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Kostas Bakoyannis

Mr. Kostas Bakoyannis is the Mayor of Athens. Bakoyannis studied history and international relations at Brown University in Rhode Island and graduated from Harvard with a Masters in Public Administration. Bakoyannis served as mayor of the town of Karpenisi in Evrytania, later he was popularly elected Regional governor of Central Greece in the 2014 local election. In June 2019, he was elected Mayor of Athens starting from 1 September 2011.



Tasos Balis

I was born in Johannesburg of S. Africa at 1972. Since 2019, I am close to the Mayor of Mytilene as his special advisor on multiple issues, including issues of migration and refugee integration. For the last 25 years I've been involved in research, technology, and the provision of services in the industry of health and exercise. I studied Physical Education and Sport Science at Kapodistrian University of Athens where I taught for three years as a Ph.D. candidate. From 1999 - 2006 I worked as a Manager for the listed company DYNAMIC LIFE, in the research and development (R&D) department which produced innovative technology systems and marketing tools for the Health and Fitness Industry. From 2006 to 2010 I moved to Breda NL, where I founded and directed a company for the development and promotion of innovative marketing technologies. In 2019, I got my M.A at Sociology (European Integration) from the Aegean University.



Jacqueline Bhabha

Jacqueline Bhabha is a Professor of the Practice of Health and Human Rights at the Harvard T.H.Chan School of Public Health, the Jeremiah Smith Jr. Lecturer in Law at Harvard Law School, and an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. She is also the Director of Research at the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University. She received a first class honors degree and an M.Sc. from Oxford University, and a J.D. from the College of Law in London. From 1997 to 2001, Bhabha directed the Human Rights Program at the University of Chicago. Prior to 1997, she was a practicing human rights lawyer in London and at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. She has published extensively on issues of transnational child migration, refugee protection, children's rights and citizenship. She is the author of [\*Child Migration and Human Rights in a Global Age\*](#) (2014) and *Can We Solve the Migration Crisis?* (2018). She has edited or co-edited many books, including *Children Without A State* (2011), *Human Rights and Adolescence* (2014), *Research Handbook on Child Migration* (2018), *A Better Future: The Role of Education for Displaced and Marginalized People* (2020), and *A Time for Reparation: Addressing State Responsibility for Collective Injustice* (2021, forthcoming). Bhabha was the founding chair of the Scholars at Risk Network, and she serves on the board of the World Peace Foundation, the Institute for Statelessness and Inclusion, Fortify Rights, the Journal of Refugee Studies and the Journal on Migration and Human Security.





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Professor Karl Blanchet is the Director of the Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies and Professor in Humanitarian Public Health at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva. Before joining the University of Geneva, Professor Blanchet worked in health systems research at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine since 2010 and was the co-founder and co-director of the Health in Humanitarian Crises Centre. Professor Blanchet's research focuses on system resilience and health systems issues in global health, specifically in post-conflict and conflict-affected countries. He has developed innovative research approaches based on complexity science and system thinking and focuses on Women, adolescents and Child Health in humanitarian settings. Karl is also developing a priority package of essential health services for countries like Afghanistan and, more generally, for humanitarian crises. Karl Blanchet was one of the coPI of the Lancet Series on Women's and Children's Health in Conflict Settings. Professor Blanchet is the Academic Director of InZone, a University of Geneva academic project offering university courses for refugee populations. Professor Blanchet is also the Director of the Lancet Migration.



Anne Boomsma

Anne Boomsma serves as the Program Manager at the Crisis Management Association (CMA), a Greek-registered non-profit organisation, specialising in providing high-quality medical services to refugees and asylum seekers in RIC Mavrovouni in Lesbos, Greece. She is engaged in providing patients who are in search of safety and dignity with quality healthcare. She has obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Arabic Language and Culture and a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from the University of Amsterdam. She has worked as a teacher, while she has actively taken place in several programs related to refugees as a volunteer and a coordinator (Boat Refuge Foundation, ROC Horizon College).



Nicolas Demertzis

Professor at the Department of Communication and Media Studies, NKUA. His research interests include political sociology, cultural sociology, political communication, and the sociology of emotions. He has been principal investigator in numerous national and international research projects and taught at undergraduate and graduate level, having successfully supervised six Ph.D. theses. He took part in numerous conferences and gave many public lectures. His publication record amounts to 29 edited, and co-edited books and 105 articles and chapters in Greek and English journals and collective volumes. Since 2013 he is the Director of the National Centre for Social Research (EKKE).



