



# ***Athens Event MaxiPAC-EU***

**Thursday 29 September 2022,**

**10.00 – 17.30**

## **Athens International Workshop: “Migrants’ and Refugees’ Education: Opportunities & Lessons Learned”**

*Venue:*

Ceremony Hall, Harokopio University  
70 El. Venizelou Street, 176 71 Kallithea,  
Athens, Greece

## PROGRAMME

### **09:45 – 10:00 Registration**

### **10:00 – 10:20 Welcome**

*Mara Nikolaidou, Rector, Professor, Harokopio University, Greece*

*Apostolos G. Papadopoulos, Professor, Harokopio University, Greece/ National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)*

### **10:20 – 11:20: Session I. Migrants and Refugees in International Research**

*Chair: George Kandylis, Researcher, National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)*

#### ***Inclusion? Racism and Discrimination Towards Refugee and Migrants in Europe***

Bina D'Costa,

Professor, Department of International Relations, the Australian National University/ Australian Research Council Future Fellow

#### ***Access to Educational Opportunities and the Labour Market: A longitudinal approach to the case of Ukrainian Migration in Greece***

Marina Nikolova,

Researcher, University of the Peloponnese, Greece

### ***Q&A and Discussion***

*11:20 -11:35 Coffee break*

### **11:35 - 13:10 Session II. Migrants' and Refugees' Education: Opportunities**

*Chair: Dimitra Kondyli, Researcher, National Centre for Social Research (EKKE), Greece*

#### ***Steps taken towards Recognition and Assessment of Refugees' Qualifications***

Orestis Kalogirou,

Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki / President of DOATAP – Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (Hellenic NARIC)

#### ***'Study in Greece': Opportunities for International Students***

Christos Michallakelis,

Associate Professor, Harokopio University, Greece/ President of 'Study in Greece'

***Reimagining Refugee Lifelong Education: Towards a New Social Contract***

Eugenia Arvanitis,  
Associate Professor, University of Patras, Greece

***Students with Immigrant Background in International Research***

Chryssa Sofianopoulou,  
Associate Professor, Harokopio University, Greece/ National Project Manager and Member of Governing Board of the OECD PISA Program

***Q&A and Discussion***

**13:10 – 14:00 Session III. ‘Curing the Limbo’: An Innovative Project on Refugees’ in Athens**

***‘Curing the Limbo’: A holistic integration strategy towards inclusion***

Thalia Dragona  
Professor Emerita of Social Psychology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

*Discussant:*

Constantinos Papachristopoulos,  
PhD in Labour and Organisational Psychology, Marie Curie Fellow

***Q&A and Discussion***

14:00 – 15:00 Light lunch

**15:00 – 16:20 Session IV. Migrants’ and Refugees’ Education: Lessons Learned**

*Chair: Angelo Tramountanis, Researcher, National Centre for Social Research (EKKE), Greece*

***The Intercultural Center PYXIDA: Teaching Greek as a second Foreign Language to Refugees***

Anna Mertzani,  
Intercultural Center PYXIDA Manager, Greek Council for Refugees (GCR), Greece

***Empowering people of migrant background - An NGO approach***

Katerina Kapnisi,  
Employability Service Coordinator, Generation 2.0 RED, Greece

***Melissa Network: A holistic and community-based approach to integration***

Deborah Valencia, Co-founder, Melissa Network  
Vicky Koursoumi, Educator, Melissa Network  
Sotiria Drouga, Educator, Melissa Network

***Being a focal point in the times of war!***

Nataliya Dovhopol,  
Information and Coordination Center of United Ukrainian Diaspora in Greece

***Q&A and Discussion***

16:20 -16:30 *Coffee break*

**16:30 – 17:30 Session V. Roundtable - The MAXI.PAC Procedure in Action**

*Chair: Apostolos G. Papadopoulos, Professor, Harokopio University, Greece/ National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)*

*Short presentation of MAXI.PAC Procedure:*

Aleidis Deville, Professor, Tomas More University, Belgium

*Discussants (in alphabetical order):*

Marie-Céline Falisse, Representative of AEGEE, Belgium

Loukia-Maria Fratsea, Researcher, Harokopio University, Greece / National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)

Yeasmine Nafisa, Professor, University of Lapland, Finland

Ayonghe Nebasifu, Researcher, University of Lapland, Finland

Serafina Pastore, Professor, University of Bari 'Aldo Moro', Italy

Anna Fausta Scardigno, Professor, University of Bari 'Aldo Moro', Italy

Luc Wilms, Professor, Tomas More University, Belgium

***Q&A and Discussion***