COST Action IS1101 – Workshop on CLIMATE MIGRANT

Date: Friday 18 October 2013
Place: Laboratory of International Relations and European Integration, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	Opening Talks: a) Dimitra Manou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki b) Welcome to the University of Macedonia, Greece Professor Ilias Kouskouvelis, Director of the Laboratory of International Relations and European Integration c) Anja Mihr, University of Utrecht
9:30 – 10:15	**Keynote talk** **OHCHR on migration and climate change from a human rights perspective** Pia Oberoi *Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Key-note speaker*
10:15 – 10:45	**Coffee break**
10:45 – 11:45	**EU perspectives on Environment-induced migration (Chair: Dimitra Manou)** 1. **The EU, Climate Change and Human Displacement: No Tools to Cope?** Violeta Moreno Lax *Queen Mary, University of London* 2. **Environment-related Migration: The Cautious Approach of the European Union** Monika Mayrhofer and Margit Ammer *Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights* 3. **Climate Change = Legal Change? How the Residents of Happisburgh (UK) Cope with the Loss of their Coast** Franciska Ochs *Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture, Gießen*
11:45 – 12.45	**Human rights based approach: specific strategies and human rights involved (Chair: Anja Mihr)** 4. **The Importance of Housing, Land and Property Rights for Climate Displaced Persons: Proposals for Legal and Policy Solutions** Ezekiel Simperingham

	Displacement Solutions, UK 5. **The human rights of climate induced relocation** Robin Bronen *University of Alaska* 6. **Climate Change Adaptation: Applying Human Rights-Based Approaches to Climate Induced Migration and Other Adaptation Strategies** Douglas Alastair Cubie *Faculty of Law, University College Cork*
12:45 – 13:45	**Lunch break**
13:45 – 15:00	**<u>Climate migrant and international law (Chair: Margit Ammer)</u>** 7. **Harmonising Provisions for "Climate Migrants" in Post - 2015 International Climate, Development and Disaster Risk Reduction Agreements** Teresa Thorp *Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance, Utrecht University* 8. **Expanding the Legal Debates on State Responsibility and Climate Change: Who Has to Host Displaced Populations?** Mariya Gromilova *Tilburg Law School* 9. **Environmental Refugees: Closing the Protection Gap?!** Marlene Becker *Georg- August University, Göttingen* 10. **Why International Law Should Respond to the Cross-Border Climate Change Migration** Demola Okeowo *University of British Columbia, Canada*
15:00 – 15:30	**Coffee break**
15:30 – 16:30	**<u>Impacts of climate change on migration and displacement: Case studies (Chair: Douglas Alastair Cubie)</u>** 11. **Is there a Special Action (treatment) for Desertification Induced Migrants under the Scope of UNCCD: The Case of Somali Refugees in Ethiopia** Zecharias Fassil Berhe *Ethiopian Civil Service University* 12. **The Interplay between Climate Change, and population mobility: Experience from Asia** AKM Ahsan Ullah

	American University of Cairo 13. **Managing Climate-induced Migration in Bangladesh: Legal and Policy Responses** Mostafa Naser *Department of Law of the University of Chittagong, Bangladesh*
16:30 – 17:00	Concluding remarks – Discussion – Follow up suggestions Anja Mihr, Dimitra Manou, All participants
20.00	Official Dinner