethnocentrism in the educational system. She is member of the educational board of a book series on *Social and Historical Studies in Greece and Turkey*; associate editor of the journal *Frontiers in Sociology*; member of the International advisory Board of the *International Journal of Learning*; member of the international editorial board of WorldShare Books; and directs a book series on *Social Psychology* at Metahmio Publishers.



**Monica Feria-Tinta**

Monica is a barrister at the Bar of England and Wales, a specialist in public international law and international arbitration. A generalist in the field, she practices from Twenty Essex, a leading barristers' chambers in London. Monica's practice in public international law is substantial and covers the full spectrum of areas. She appears as counsel in English courts and in international courts and tribunals. Monica is considered to be one of the preeminent experts in climate change and environmental litigation worldwide, including in law of the sea. She has advised Sovereign States on the feasibility of an Advisory Opinion on climate change before the ICJ and ITLOS. Notably, she acted for WWF in its amicus submissions in Request for an Advisory Opinion on Climate Change and International Law before ITLOS. Monica also acted in the first climate change contentious case before the UN Human Rights Committee, the Torres Strait Islanders case, securing a landmark decision protecting the rights of peoples in low-lying islands. She was also adviser to a State Party representative of a Least Developed Country in the drafting of the Rules of Procedure of Compliance with the Paris Agreement. Monica's work was featured in the documentary series Earthrise, 'Planetary Justice' by Al Jazeera, broadcasted in 2022 and 2023. She holds an LLM (LSE) and the Diploma of the Hague Academy of International Law. She has been a Visiting Fellow at Jesus College, University of Cambridge.



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Maria Gavouneli is a Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law and Athens Public International Law Center – Athens PIL, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens. She also serves as Director, Refugee & Migration Studies Hub – RMS Hub, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens and presides at the Greek National Commission of Human Rights (2019-2022). Professor Gavouneli has also coordinated and taken part in major research teams funded by European and Greek resources, having received multiple research grants. She has also been a Fulbright Visiting Scholar 2018-2019 at the University of California Berkeley and a Visiting professor and lecturer in several universities and research institutions in Greece and abroad, including the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), Tulane University (USA), the University of Edinburgh (Brodie's Lecture), the University of Oxford, the University of Glasgow, the University of Manchester, Utrecht University.



**Ozge Karadag**

Dr. Ozge Karadag works as a Senior Research Scholar at the Center for Sustainable Development of the Earth Institute. She earned her Medical Doctor (MD) degree from Istanbul University, and her MSc and PhD Degrees in Public Health from Hacettepe University. She also holds a postgraduate degree in health promotion from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Dr. Karadag has more than 15 years of experience working in multidisciplinary teams to conduct research, develop public health policies and programs for different vulnerable/disadvantaged populations. Her main research interests are health care access among vulnerable populations, health promotion and education, migration, community mental health, stigma and discrimination, community participation in health care, and sustainable development. She has worked as a consultant for WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDP, IOM, and the European Commission in addition to different governmental and non-governmental organizations. Her current work focuses on research, advocacy, and training activities regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the most vulnerable populations and how to use digital technologies to increase access to health information and care among refugee and disadvantaged local youth in Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan. She is a member of The Lancet COVID-19 Commission Scientific Secretariat and one of the experts of the Global Happiness Council, where she chairs the Vulnerable Populations Thematic Group.



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Evika Karamagioli, MSc, PhD, is a jurist and is currently serving as Scientific Associate at the MSc “Global Health - Disaster Medicine”, Medical School and at the MSc “Master of Science in Digital Communication Media and Interaction Environments” Faculty of Communication and Media Studies (NKUA). She also serves as visiting Assistant Professor (Hon) in humanitarian crisis management, communication and technology, Medical School, University of Bern, Switzerland. Her academic background includes a Ph.D. degree in Social Sciences from the University of Paris 8, a MSc in Global Health and Disaster Medicine, NKUA, Greece, a MSc in Global Security and Defense and Bachelor’s degree in European and International Law from the University Grenoble II, France. She holds professional certifications as an adult trainer and professional program instructor in leadership. She has 15 years of global experience both in the academia and non for-profit sector, having worked in the Europe, Middle East and Asian Countries in the area of humanitarian technologies and emergency response. Her fields of expertise include democratic innovation through participatory design methods and tools, humanitarian technologies, disaster management and emergency risk communication. She has several years of experience in working with WHO in the field of migrants and refugee’s health and most recently, with the WHO academy as expert for mass casualties training. She is the author of numerous papers on those themes and regularly delivers relevant presentations at international conferences. She is the recipient of several international awards emergency risk communication teaching.



