Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona

ICIP INTERNATIONAL CATALAN INSTITUTE FOR PEACE

Conference

Violences in the Mediterranean: Migration, Security, Human Rights, Technification and the Digitalisation of Control.

UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA, 13th June 2024

"Call for Papers"

I) OBJECT

◊ Presentation

By 2023, more than three thousand people disappeared in the Mediterranean; more than 29,000 disappeared since 2015, the year of the so-called "migration crisis" that saw a six-fold increase in the number of migrant arrivals on European coasts. Since then, European institutions and member states have initiated processes for the reform of migration, asylum and border control policies and regulations. In this context, the conference "Violence in the Mediterranean" aims to identify and study the different types of violence on both shores of the Mediterranean to help explain why, with the technical and legal infrastructure for the management of forced migration in Europe, eight years after the flow management crisis in 2015, tragic events such as those of last June, where more than seven hundred people died in a single shipwreck, are still taking place.

◊ Thematic lines

- The situation and evolution of structural violence and conflicts in the regional subsystem of the Middle East and North Africa, drivers of migration both within the region itself and across the Mediterranean to Europe.

- The challenges associated with the regulatory and political infrastructure relating to maritime rescue where European migration and border control policies and the principles of international maritime law and those relating to the protection of human rights are a difficult interface.

- The technification of "border" controls with, among other instruments,

the incorporation of artificial intelligence or military techniques, both at the country's own borders and those that occur extra-territorially beyond them.

- The digitalisation of migration processes and border controls, with a direct impact on personal rights such as the right to privacy and data protection.
- Human smuggling and trafficking and their links to the use of physical and psychological violence as tools for economic gain.

II) SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS

I Requisitos formales

Applicants should send, in Word format, the following three documents:

1) **Document containing *only* the following information**: title of the proposal; full name of the proposer; university or entity of origin; academic or professional position.
2) **Document with the summary of the proposal** of the communication (<u>not the name of the proposer</u>, but only the title of the proposal, its content and 3-5 key words), with a length between 1000 and 1500 words.
3) **Short CV** of the proposer (max. 5 pages).

II Material content and evaluation

In order to select the papers to be presented orally at the Conference, the Scientific Committee will evaluate them according to the following criteria:

(1)   **Appropriateness** of the chosen topic.
(2)   **Quality of the approach** developed in the proposal.
(3)   **Originality** of the proposal.

III Deadline, e-mail address for the submission and confirmation of acceptance

Proposals may be sent in Catalan, Spanish or English until 30th April 2024. They should be sent to: marta.ruizp@upf.edu.The receipt of the communications will be confirmed by e-mail as soon as possible.

Subsequently, and before 13th May 2024, each of the proposers will receive an e-mail informing them of the result of the evaluation carried out by the Scientific Committee.

III) SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The Scientific Committee will carry out the selection process of communication proposals. It is composed of the following members:

- Prof. Silvia Morgades Gil, Serra Húnter Associate Professor in International Public Law

- Prof. Josep Ibáñez Muñoz, Associate Professor in International Relations.

- Prof. Jordi Quero Arias, Tenure Track Lecturer International Relations.

Summary table of relevant dates

30th April	Deadline for submission of proposals for communications
13th May	Confirmation of the selection of communications
13th June	**Celebration of the activity**