

Provisional Conference Agenda:

DAY 1:

Session 1: 09.00-12.00: The Notion of Mixed Migration

This session will explore the historical and institutional context in which the notion of ‘mixed migration’ has recently emerged, its various definitions and the global and local interpretations it encompasses. It will look at the conflicting meanings of this notion, and explore their reasons.

Session 2: 13.30-15.30: The Phenomenon of Mixed Migration: Case Studies (working panels)

Four panels will examine selected case studies from different regions. Junior researchers (doctoral and post-doctoral students), specializing in the relevant regions and who have been selected through the call for contributions will explore the complexification of migration dynamics which are increasingly diversified, circular, volatile and involve a wide variety of interrelated factors (social, economical, political, institutional). Researchers will also look at the consequences of recent migration and asylum policies on conditions of movements, and highlight both the constraints (in terms of protection and human rights challenges) and coping strategies (in terms of mobilization of various legal categories for instance) they entail. When feasible, the panels will also discuss past experiences and historical responses to ‘mixed migration movements’ (e.g. the boat people phenomenon) and compare them with present situations.

Four regions of the world will be discussed, two in parallel: West and North Africa; the horn of Africa & Middle-East (first session); Central America; South-East Asia (second session). Each session will be introduced by a key-speaker who will also chair the panel:

- West and North Africa
- Horn of Africa and Middle East

Session 3:16.00-18.00: The Phenomenon of Mixed Migration: Case Studies Continued

- South-East Asia
- Latin and Central America

DAY 2:

Session 4: 09.00-12.00: Impact of Migration Policies

The past decade has witnessed a sharp increase of policies developed to address the specific challenges raised by mixed migration and new migration patterns. This session will reflect on these initiatives, explore their relevance as well as their concrete results and impact on migration dynamics and on human rights and refugee protection.

Session 5: 13.30-18.00: Concluding Remarks and Recommendations

During this last session, the rapporteurs of each panel will provide a summary of the discussions in their panel and highlight the major protection and policy challenges identified by participants. A keynote speaker will then propose a synthesis of the main scientific and policy issues identified during the conference. The conference organizers will each comment from their perspective on these recommendations.