**Robert Ian Kibet Ouko Babu**

Robert Ian Kibet Ouko Babu is a licensed Psychologist and Integrative Psychotherapist with a profound dedication to promoting mental health and supporting vulnerable communities. With a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Nursing and professional training as a translator and interpreter, he adeptly bridges language barriers within his community, fostering inclusive environments for all. Over the span of a decade, Ian has been actively engaged in grassroots community health and mental health promotion work, enriching his understanding of diverse individuals' needs and challenges. He played a pivotal role in the Experts By Experience project by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), empowering survivors of torture and inhumane treatment to assert their rights and seek recognition in Greece. As the Founder and Programmes Director of Open Paths Athens (OPA), a community-based organization, Ian spearheads initiatives in mental, sexual, and reproductive health throughout Europe. He is a relentless advocate in campaigns to end violence against women and girls, promoting equality and empowerment. Committed to fostering dialogue around the mental health of refugees in Europe, Ian creatively utilizes art and body movement as a platform for open discussions, encouraging healing and understanding. Ian's extensive experience includes educating parents, child protection institutions, and providing consultation and training to staff and employees in both Greek and international companies and educational institutions.



**Alexandros Konstantinou**

Alexandros Konstantinou is a lawyer specializing in Human Rights and Refugee Law. He holds a Master's Degree in Human Rights (Master 2 recherche) from the University of Strasbourg and a Master's Degree in Sociology of Law from the University of Athens. Since 2011 he is working with the Legal Unit of the Greek Council for Refugees (GCR). He has also worked with the Greek National Commission for Human Rights and the office of Secretary General for Migration/Ministry of Interiors. He has been an invited speaker in several conferences and trainings and among others he has published articles and studies with regards refugee protection in Greece. Currently he is the Head of Legal Research and Deputy Coordinator of GCR Legal Unit. In 2022 he has been elected Chair of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Section of the Greek National Commission for Human Rights.



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**Zoi Livaditou**

Born on Lesbos to parents who both came to the island as refugees fleeing Turkey after the Greeks lost the Greco-Turkish War in 1922, Zoi went on to specialize in emergency medicine and to work around the world with Doctors Without Borders and the Hellenic Rescue Team, which she founded in 1998.

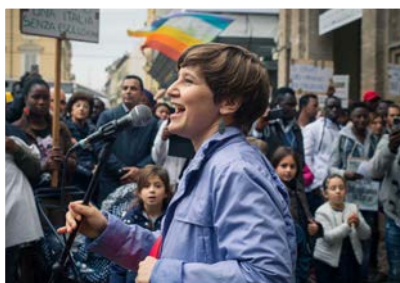
On Lesbos, she works for the International Organization on Migration, offers medical support to the Greek Coast Guard and helps the local community through the Medical Association of Lesbos and a Greek NGO called The Smile of the Child.





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Noora Lori is an Assistant Professor of International Relations at the Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University. Her research focuses on citizenship, migration and racial politics in the Middle East and in comparative perspective. Her book, *Offshore Citizens: Permanent “Temporary” Status in the Gulf* (Cambridge University Press 2019) received the best book prize from the Migration and Citizenship section of the American Political Science Association (2020), the Distinguished Book Award from the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Studies section of the International Studies Association (2021), the Best Book in from the Middle East and North Africa politics section of the American Political Science Association. She has published in the *International Migration Review*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *International Relations*, the *Oxford Handbook on Citizenship*, *The Shifting Border*, among other journals and edited volumes. Her work has been funded by the ACLS/Mellon foundation, Ziet-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, the Hariri Institute for Computing and Computer Engineering (BU), the Initiative on Cities (BU) (2016; 2019), as well as other grants. She is the co-director (with Kaija Schilde) of the Pardee School Initiative on [Forced Migration and Human Trafficking](#). She was previously an Academy Scholar at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, a fellow at the International Security Program of the Harvard Kennedy School, and a visiting scholar at the Dubai School of Government. She received her PhD in Political Science from Johns Hopkins University’s 2013 ([nlori@bu.edu](mailto:nlori@bu.edu)).



