

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: UNDERSTANDING CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINALIZATION OF MIGRATION

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The 2015-2016 “refugee crisis” and the on-going arrivals of migrants who are seeking protection and better life to the EU triggered a number of changes in the EU states’ legislative and policy approaches to migration. A number of EU countries have introduced new legal restrictions and established new institutions aimed at surveillance, control, deterrence and deportation of migrants. 2016 was the year when the largest ever number of refugee statuses were granted. At the same time, the trend of attributing of factual or alleged responsibility for crimes to migrants and refugees have increased. There is a trend to simplification and portrayal of migrants and refugees as dangerous and assistance to migrants is more and more often subject to administrative or criminal punishment. At the same time, the phenomena such as racism, xenophobia and Islamophobia are becoming more open and public.

Our coworker Dušan NOLIMAL, MD, MSPH, will attend the Conference and present the analysis **“LESSONS FROM THE WARS ON DRUGS, TERROR AND IMMIGRATION: THE CASE OF EUROPE - AFGHANISTAN RELATIONS”**

Also, EU Drugs Strategy and Action Plan provides a strengthened response to evidence gathering on the potential connection between drug trafficking and financing of terrorist groups and activities, migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings (https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/organized-crime-and-human-trafficking/drug-control/eu-response-to-drugs_en).