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8th International Conference

«People on the move»

October 21 – October 25, 2026

Lesvos Island, Greece

Dear Colleagues,

The University of Athens, School of Medicine, Post-graduate Programme “Global Health – Disaster Medicine” is pleased to welcome you to the 8th International Conference “People on the move” that will take place in the island of Lesbos between October 21st and October 25th, 2026.

This original idea aims to train both our post-graduate students and the local community in the possible challenges of a mass refugee influx. By providing them with all the necessary theoretical knowledge and practical skills required, the participants get acquainted with the refugee context and learn how to safeguard the right to health when dealing with health emergencies connected to population movements. Our vision is to pursue a more structured approach to refugee reception procedures and to develop healthcare professionals with profound global knowledge and strong humanitarian values able to provide high-quality healthcare services to incoming populations.

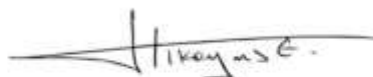
The agenda of the conference includes carefully planned lectures on modern aspects of the refugee in-flux including sea rescue, pre-hospital healthcare provision, reception camp planning, prevention of epidemics, vulnerability assessment etc. Experienced professionals working in the already existing refugee response mechanism will ensure an efficient educational program that best fits the participants’ needs and the local context. Moreover, the involvement of the local society has a binary effect in building capacity to the local staff and to the seminar’s participants by facilitating experience sharing through real-life examples.

For this 8th International Conference “People on the move” we have strategically chosen the island of Lesbos. Being the most crowded reception island in Greek territory, Lesbos provides the perfect surroundings for participants to experience the existing challenges faced by the response mechanism developed so far. Even more, the collaboration with the local authorities sets the ground for transforming the island to a local matrix for future research and training in dealing with mass population movements.

We firmly believe to a high-quality conference in every aspect, and we address thankful considerations to all the authorities in Lesbos involved mainly in it.



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Wednesday 21/10/2026

Time	Subject	Speaker	Venue
	Arrival to Lesbos		
14:00 - 14:15	Introduction - Objectives	Agis Terzidis	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
14:15 - 14:45	Global context of migration	Agis Terzidis - Eleni Kakalou	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
14:45 - 15:30	Seeking Safety: Refugee Protection Issues and the Role of the UNHCR	Toulina Demeli	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
15:30 - 16:00	Fundamentals of Migration: An Introduction to some of the key terms, definitions and concepts related to migration and displacement	Eirini Gerogli	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
16:00 - 16:15	Break		
16:15 - 17:00	Health of Migrants, Internally Displaced and Refugees, Vulnerability: age assessment, new vulnerability, unaccompanied migrants,	Agis Terzidis	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
17:00 - 17:30	The role of the First Reception and Identification Service in Greece	Maria-Dimitra Nioutsikou	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
17:30 - 18:00	Epidemiological profile of incoming migration flows in the Mediterranean Sea	Eleni Kakalou	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
18:00 - 18:15	Break		
18:15 - 18:45	Vulnerability / Intersectionality & Groups at risk	Penny Konstantopoulou	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
18:45 - 19:15	Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)	Panagiotis Ioannidis	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
19:15 - 20:00	Groups + CCCM Checklist (tool)	NKUA Faculty	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
20:00	Sum Up - End of the day		

Thursday 22/10/2026

Time	Subject	Speaker	Venue
8:15	Meeting Point at Sappho Square - Transfer to Mavrovouni camp		
09:00-12:30	Visit to Kara Tepe reception camp		Lesvos Closed Controlled Access Centre (CCAC) & Reception and Identification Service (RIS)
12:30 - 14:00	Study Visit	Nikos Katsouris	Home for All
14.00 - 14.30	Transfer to the University Campus		
14:30 - 16:15	Debriefing of the CCAC/RIS visit	NKUA Faculty	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
16.15 - 16.30	Break		
16:30 - 17.15	Historical Review: From PIKPA to Kara Tepe	Vasiliki Andreadeli	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
17.15 - 18.00	Human Rights Interventions in Lesvos 2006-2016	Efi Latsoudi	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
18:00 - 18:15	Break		
18:15 - 19:15	Setting Course for Hope	Zoe Livaditou	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
19:15 - 20:00	Working in groups: preparation for the field research visit	NKUA Faculty	Geography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
20:00	Sum Up - End of the day		