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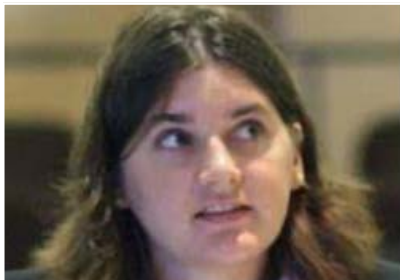
**Hadi Mohebi**

Hadi Mohebi is a mentor at the Special Secretariat for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors within the Ministry of Migration and Asylum in Greece. Originally from Afghanistan, he arrived in Greece seven years ago as an unaccompanied minor seeking asylum. With his own firsthand experience, he is now supporting other unaccompanied minors, empowering them to become self-reliant. He gives the children advice on education, integration, and their daily lives. Hadi is currently pursuing his studies at the Athens Economic University, specializing in International and European Economic Studies.



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**George Pleios**

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**Panagiotis Psathas**

**Panagiotis Psathas, Head of the Department for the support and social inclusion of Migrants and Refugees (Directorate of Social Solidarity) for the City of Athens**

A versatile and highly skilled political scientist who has successfully held positions in both the public and private sector with noticeable achievements. For over ten years Panagiotis has worked in the public sector in the support provision to vulnerable groups. Through his professional posts, he has collaborated with international organisations and governmental entities and has collaborated efficiently with various stakeholders in the wider sector of migrant and refugee response operations. Panagiotis has managed several projects, including EU-funded projects, and has been a productive team leader and coordinator for several years. His skills include developing sustainable response mechanisms for third country nationals, proposal developments, networking and programme management, analyses and establishment of organisational processes while he always works towards improving operational efficacy altogether. Since 2016 he is the Head of the Department for the support and social inclusion of Migrants and Refugees (Directorate of Social Solidarity) for the City of Athens.



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**Daniel SENOVILLA HERNÁNDEZ**

Research fellow at CNRS- research unit MIGRINTER- University of Poitiers (France). Since I've got my Law degree in the mid' 90s, I have always been involved in migration related issues, firstly as an activist and then in Academia. My legal approach has progressively been mixed with social sciences and over the years I have specialized on child migration studies. I have reflected a lot during the last few years on participative methodological approaches trying to find a balance between scientific effectiveness and a research ethical position. I am fully committed to provide room to young people's voices and I believe that art supports allow young migrants to regain control and freedom on what they want to express and share about their life experiences.

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Youtube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiJkgTSQ\\_duJve-pwOlbV\\_Q/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiJkgTSQ_duJve-pwOlbV_Q/videos)



**Jamilah Sherally**

Jamilah trained as a medical doctor in Global Health and Tropical Medicine, holds a teaching degree, and recently completed her master's in international health.

After her post-graduate training in the Netherlands, she worked with different international organizations in low-resource settings, including Nigeria, Mali, Thailand, and Greece. In these roles she combined clinical work with project development and coordination, research, advocacy, and teaching.

Jamilah is particularly passionate about the sexual and reproductive health and rights of refugees and asylum seekers as well as mental health in humanitarian contexts.



**Phoebe Speis**

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**Apostolos Staikos**

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**Agis Terzidis**

Agis Terzidis is a pediatrician, specialized in public health and holds a PhD in preventive medicine - epidemiology. He is the academic supervisor of the MSC “Global Health - Disaster Medicine” of the School of Medicine, of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Mr Terzidis is among the first active members of Médecins du Monde Greece, participating in their missions in Greece and abroad. During this career he has also participated in missions of Doctors Without Borders, being also a member of the board of directors. Today he is the General Secretary of the board of directors of MDM Greece. Mr Terzidis has been a member of many editorial teams for the national strategy against social exclusion, as well as coordinator of European programs to combat poverty and upgrade the living conditions of socially vulnerable groups. He has a special scientific interest in improving access to the healthcare system for socially excluded groups, as well as for the health of ‘People on the move’. He is a certified expert for the identification of victims of torture, and since 2013 a member of the scientific team for the certification of victims of torture in METADRASI.



