



Peace and Mobilities

“Refugees, Forced Migration and Peace”
26th May – 23rd June
Universidad Pontificia Comillas

ABSTRACT

The Refugees, Forced Migration, and Peace program, hosted by Universidad Pontificia Comillas from May 26 to June 26, is a comprehensive academic and field-based initiative addressing key issues related to forced migration, refugee protection, and peacebuilding. Through a series of seminars, workshops, and field visits, the program explores interdisciplinary approaches to migration, asylum policies, human rights, media narratives, climate-induced displacement, youth empowerment, human trafficking, and gender perspectives. The program brings together academics, practitioners, and students to engage in discussions on the legal, political, and social dimensions of migration. Special focus is given to the European asylum framework, Islamophobia, child protection, psychosocial and economic assistance, and political advocacy. Participants will also undertake field visits to migration-focused organizations, including Délégation Diocésaine des Migrations and Red Acoge, gaining firsthand insight into migrant support mechanisms. A highlight of the program is a field trip to Melilla-Nadur, where participants will analyze border dynamics, migration flows, and the role of NGOs and policymakers in addressing border challenges. The program concludes with reflective workshops aimed at conceptualizing key findings and developing future research and policy actions related to peace and forced migration.

VENUES

Conference	Lunch	Hotel
C/Rey Francisco 4	ICADE Canteen. C/Alberto Aguilera 23.	

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PROGRAM

26th May (Monday)

11:00–12:00 | Registration and Researchers Welcoming

Participants are invited to have lunch, sign in and collect their event materials.

12:15: 13:30 | Business Meeting

“Agenda setting”, Bielefeld University and Universidad Pontificia Comillas

13:30–15:00 | Lunch

15:15-17:15 | Conceptualization Workshop (T2.1)

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Objectives of the Seminar:

- To explore the relationship between peace and mobility from different perspectives.
- Identify key concepts and possible theoretical frameworks.
- To generate inputs for the research project.

Dynamic (120 minutes)

First Session: Introduction and Theoretical Framing (15:15-16:00)

- Introduction and Theoretical Framing
- Welcome and presentation of the objective
- Brief presentation of key theoretical frameworks on peace and mobility
- Round of questions and initial discussion

Second Session: Collaborative Work (16:00-16:40)

- Concept mapping exercise: Groups are divided into groups to construct a conceptual map on the interrelationship between peace and mobility.
- Small group discussion: Each group addresses one aspect (e.g. mobility and conflict, mobility as a right, structural barriers, etc.).

Third Session: Presentation of Findings and Discussion (16:40-17:00)

- Each group presents its findings (5-7 min per group).
- Plenary discussion with questions and collective construction of ideas.

Fourth Session: Closure and Reflection (17:00-17:15)

- Recapitulation of key ideas.

- Possible emerging lines of research.
- Rapid evaluation of the workshop experience.

27th May (Tuesday)

Seminario | Iniciativas frente a los delitos de odio y formas conexas de intolerancia (T3.1; T5.1)

10:00-11:15 | Definición y análisis de los delitos de odio, intolerancia y discriminación

Speakers:

Esteban Ibarra, Movimiento contra la Intolerancia.

Cecilia Estrada Villaseñor, Directora de la Cátedra de Refugiados y Migrantes Forzosos

11:15 - 12:00 | Situación de los delitos de odio en España

Speaker:

Miguel Ángel Aguilar, Fiscal de Sala de la Fiscalía General del Estado

12:00 – 12:30 | Coffee break

12:30 | Realidades de los grupos en situación de vulnerabilidad

Speakers:

Comisión Islámica - Racismo y Xenofobia.

Fundación Triángulo - LGTB+

FEREDE – Libertad religiosa

CERMI – Discapacidad

Diaconía - Mujer, Aporofobia y más

13:20 – 14:00 | Experiencias desde el Tercer Sector. Proyecto “Sin etiquetas, sin odio”

Speakers: Diaconía

Objectives of the workshop:

- To reflect on and raise awareness of the different forms of hate crimes, intolerance and discrimination, deepening their definition, analysis and consequences in society.
- To analyse the current situation of hate crimes in Spain, providing data, trends and the role of institutions in the prevention and prosecution of these crimes.

- To make visible and understand the realities of groups in vulnerable situations (such as migrants, religious, LGTB+, people with disabilities, women, etc.), promoting respect for diversity and inclusion.
- Share experiences and good practices from the third sector and social organisations for the prevention, care for victims and the fight against hate crime, encouraging collaboration between public and private actors.

14:00 | Lunch

28th May (Wednesday)

10:00-11:45 | Seminar: Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights (T3.1; T5.1) International and European legal framework on asylum and refugee matters: the case of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Speakers:

Adam Dubin: Professor of International Law at ICADE, researcher.