Friday 23/10/2026

Time	Subject	Speaker	Venue
09:00-13:00	Field perspectives on local migration Meet the locals		Stakeholders' Locations
13:00 - 13:30	Back to University & Lunch break		
13:30 16.30	Presentation of findings Access to the NHS - Ippokratis I Open discussion	NKUA Faculty	Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
16.30-17:00	Break		
17.00 - 19:00	ICS Triage Communication Exercise prep	NKUA Faculty	Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
19:00 - 19:15	Introduction to the Intersectorial Simulation Set Scenario Ex-ercise "Reception of boat landing and pre-hospital management of refugee populations". Description, Preparation and Role Assignment.	NKUA Faculty	Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
19:15 - 21:00	Working in groups with the facilitators - Zello setup		Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
21:00	Sum Up - End of the day		

Saturday 24/10/2026

Time	Subject	Speaker	Venue
09:30	Meeting point at Sappfous Square		
9.30 - 11.00	Preparation for the Intersectoral Simulation Exercise		
11:00 - 12:30	Intersectoral Simulation Set Scenario Exercise "Reception of boat landing and pre-hospital management of refugee populations".	NKUA Faculty	Location: Neapoli, Lasia Hotel Beach
12:30 - 13:00	In team Exercise debriefing	NKUA Faculty	Location: Neapoli, Lasia Hotel Beach
13:00 - 13:30	Transfer to the university Campus		
13:30 - 14:30	Midday break		
14:30 - 16:30	Full Exercise debriefing	Plenary & Chair: Evika Karamagioli	Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
16:30 - 16:45	Break		
16.45 - 17.30	Is there a refugee crisis?	Dimitris Christopoulos	Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
17.30 - 18.00	Debates and developments on vulnerability/violence screenings for GBV victim-survivors	Isotta Rossoni	Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
18.00 - 18.15	BREAK		
18:15 - 18:45	Mental Health: Lessons learned from global South to global North	Stella Evangelidou	Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
18:45 - 19:45	Case studies: Reception, Mental Health interventions	Stella Evangelidou	Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
19:45	Sum Up - End of the day		

Sunday 25/10/2026

Time	Subject	Speaker	Venue
10:15 - 11:00	Greece, a country on the move: who came, who left, who stayed	Dimitris Christopoulos	Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
11:00 - 11:30	Ocean Acidification and Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal: The One Health Approach	Evangelia (Eva) Krasakopoulou	Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
11:00 - 11:15	Break		
11:15 - 12:00	Migration and masculinity challenges,gaps and promising interventions	Isotta Rossoni	Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
12:00 - 13:00	Debriefing of the simulation exercise, Overall debriefing	Zoe Livaditou, Panos Ioannidis	Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
13:00 - 13:30	Scholarship awards - closure of the seminar - Evaluation of the seminar		Oceanography Amphitheatre, University of the Aegean
13:30	End of seminar		

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Christopoulos Dimitris, Professor of Politology, Panteion University

Gerogli Eirini, Medical Anthropologist, National Project Officer at IOM

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Evangelidou Stella, Assistant Research Professor, Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal)

Katsouris Nikolaos, Founder and Manager of NGO Home for All

Krasakopoulou Eva, Professor of Chemical Oceanography and President at the Department of Marine Sciences, School of the Environment, University of the Aegean

Latsoudi Efi, Social Scientist, Refugee Support Aegean (RSA), Co-founder of Lesvos Solidarity (LeSol) and the NAN Social Restaurant

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Rossoni Isotta, PhD, University of Leiden, Consultant for UN Women and Rutgers International

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Makri Marianthi, President of the Community of Moria

Messaritis Dimitris, Director of the Mytilene Health Care Center

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