**Daphne Tolis**

I am a producer/journalist, mostly working in broadcast, and a documentary filmmaker/photographer based in Athens. I have reported from Greece and many other countries, as far afield as Bangladesh and Lebanon. Beyond my own documentary projects, I frequently work as a freelance field producer and fixer in Greece for large European and American television networks, including the BBC, VICE News, ABC, PBS, SRF, NPR, Channel 4, Deutsche Welle, ZDF, VPRO. My work with these organisations involves setting up shoots, researching, using my contacts to gain access to key voices in Greece and around the Mediterranean, and field producing the shoots themselves. I also work as a field producer, researcher, journalist and translator assisting leading storytellers from around the world with feature stories and filming in Greece. I have visited many refugee camps and settlements across Greece. While following refugee flows, I travelled to camps in Turkey, North Macedonia, Serbia, Italy, Lebanon, Calais in France and Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. I have won two Migration Media Awards for my reporting in this area, for stories I produced as a freelancer with colleagues from the BBC and VICE, respectively.





**Negin Torfinezhadian**

Negin Torfinezhadian was born in South Iran. She arrived in Lesvos, Greece 7 years ago on the day that she turned 18 years old, seeking asylum with well-founded fear of persecution being a victim of forced marriage. Her journey to Greece has been quite challenging as she had to walk during the biggest part of her journey. Mrs. Torfinezhadian experienced staying in the refugee camp of Moria in Lesvos and resided in Elaionas camp in Athens. Despite the significant challenges of being a young refugee and a single mother, Mrs. Torfinezhadian has been supporting other refugees either by working as a volunteer or as a paid interpreter since her arrival in Greece and onwards. This significant experience led her to her current role working as a mentor for UAMs in the Special Secretariat for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors in the Ministry of Migration and Asylum providing guidance through her lived experience to unaccompanied children residing now in Greece.



**Chara Tsantili**

**Chara Tsantili, Senior Protection Assistant, UNHCR Office in Greece and City of Athens**

A well-qualified legal practitioner with a solid academic background on Gender and Migration, Chara has focused her research and professional experience on access to human rights with an intersectional approach. She was part of the team that established the Greek Asylum Service Office in the Greek island of Leros in 2016. In 2017, she joined the UNHCR Office in Greece and has since served various portfolios, from reception of asylum seekers to relocation and local integration of recognised refugees. Over the years, Chara has been fully committed in providing technical support and capacity building to local, regional and national authorities and public services on issues of access to asylum and social rights as well as integration in urban areas. Since 2021, she coordinates the integration activities of the City of Athens in close collaboration with the Department for the support and social inclusion of Migrants and Refugees and the Athens Coordination Centre for Migrant and Refugee issues (ACCMR).



**Apostolos Veizis**

Dr. Apostolos Veizis is the Executive Director of INTERSOS, a non-profit humanitarian aid organization in Greece. Prior to that worked at the HQ of Médecins Sans Frontières – Greece as Director of Medical Operational Support Unit(SOMA), Head of Mission and Medical Coordinator for Médecins Sans Frontières and Médecins du Monde in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Russian Federation, Albania, Egypt, Georgia, Greece, Turkey. He has participated in assessment, emergency assignments and evaluations in Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Armenia, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Zambia, Malawi, Uzbekistan, North Macedonia, Cyprus and Tajikistan..



**Eylem Yanardağoğlu**

Eylem Yanardağoğlu is an associate professor at the New Media department at Kadir Has University in Istanbul, currently on sabbatical leave in Athens. She has a particular interest in Greek-Turkish media and have been teaching at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Msc Program in Media and Refugee/Migration Flows since 2021 . Eylem is also a research fellow at the Turkey program of ELIAMEP since February 2022. She is the author of the monograph entitled Transformation of the Media System in Turkey: Citizenship, Communication, and Convergence, published by Palgrave in 2021. She is currently researching the digital citizenship practices and digital media use of the Turkish speaking migrants in Athens.