Raquel Verdasco: trainee researcher (PhD Candidate) at the Chair of Refugees and Forced Migrants (IUEM).

Ignacio Ulloa: Judge of the General Court of the European Union (2013-2019). He currently heads the cabinet of the President of the Spanish Constitutional Court.

Objectives of the Workshop:

- To promote the knowledge and application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union among the different actors involved from civil society and academia.
- To engage international participants in meaningful, practical and accessible discussions on the application of human rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights in times of crisis.
- To raise awareness on the use of the Charter of Fundamental Rights as a key tool for the protection and promotion of human rights in conflict contexts.
- To elaborate a document with recommendations for a better dissemination and diffusion of the content of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, addressed to key actors in civil society, business and academic institutions.

Speaker: Adam Dubin (10 minutes)

- Conceptualization of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, its scope of application and the challenges in its use.



- Presentation of the Preliminary Results of the FAIR Project.
- Mapping of FRA Annual Reports
- Surveys
- Focus Groups
- Seminars
- Trainings to members of the administration of justice and civil society.
- Awareness raising campaign on the use of the Charter

Speaker: Raquel Verdasco (10 minutes)

- Explain the importance of the Charter of Fundamental Rights as a normative instrument in the protection of human rights, with emphasis on the most vulnerable people (Children Rights, Refugee Rights, Victims' Rights, etc.)
- Reflection and recommendations to promote greater awareness of the Charter of Fundamental Rights among human rights defenders (lawyers, judges, prosecutors or civil society).

Speaker: Ignacio Ulloa (10:20-12:00)

- Training on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights: To strengthen the knowledge and practical application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, promoting its integration in professional, academic and social contexts.
- Key contents: History and adoption, structure (6 titles: dignity, freedoms, equality, solidarity, citizenship, justice), relationship with the ECHR and other treaties, practical applicability of the Charter, when and how applies, CJEU case law and concrete examples.

12:00-12:30 Debate | Conclusions and Recommendations

12:30 -14:00 | Seminar: Climate Change and Forced Displacement (T3.1; T5.1)

Moderator: Gema Gómez Álvaro (PhD Candidate at the Chair in Disaster Studies – IUEM –ICADE)

Objectives of the Seminar:

- Exploring climate migration from both social and legal perspectives.
- To introduce the concept of climate mobility and its main applications.
- To address the social impact of climate migration in the Spanish context.
- To analyze the legal challenges associated with the phenomenon, with particular attention to the lack of legal recognition of so-called 'climate migrants' and the consequences in terms of international protection.

Speakers:

12:30 - 12:45 | Víctor Pérez Segura, Chair in Disaster Studies – IUEM – ICADE.

- Introduction to climate mobility. **[ONLINE]**

12:45 - 13:15 | Carmen Lozano Cabedo, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), researcher.

- Social impact of climate migration in Spain.

13:15 - 13:45 | Justo Lisandro Corti Varela, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), researcher.

- Climate migration from a legal perspective.

13:45 – 14:00 | Open discussion and conclusions.

14:00 | Lunch

29th May (Thursday)

10:00-11:30 | Seminar: Child Protection in Refugee Contexts and Psychosocial Assistance (T3.1; T5.1)

Speakers: the seminar will be conducted in English

Eva Bajo, ICADE

Objectives of the Seminar:

1. **To generate a common understanding of peacebuilding within child protection** by combining academic, experiential, and institutional perspectives.
2. **Analyse theoretical and practical approaches to child protection** and psychosocial care in contexts of refuge and forced migration.
3. **Conceptualise the meaning of 'peace'** through a participatory and applied approach.

Index of contents:

1. Academic Approaches to Child Protection and Psychological Assistance
 2. Child Protection and Psychological Assistance in Practice
 3. Dynamic: shared reflection and common definition of peace in psychosocial interventions for child protection
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11:30 - 12:00 | Coffee Break

12:30 -14:00 | Seminar: Youth Empowerment against Islamophobia (T3.1; T5.1)

Speakers: the Seminar will be conducted in **Spanish** with visual aid in English.

Dra. Cecilia Estrada Villaseñor, Director Chair for Refugees and Forced Migrants – IUEM - ICADE

Maryam Hammadeh Llorente, Fundación Luz Casanova

Isabel Carrión, PhD Candidate at the Chair for Refugees and Forced Migrants – IUEM – ICADE

Objectives of the Seminar:

- **To analyse the phenomenon of Islamophobia in Spain**, particularly in relation to Muslim youth, from a critical and interdisciplinary perspective.
- **To highlight the contribution of civil society organisations** in the processes of inclusion, participation, and empowerment of Muslim youth.
- **To foster dialogue between academia, civil society, and participants**, promoting networking opportunities and collaborative proposals to combat Islamophobia from a human rights-based perspective.

