



EuroMemo Group Conference 2016

Suggested topics for the workshops

4. Migration, the refugee crisis and the possible breakup of the Schengen Agreement (coordinator: Mahmoud Messkoub)

In 2015 the flow of hundreds of thousands of people fleeing war and persecution in the Middle East and North Africa called into question some of the core principles and values and indeed rules and regulations of the EU such as establishing physical barriers and setting up of cross border checks among the Schengen member states. The principle of 'Freedom of Movement' within the EU has also been questioned by some politicians in the UK under the pretext that the EU migrants take local jobs and abuse the welfare system. The questions of national identity, European identity, etc. are all also not far from the surface. In short, migration has moved to the centre of EU debate on what the EU is about and has the potential to undermine not only the Freedom of Movement but also the integrity of the EU, as is witnessed by the debate on 'Brexit.'

The EU Memo Conference 2016 is organising a stream on 'Migration, the refugee crisis and the possible breakup of the Schengen Agreement' to address some of these issues and would call for contributions on themes related to migration from outside EU, EU 'Freedom of Movement' and Schengen agreement.