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Brenda S.A. Yeoh FBA is Raffles Professor of Social Sciences, National University of Singapore (NUS) and Research Leader, Asian Migration Cluster, at NUS' Asia Research Institute. She was awarded the Vautrin Lud Prize for outstanding achievements in Geography in 2021. Her research interests in Asian migrations span themes such as gender, social reproduction and care migration; skilled migration and cosmopolitanism; higher education and international student mobilities; and marriage migrants and cultural politics. Her recent books include *Student Mobilities and International Education in Asia* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020, with R. Sidhu and K.C. Ho), *Handbook of Transnationalism* (Edward Elgar, 2022, with F.L. Collins), and *Handbook of Migration and the Family* (Edward Elgar, 2023, with J.L. Waters)..

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## The AIRE Centre Legal Support

The AIRE Centre (Advice on Individual Rights in Europe) is a specialist legal charity based in London but our mandate is pan European. The AIRE Centre litigates before the European Court of Human Rights and the **European Court Of Justice** and has been involved in [over 100 cases](#) since the organisation was founded in 1993. Our policy has always been to offer our litigation expertise in whatever form it is needed, which may mean acting as representatives on the record, sharing our expertise on procedural and substantive law, or intervening as an expert third party in cases which we are not assisting in the representation.

### Mission

We use the power of European law to protect fundamental rights.

We do this by:

1. providing expert advice on European law,
2. conducting litigation in cases where fundamental European rights are at stake,
3. undertaking policy work, training and technical assistance to promote standard setting and the sound development of the law, and
4. operating a well-resourced and purposeful organisation for the benefit of those seeking to enjoy their fundamental European rights.

### Impact

Where we identify critical human rights violations or gaps in policy or law which affect individuals in Europe, we step in and pursue cases with strategic potential. Such cases have had a wider impact on a national and international level, protecting the rights of vulnerable people including asylum-seekers, people who are homeless, victims of trafficking and survivors of domestic violence, to name a few. The AIRE Centre specialises in litigation before the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice. We act as representatives on the record, sharing our expertise on procedural and substantive law, or we intervene as an expert third party in cases which we are not assisting in the representation.



## Greek Council for Refugees

### Legal and social support

### Impact

The GCR:

- Has an efficient team of interpreters, who act as intercultural mediators, documents and assesses the needs of refugees who arrive in their offices daily;
- Has a legal team of more than 70 lawyers that provides a wide range of legal services to refugees and asylum seekers;
- Their psychosocial support unit and their social services include individualized and multidisciplinary assistance that considers all the material and psychological needs of the beneficiaries of international protection, including assistance in family and medical emergencies, management of vulnerable cases, access to food and housing, referrals to state services and organization.

The Greek Council for Refugees (GCR) is a Non- Governmental Organization, which has been active since 1989 in the field of asylum and human rights in Greece. GCR is an association recognized as a special charity, is included in the Registers of competent Ministries, has Consultative Status in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the UN since 2001 and is an operative partner of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). In addition to the above, GCR is a member of the Executive Committee of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) since 1991, a member of the Separated Children in Europe Program (SCEP) while it also participates in the National Committee for Human Rights (EEDA) since 1999.

### Mission

The GCR welcomes and offers free legal and social advice and services to refugees and people coming from third countries who are entitled to international protection in our country, while special emphasis is put on vulnerable cases, such as unaccompanied minors, victims of trafficking etc. The ultimate goal is their protection and their smooth integration in our country.

### Impact (Continue)

The GCR's intercultural center PYXIDA hosts several cultural and educational activities which are addressed to recognized refugees, such as free Greek and English lessons, educational counseling and learning support, specialized workshops for children and adults, etc.

GCR's services are offered in Athens, Thessaloniki and in the region of Evros but also in Lesbos, Kos and Herakleion - Crete. The main sources of GCR stem from European and co-financed Programs, by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, by grant making trusts as well as companies and individuals.





