



Mercator Dialogue on
Asylum and Migration

MEDAM Seminar

Journeys on hold: How policy influences the migration decisions

Date and time: Wednesday, 5 July 2017, 17:00 - 18:30

Venue: CEPS, 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels

Around 5,000 Eritreans leave their country every month. Many travel directly to neighbouring Ethiopia, where there is an open-asylum policy for refugees, including an extensive camp-based system of protection, and a variety of interventions designed to both support people's livelihoods and deter irregular secondary migration. But despite this humanitarian and development assistance, for many people, their journey does not end in Ethiopia. This presentation explores whether, by providing alternative options, it is possible for policy-makers to prevent or reduce irregular migration from countries- and regions-of-origin. It looks at two measures in particular: in-country livelihood support, such as vocational trainings and loans, and refugee resettlement programming.

Agenda:

16:30 – 17:00 Registration and coffee

17:00 – 17:45 Journeys on hold: How policy influences the migration decisions

Speaker: Jessica Hagen-Zanker / Overseas Development Institute, London

17:45 – 18:00 Lessons for EU Policymakers

Discussants: Elizabeth Collett / Migration Policy Institute Europe and Tuba Bircan / KU Leuven

18:00 – 18:30 Questions and Answers

18:30 – 19:30 Networking drinks

This MEDAM Seminar is organised by CEPS.

Chair and Contact Person: [Nadzeya Laurensyeva](#)



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About MEDAM

The Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration is a practical research and consultation project that addresses pressing issues in asylum and migration and aims to provide evidence-based solutions from a primarily economic perspective. With a view to strengthening Europe's ability to act, MEDAM intends to fill the gaps in policy research on asylum and migration and to develop recommendations for decision-makers at the national and European levels. Funded by Stiftung Mercator, the project brings together researchers from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute in Florence and the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels. More information can be found at <http://www.medam-migration.eu/>.

Latest publications produced under MEDAM

M. Barslund, M. Busse, K. Lenaerts, L. Ludolph and V. Renman, "[Labour Market Integration of Refugees: A comparative survey of Bosnians in five EU countries](#)", CEPS Special Report No. 155, CEPS, Brussels, December 2016

M. Barslund, A. Di Bartolomeo and L. Ludolph, "[Gender Inequality and Integration of Non-EU Migrants in the EU](#)", CEPS Policy Insights No 2017/06, CEPS, Brussels, February 2017

M. Lücke and C. Schneiderheinze, "[More Financial Burden-Sharing for Developing Countries that Host Refugees](#)", G20 Insights Policy Brief, G20 Insights, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kiel, 28 March 2017

2017 [MEDAM Assessment Report on Asylum and Migration Policies in Europe](#), Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) and Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration (MEDAM), 2017



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