

DAAD Dialogue with Southern Europe 2020-2021: Germany and Italy

Crisis, Risks and New Regionalisms in Europe: Narrating Flight and Asylum

6 November 2020
Online Conference



Speakers

Dominic Davies
(University of London, City)

Stefano Mula
(Middlebury College, Vermont)

Lidia De Michelis
(University of Milan)

among others

Readings

David Herd
(University of Kent, Canterbury)

Barry Sloan
(Chemnitz)

Pap Khouma
(Milan and Dakar)



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Friday, 6 November 2020

9:30 **Opening:** Cecile Sandten and Claudia Gualtieri

9:45 **Session 1: "A Gift of Doors': Narratives, the Media, and Teaching"**

Plenary: Lidia De Michelis

- Lidia De Michelis (University of Milan): "Beyond 'Consensus Realism': Speculative Imaginings of Relationality, Mobility and Hope in Mohsin Hamid's *Exit West*"
- Carly McLaughlin (University of Potsdam) and Gigi Adair (University of Bielefeld): "How do Global South Migrant Narratives Help us to Think About and Teach Forced Migration Differently"
- Mahtab Dadkhah: "The Power of Media in Forming Cultural Identities of Immigrants From India and Africa to Germany"

11:15 Coffee break

11:45 **Session 2: "Writing Flight and Asylum"**

Plenary: Dominic Davies

- Dominic Davies (University of London, City): "'Liquid Traces': Refugee Representation and Recognition on the Mediterranean Sea"
- Hasan Serkan Demir (Chemnitz University of Technology): "Through the Looking Glass: Ethics and Responsibility in *The Optician of Lampedusa*"
- Narges Mirzapour (Semnan University, Iran): "Can the Refugees Speak? Case Study of *The Displaced: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives* (2018) by Viet Thanh Nguyen"

13:15 Lunch break

14:00 **Session 3: "Visual Stories of Flight and Asylum"**

Plenary: Stefano Mula (Middlebury College, Vermont)

- Stefano Mula (Middlebury College, Vermont): "Migration, Comics, and Teaching"
- Andrea B. Farabegoli (Bocconi University of Milan): "The Role of Public History in Practising Stories: Graphic Novels and Museums"

15:30 Coffee break

15:45 **Session 4: "Migration and Refugeeism: A Conversation"**

Chair: Eike Kronshage (Chemnitz University of Technology)

- Maurizio Veglio (International University College of Turin and ASGI-Associazione per gli Studi Giuridici sull'Immigrazione): "Locked Down Again: Migrant's Detention During the Pandemic"
- Claudia Gualtieri and Roberto Pedretti (University of Milan): "Has Covid-19 Determined Policies on Migration? The Italian Case"
- **Conclusion:** Mandy Beck (Chemnitz University of Technology) and Roberto Pedretti

17:15 Break

19:00 **Readings:** David Herd (University of Kent, Canterbury), Barry Sloan (Chemnitz), Pap Khouma (Milan and Dakar)

20:00 **Convivial *apericena*** - a fashionable word/event in northern Italy which entails "aperitivo" + "cena = dinner" and involves a glass of wine/drinks, *struzzichini*/nibbles and informal chatting

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