HIAS

Legal Support

The Eastern Mediterranean route from Turkey to Greece's eastern borders is one of the most widely traveled refugee pathways in the world. Refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants from the Middle East, Africa, and Asia travel to Greece via sea and land, seeking safety in Europe.

Since 2014, more than 1 million people have crossed into the country, fleeing violence and humanitarian crises in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other countries. With this large influx of refugees, access to basic needs is scarce and vulnerable people are not sufficiently protected. Greece hosts about 121,000 refugees and migrants, 40 percent of whom are under the age of 18.

### Mission

HIAS is the world's oldest refugee agency. Though the organization was formally established as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society in 1902, that founding moment represented a continuation of several predecessor organizations that had worked through the 1880s and 1890s to assist Jews fleeing pogroms in Russia and Eastern Europe. While those arriving in the United States at that time were refugees, the world did not yet have a legal concept for people who needed safe refuge outside their homelands.

Originally set up by Jews to help fellow Jews for reasons of religious imperative and communal solidarity, HIAS in the 2020s is a multi-continent, multi-pronged humanitarian aid and advocacy organization with thousands of employees dedicated to helping forcibly displaced persons around the world in keeping with the organization's Jewish roots. was, is and will always be at the frontline of emergencies.

### Impact

The primary goals of HIAS's work in Greece are twofold;

a) the provision of high quality legal support and representation to refugees with a focus on those who are most vulnerable, such as children and survivors of torture or gender-based violence (GBV) and the provision of psychosocial support to those in need.

b) HIAS' community-based mental health programs promote the well-being of individuals, families, and communities affected by crisis and conflict so they can heal and rebuild their lives. In 2022, 801 people received services.



## The Home Project Child Protection

### Impact

THP currently operates 13 shelters in Athens, overseen by the Child Protection Unit. THP has supported over 1,000 children since 2016, successfully reuniting 225 of them with their families throughout Europe and has created 220 jobs. Notably, THP employs 25 individuals who were formerly beneficiaries of its shelters, serving as caregivers, interpreters, and cleaners.

Education holds a crucial position in THP's approach, as all children under their care attend Greek schools. The organization has formed partnerships with three renowned private educational institutions, which have played a vital role by offering scholarships enabling children to pursue higher education at the college and university level in Greece and in the US.

In Greece, care for unaccompanied refugee children remains scattered among NGOs and international bodies. Available European Union funds for accommodation and social welfare services remain under-utilized. The Greek state needs to develop the requisite capacity to properly protect and integrate refugee children who arrive alone. Chronic institutional incompetence contributes to social discontent and fatigue with refugee issues, giving ground to xenophobia and racism in public discourse and politics. There are 2,219 unaccompanied children in Greece today. A large number of them are excluded from institutional child protection services, without access to basic care, social welfare, or any information about their rights.

### Mission

The HOME Project (THP) is a nonprofit organization created in 2016 to care for unaccompanied children whose families and lives are wrecked by war and persecution, empowering them to persevere and grow into active citizens.

### What we do

We aim to improve the lives of unaccompanied minors by influencing child protection policy at a national and international level. Our goal is to influence society as a whole by guiding refugee children to become active citizens and encouraging local communities to welcome them.

At the heart of the organization is the THP child protection model, which provides:

1. A holistic network of child protection services guided by an Individual Development Plan addressing each child's particular needs over time, including physical and mental health, education, life skills, social and legal support
2. Employment for Greeks, migrants and refugees, including children reaching adulthood
3. A healing and inclusive environment, and active engagement of the local community in order to cultivate social inclusion



INTERSOS HELLAS is a non-governmental organization that operates in Greece with the aim to provide equal opportunities and long term, durable solutions to people in need. We are a member of the INTERSOS family which has been active since 1992 and is operating in more than 23 countries around the world.

### **Mission**

INTERSOS HELLAS implements a series of supportive activities aimed at improving the wellbeing, providing meaningful access to information, services, rights and orientation, along with other auxiliary actions that will facilitate the movement towards the self-reliance of refugees and asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection in Greece. Moreover, INTERSOS HELLAS has focused since the outset on strengthening the community response, with an initial focus on promoting peaceful coexistence between host and hosted communities.

