SEARCH AND RESCUE AT SEA: A LEGAL OBLIGATION?
Humanitarian and legal perspectives on the 'Refugee Crisis'

8 June 2016, Middlesex University, London, NW4 4BT

Preliminary programme

For further information and to book a place:

9:30-10.00 - Coffee and registration

10.00- 10.30 – Welcome and Introduction

Welcome by AIRE Centre, University of Palermo/CLEDU and Middlesex/SPRC

Introduction to the topic and the EVI-MED project
Brad Blitz (Middlesex University)

10.30-12.30 – The legal context

The international legal context
Helena Wray & Anthony Cullen (Middlesex University)

Access to Justice
Nuala Mole (AIRE Centre)

Search and Rescue and the Law of the Sea
Markella Papadouli (AIRE Centre)

12.30 - 13.30 - Lunch

13.30 - Geographical trajectories

Official data and emerging EVI-MED findings
Alessio D’Angelo (Middlesex University)
2.00 – Operation and experiences

Ian Greatbatch (Kingston University)

*The Moral Case for Search and Rescue*
Martin Xuereb (former director of MOAS - Migrant Offshore Aid Station)

*Search & Rescue - experiences from land and sea*
Zane Dedlow (Middlesex University student)

3.00 – Thematic analyses and case studies

*Protecting migrants in danger at sea: the role of the European Court of Human Rights*
Roberta Greco (Saccucci Fares & Partners)

*EU law and the New European Border and Coastal Guard Agency*
*The Italian context and the role of legal practitioners*
Fulvio Vassallo Paleologo & Elena Consiglio (University of Palermo / CLEDU)

*Operation Sophia: A military mandate to rescue migrants at sea*
Giorgia Bevilacqua (Second University of Naples)

*De-humanising Refugee Flows through the “Rescue without Protection” Paradigm*
Violeta Moreno-Lax (Queen Mary University)

4.30 – Final discussion

5.00 – End

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