12:00 – 12: 30 | Cecilia Estrada Villaseñor Director Chair for Refugees and Forced Migrants – IUEM - ICADE

- Introduction to the seminar and brief contextualization of Islamophobia in Spain. Short overview of the EmpowerYouth project and its relevance in this framework

12:30 – 13:10 | Maryam Hammadeh Llorente Fundación Luz Casanova

- Presentation of the grassroots work carried out by civil society organizations supporting Muslim youth in processes of empowerment, inclusion, and active participation.

13:10 – 13:25 | Isabel Carrión PhD Candidate at the Chair for Refugees and Forced Migrants – IUEM – ICADE

- Presentation of the preliminary results regarding youth active participation and narrative transformation; opportunities for the replication of the project in different settings and countries.

13:35 – 14:00 | Debate and Conclusions

- Open floor for public participation, exchange of ideas among speakers, and collective reflection on next steps in the fight against Islamophobia through inclusive and transformative approaches.

14:00 | Lunch

2nd June (Monday)

10:00-11:30 | Seminar: Human Trafficking and Gender Perspectives (T2.2)

Speakers:

Raquel Verdasco, ICADE

Cecilia Estrada, ICADE

Speaker: Raquel Verdasco

- **Context and presentation of the project Data Culture in Human Trafficking II:** The project seeks to shed light on both the hidden aspects of crime (those that are not reported) and the underlying factors that influence whether crimes are reported or remain unnoticed. By combining both quantitative and qualitative methods, the study provides a comprehensive view of crime dynamics that goes beyond what is officially documented. The project is divided into two main phases: one focusing on quantitative data collection and the other focusing on qualitative insights (interviews, focus groups).
- Results of the Dark Figure (**Results of the Quantitative Methodology MSE**) and Beyond the Hidden Figure (**Results of the Qualitative Methodology**)
- **Recommendations:** Based on the findings from both the quantitative and qualitative data, several recommendations have emerged to address the dark figure of crime and improve crime reporting.

11:30 -12:00| Coffee Break

12:00 -12:30 | Workshop: “Map of tensions” (30 min)

Moderator: Raquel Verdasco

Objective: To activate previous knowledge and sensitivities.

Dynamics:

On a large panel (can be physical or digital), provocative phrases or statements summarizing tensions from the seminar are placed (e.g. “Trafficking only affects migrant women”, “Criminal approach is sufficient”, “NGOs do it all”).

Each participant places stickers (agreement/disagreement/questions).

Brief discussion in plenary.

12:30 -13:15 | Workshop: Dilemmas Gallery (45 min)

Moderator: Raquel Verdasco



Objective: To make current challenges visible from multiple angles.

Dynamics:

Each group writes their dilemma on a poster board.
They stick it on the wall as an exhibition.

Moderation of emerging connections.

Brief discussion in plenary.

13:15 -14:00 | Co-design of academic or research actions (45 min)

Moderator: Raquel Verdasco

Objective: To move from diagnosis to proposal.

Dynamics:

New mixed groups (with people from different subjects).

Develop proposals for:

Collaborative research

Intervention or advocacy

Joint publications

Policy recommendations

Presented in plenary as a 3-minute pitch.

14:00 | Lunch

3rd June (Tuesday)

10:00-11:30 | Seminar: "Doing the Right Thing: Economic Assistance from Global Businesses in Ukraine's War" (T2.2)

Nataliia Krasnokutska, professor, PhD, DSc, postdoctoral researcher, Comillas Pontifical University

Daria Zadniprovska, former Head of communication, Philip Morris Ukraine, business consultant, volunteer

Seminar Objectives:

- Explain how global businesses engage in economies affected by war.
- Explore ethical dilemmas businesses face when operating in war zones.

- Present a real-life case study (Philip Morris Ukraine) to illustrate how global companies manage business continuity, employee support, and economic resilience during war.

10:00–10:10 | Nataliia Krasnokutska. Introduction:

- Self-Introduction & guest speaker introduction
- Wars are not just military conflicts; they destroy entire economic systems, leaving people without jobs, businesses, and basic needs. Who provides economic assistance?

10:10–10:30 | Nataliia Krasnokutska. The role of business in war: supporting stability or walking away?

- How global businesses can mitigate economic impacts without directly resolving violent conflicts.
- The concept of ethical economic support: “doing the right thing”
- Ethical dilemmas: should businesses exit conflict zones or stay and provide stability?

10:30–11:10 | Daria Zadniprovska – online. Case study: Philip Morris Ukraine

- How Philip Morris Ukraine adapted its business model to war conditions.
- Supporting employees (relocation, remote work, mental health initiatives).
- Corporate humanitarian efforts (volunteer-led projects, crisis response).
- Challenges faced.