With professionalism, consistency, love, and solidarity, in these seven years, the staff of INTERSOS HELLAS were always next to the people in need, aiming at their safety and the improvement of their living conditions.

INTERSOS HELLAS was, is and will always be at the frontline of emergencies.

More information: [www.intersos.gr](http://www.intersos.gr)

### **Impact**

INTERSOS HELLAS completes seven years of dynamic presence in Greece, sending the loudest message against all kinds of discrimination and in favor of the protection and respect of human life. During these seven years, INTERSOS HELLAS has offered comprehensive assistance to asylum seekers, recognized refugees and migrants in Macedonia, Epirus, Thessaly, Lesvos and Attica, while successfully implementing independent national programs, the "Vaccines for All", "Food for All" and "Protection for All Minors" which aim to meet the basic needs of particularly vulnerable social groups.



**MdM**

**Access to health care**

**Médecins du Monde / Doctors of the World** is an international Non – Governmental, independent, humanitarian organization, which was founded in 1980 by 15 French doctors that believed in bearing witness and providing direct access to medical care for the world’s most vulnerable populations.

### Mission

The first and foremost mission of Médecins du Monde is to provide treatment. Actions though are not limited to medical care. Always based on its medical experience and acting independently, MdM is vocal against the obstruction of access to healthcare and the violation of human rights and dignity. Firm supporters of human rights, they are against racism, xenophobia and the social isolation and marginalization of social groups.

### Impact

The MdM operate two polyclinics in Athens and Thessaloniki.

a) The operation of the **Social Dental Clinic** fills a significant gap by providing not only the necessary dental care to vulnerable children and adults but also systematic information and education aimed at adopting behavioral patterns and habits that lead to the improvement of oral health.

b) A Mobile Medical Unit, staffed by experienced health professionals, provides specialised care in paediatric, cardiology, gynaecology and general preventive check-ups for people living in remote and inaccessible areas. In the same context, another Mobile Medical Unit provides preventive dental, paediatric and ophthalmological health services to vulnerable populations.

It also runs an open migrant accommodation center with a capacity of 44 places that operates on a 24/7 basis.

MdM also operate within reception facilities of Lesbos in order to meet the needs of third-country nationals, with emphasis on sexual and reproductive health, women and children’s health care, health education and health promotion. At the same time, it takes on awareness-raising activities regarding public health to local educational and social structures in Lesbos.



Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) was founded in 1971 in France by a group of doctors and journalists in the wake of war and famine in Biafra, Nigeria. Their aim was to establish an independent organisation that focuses on delivering emergency medicine aid quickly, effectively and impartially.

### Mission

We provide medical assistance to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, or exclusion from healthcare. Our teams are made up of tens of thousands of health professionals, logistic and administrative staff - bound together by our charter. Our actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of impartiality, independence and neutrality. MSF was created in the belief that all people should have access to healthcare regardless of gender, race, religion, creed or political affiliation, and that people's medical needs outweigh respect for national boundaries.

### Impact

MSF is currently active in several locations across Greece:

In **downtown Athens**, MSF runs an Urban Day Care Center and a Clinic to respond to the medical needs of asylum seekers/migrants residing all around the city.

**The Victoria Square Clinic** provides primary healthcare and mental healthcare during afternoon and evening hours. Moreover, at a third center MSF and partner organization provide medical and mental healthcare to **survivors of torture and violence**.

### Impact (Continue)

In the **Elliniko** camps MSF teams provide sexual and reproductive healthcare, mental healthcare, distribute hygiene kits, and conduct health promotion activities.

In the camp of **Thermopyles** MSF provides mental healthcare and sexual and reproductive healthcare.

In **Lesvos**, MSF runs a Clinic in the town of Mytilini for all asylum seekers and migrants residing on the island.

