

Thursday, 30 March 2017, 14:15-16:00

**Nando Sigona**

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**“The politics of naming and counting in the refugee crisis”**

What crisis? Whose crisis? The talk will reflect on the shifting and contested meanings of ‘crisis’ in the context of the rapid growth in irregular sea crossings in the Mediterranean and the response of the EU and EU states to this ‘unwanted’ human mobility. It explores how different actors have constructed and validated narratives of the ‘crisis’ that are sometimes irreconcilable and considers how such narratives have been mobilised towards a range of goals and what impacts they had on boat migrants.



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