11:10–11:30 | Open Discussion & Q&A

11:30 -12:15 | Coffee Break

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Workshop objectives:

- Translate seminar insights into real-world scenarios and engage diverse international participants in meaningful, practical, and accessible discussions.
- Challenge participants to explore ethical dilemmas and propose solutions in an interdisciplinary setting.

12:30–12:40 | Nataliia Krasnokutska. Recap & framing the discussion

- Summarize key insights from the seminar.
- Introduce the World Café format and objectives (“What would you do?” question to spark engagement).

12:40–13:30 | World Café – "Doing the Right Thing"

Participants form 5 groups and rotate through tables discussing:

- *Table 1:* Supporting employment stability
- *Table 2:* Supporting local businesses ethically
- *Table 3:* Infrastructure maintenance and recovery
- *Table 4:* Economic empowerment of vulnerable groups and communities
- *Table 5:* Ethical corporate decision-making (e.g., exiting aggressor markets)

13:30–13:50 | Reflections with Daria Zadniprovska

- Each table presents their key takeaways, and Daria reflects on ideas generated by groups and provides practical and realistic insights based on her professional and volunteer experiences.

13:50-14:00 | Closing summary & key takeaways

Core message: "Businesses cannot end war, but they can do the right thing economically, helping communities survive, stay resilient, and prepare for future recovery"

14:00 | Lunch

4th June (Wednesday)

10:00-14:00 | Visit to a collaborating organization: Red Acoge (T3.2; T5.3)

14:00 | Lunch

9th June (Monday)

10:00-11:30 | Seminar: Integration and Re-integration of forced migrants: stakeholders' benefits and challenges

Speakers: the seminar will be held in English

Evhenia Kolomiyets-Ludwig, PhD, Associate prof., postdoctoral researcher, Comillas Pontifical University

Speaker 1 Ilona Havronska, Deputy Minister the Ministry of National Unity of Ukraine (online)

Speaker 2 Lina Kurchenko, PhD, Associate prof. career coach for unemployed in Germany, Psychologist, NLP practitioner, intercultural trainer (in person)

Objectives of the Seminar:

- to clarify and compare the responsibilities, interests, and resource capacities of key actors of hosting and country of origin sides (governments, NGOs, host communities, private sector, and migrants themselves).
- to assess how integration policies and programs create value for stakeholders (e.g., labour markets, social cohesion, health systems) while identifying potential negative externalities (e.g., service strain, discrimination).

11:30 -12:15 | Coffee Break

12:30 -14:00 | Workshop: Applied discussion “Trauma, Resilience, and Integration: Mental Health Pathways for Forced Migrants” ”

- Evhenia Kolomiyets-Ludwig & Lina Kurchenko

Outcomes:

1. Shared understanding of forced migrants' (refugees') trauma trajectories and resilience drivers across the regions.
2. Identification of systemic integration barriers and protective community factors.
3. Co-created, actionable interdisciplinary research questions primed for grant proposals or publications.

14:00 | Lunch

13th June (Friday)- 16th June (Monday)

Special Trip Melilla - Nadur (T3.2; T5.3)

This trip will only be attended by partners that have already confirmed their participation + Cecilia Estrada Villaseñor, Raquel Verdasco, Ana Olmedo and Isabel Carrión.

Objective: Field experience to learn about the reality of migration at the border.

- Observation of the border situation and analysis of migratory flows.
- Visit to local entities collaborating with migrants and refugees.
- Group reflection on the challenges of migration policy at the border.
- Direct observation of border dynamics as spaces of violence and peace negotiation.
- Interaction with local NGOs and migrants to understand border resistance strategies.
- Dialogue with key stakeholders: Authorities, journalists, organizations and migrants.

20th June (Friday)

10:00-11:30 | Workshop: Reflections on the journey and the beginning of conceptualisation (T3.2; T5.3)

All Peace and Mobilities Team

Moderator: Cecilia Estrada Villaseñor

11:30 -12:15 | Coffee Break

12:30 -14:00 | Workshop: Reflections on the journey and the beginning of conceptualisation (T3.2; T5.3)

All Peace and Mobilities Team

Moderator: Cecilia Estrada Villaseñor

14:00 | Lunch

23rd June (Monday)

10:00-11:30 | Workshop: Conceptualisation (T2.1)

Final reflection: How do we understand peace and violence in the context of migration? What challenges does our interdisciplinary methodology encounter?

All Peace and Mobilities Team

Moderator: Camilo Forero

11:30 -12:15 | Coffee Break

12:30 -14:00 | Workshop: Elaboration of roadmap and future actions

14:00 | Lunch

15:15-17:15 | Conceptualization Workshop (T2.1)

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20:30-22:30 | Farewell Dinner