In the camps of **Malakasa, Lavrio and Ritsona** MSF provides mental healthcare to migrants and asylum seekers



## Prolepsis Institute

Medical research, advocacy

### Impact

#### The Prolepsis institute aims to:

- be involved in the organization and implementation of Preventive Medicine and Public Health programs;
- design and implement educational actions for the general population and specific groups of the population;
- advocate and raise awareness on issues that threaten citizens' physical and mental health and perpetuate or exacerbate social inequalities;
- respond to the needs of the people that belong to each vulnerable group by alleviating human pain, and to provide support in cases of a crisis situation or a natural disaster;

Prolepsis Institute is a civil non for profit organization established in 1990 in Athens, Greece, comprising a multi-disciplinary experienced team of physicians, health promotion and communication specialists, nutritionists, statisticians, psychologists, sociologists and economists. With a strong belief in health being a fundamental right, Prolepsis Institute has a leading role in the field of public health, by designing and implementing initiatives on several health issues in various sectors, targeting a wide range of groups, such as children, adults, women, migrants, Roma people, the elderly, and different types of occupational groups, such as health professionals, teachers, and educators as well as policymakers, other NGOs and decision makers

As a coordinator or a partner, Prolepsis Institute has participated in multiple large scale EU co-funded and national projects implementing research, educational initiatives, aiming at health promotion and education of the public, policy change and tackling health inequalities. Moreover, the Institute encourages interdisciplinary and international co-operation, creating networks of collaboration not only in Greece but also in Europe, and the USA. Prolepsis Institute has recently implemented a number of humanitarian focused projects aiming to promote the health and well-being of the vulnerable population groups.

### Impact (Continue)

- Undertake research covering all project stages, including study design, protocol development, questionnaire or other measurement tools development, data collection, development of statistical methodology, data analysis, drafting of deliverables and related scientific publications.;
- Assess the impact of applied programs and actions by using scientifically documented assessment tools.

Direct beneficiaries in the last decade (since 2012) reach over 270.000 people. These people include children/teachers from low socioeconomic backgrounds, elderly people, migrants/refugees with specific focus on women, Roma people, *health and other professionals, people suffering from natural disasters etc.*





## Refugee Week Greece Cultural contribution

Refugee Week is a global and dynamic movement, a cultural festival celebrating the contribution, creativity and authenticity of people having experienced forced migration. It takes place every year on the 20th of June, on [World Refugee Day](#). The Festival is organised by [We are Community Ltd](#) (UK) and [Comictim Press](#) (Gr) in collaboration with [Counterpoints Arts](#), supported by [Comic Relief Across Borders programme](#) on the 19-25th June 2023.

### **Mission**

The initiative is a cultural festival, part of a dynamic global movement, and promotes the contribution, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking refuge. Refugee Week Greece aspires to build a stronger collaboration between various stakeholders that can share and create a positive message for refugees, one that prones us to change our everyday lives and work on more inclusive societies together.

### **Impact**

Refugee Week is a platform in which all are welcome to take part in, whether it is attending or organising an event, activity or workshop. Already, prominent refugee organisations in Greece are participating by sharing their message of solidarity, inclusion and social equality.

For Refugee Week's 25th anniversary (19-25th June 2023) we celebrate what compassion looks like in action. Together we can create a shared understanding of compassion to ensure we are extending it widely to all. "Our task must be to free ourselves – by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty." - Albert Einstein



**STEPS**

**Advocacy, Street lawyering**

Through complete suggestions and targeted actions, we pursue to give answers to problems that our fellow citizens, that live as outsiders, have to deal with and that experience social exclusion, with the goal for them to become self-dependent and self-reliant. We become their voice, when it's needed, claiming rights that should be self-evident for every human being. We come across two types of people on the streets: Street Connected Adults (homeless, unemployed that live below the poverty line, people who use drugs, immigrants, refugees, human trafficking victims, sex workers). Street Connected Children (unaccompanied minors, working children, human trafficking victims).

**Impact**

**227** Participants

**78832** Hours of Street Embrace

**130926** Portions of Food

**20900** Syringes (22,000 syringes have been collected)

**5000** Condoms

**17000** Masks & Hygiene kits

**Mission**

Our mission is to approach street connected people, while at the same time giving them access to food, counseling, entertainment, first aid, clothing and personal hygiene. Our next goal is to provide space in apartments, in order for them to gain privacy. Our final goal is to provide them with the opportunity to develop their skills and/or to be trained in order for them to be autonomous.