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IN-PERSON EVENT

12:15-14:15

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African Migrants in Europe:

The Big Picture of Recent Flows

ABOUT THE EVENT

European debate on immigration from Africa is biased. It tends to be driven by media images of desperate people trying to cross the Mediterranean and the Atlantic and the notion that the EU is making it difficult for bona-fide Africans to obtain visas to enter the bloc. These perceptions are not false. But the big picture of EU-headed African migration looks rather different. Africa gets its fair numerical share of legal immigration to the EU, predominantly due to intensive family and marriage intercontinental movements. Labour migration has only shown a rise in recent years.

To discuss the distribution of the flows of African migrants to Europe during the past decade and, more broadly, the geography of Africans living abroad, the Martens Centre is inviting you to a paper launch authored by Rainer Münz and Jemal Yaryyeva, which examines migration flow data between 2014 and 2023.

PROGRAMME

- 12:15** Registration and Lunch
- 13:00** Opening Remarks
- 13:05** Panel Discussion
- 13:45** Q&A
- 14:15** End of Discussion

SPEAKERS

Opening Remarks:

Tomi Huhtanen

Executive Director, Martens Centre

Discussants:

Rainer Münz

Senior Research Associate, Martens Centre; Visiting Professor, Central European University, Vienna

Jemal Yaryyeva

Data Analyst, Austrian Integration Fund, Vienna

Max Koffi

Director, Africa in Motion

Moderator:

Vít Novotný

Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre



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