Angeliki Dimitriadi

Angeliki Dimitriadi is a political scientist with an interest in irregular migration and asylum, as well as the interplay between migratory movement and policies of deterrence and protection. Angeliki was Head of the migration program for the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, where she remains affiliated as a Senior Research Fellow. She is also a research fellow at the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) in Berlin, where she contributes to the institute's work on [migration](#). Her research focuses on migration management policies at external borders, migration governance in the EU and European foreign policy on migration. Between October 2015 and April 2016, she was visiting fellow in residence on migration and asylum policy at the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) in Berlin. Since 2016 she is Adjunct Professor at College Year in Athens. Her most recent monograph, "[Afghan Migration Europe: At the Margins, Looking In](#)" (Palgrave, 2018), focuses on Afghan asylum seekers attempting to transit through Greece and Turkey. She holds a PhD from Democritus University of Thrace on transit migration from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh. She also has a master's degree in war studies from King's College London and a bachelor's degree in international relations and history from the London School of Economics.



Vasileia Digidiki

Dr Vasileia Digidiki is a Harvard Instructor, Director of the Harvard FXB Summer Program on Migration and Refugee Studies, and a Health and Human Rights Fellow. She is a psychologist by training with more than 11 years of experience working on issues of distress migration, human trafficking, victim blaming and child protection and serves as a Senior Associate Editor for the Behavioral Medicine, a Taylor and Francis Publications journal with an impact factor of 2.4. Since 2017, Dr. Digidiki has led the Harvard FXB Center's research agenda on distress migration. She has conducted research in Greece, Bangladesh, West and Central Africa, Sudan and Mexico focusing on child protection, access to education, access to antenatal care, and the nexus between human trafficking and distress migration. Dr. Digidiki has been funded by a number of international organizations, including IOM, BRAC and UNICEF, to analyze datasets and conduct research in the field of migration, child protection and human trafficking. In 2021, she was commissioned by IOM to produce the first worldwide report on child trafficking, analyzing the largest worldwide dataset on child trafficking victims. In 2022, Dr. Digidiki and Prof. Jacqueline Bhabha, developed the first international, interdisciplinary summer program on migration and refugee studies in collaboration with the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Dr. Digidiki also teaches in the FXB Center's Executive Education program for child protection professionals, as well as the Center's Child Protection Certificate Program for students, and has taught for Harvard University's Harvard X online training on Child Protection. Dr. Digidiki holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, two master's degrees on Forensic and Social Psychology and a PhD in Social and Clinical Psychology. During her PhD studies, she received the Greek State Scholarship, and in 2019 she was awarded the Health and Human rights Fellowship. She is a native of the Greek island of Lesbos where she offered her services as a first responder during the massive influx of distress migrants in 2015 and 2016.



Emmanuella Doussis

Emmanuella Doussis is Professor of international institutions at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Director of the Institute of European Integration and Policy and UNESCO Chairholder on climate diplomacy. She is a member of the IUCN World Environmental Law Committee, the Center of International Sustainable Development Law, the National Council for Adaptation on Climate Change and Academic Coordinator of the Jean Monnet module on European Climate Diplomacy (2019-2022). In 2022 she received the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Award to continue her research on climate change and forced migration at the University of California, Berkeley. Her most recent book concerns the role of international law in effectively managing climate change (International Law and Climate Diplomacy), Nomiki Vivliothiki, Athens, 2020.



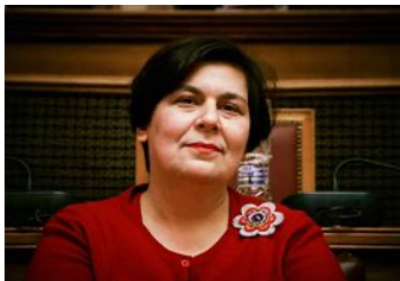
Maria Dritsa

Maria Dritsa studied Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Athens. She currently is a Senior Child Protection Assistant at UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency. She was also a Field Support Officer for the European Union Agency for Asylum – EUAA.



Maria Dumitru

Maria Dumitru is a young Roma academic, feminist and human rights advocate from Romania. She holds an MA in Gender Studies from the Central European University, and is working in research with Roma who sleep rough in London. In the past she worked for the World Bank in Romania, the Roma feminist theatre Giuvlipen and organisations in Oslo working with undocumented migrants who performed informal work. From September, Dumitru will start a PhD at MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society university in Oslo, researching Roma slavery from a gender perspective.



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Elspeth Guild is Jean Monnet Professor ad personam at Queen Mary University of London as well as at the Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands and a visiting Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges. She is also co-editor of the European Journal of Migration and Law and of the book series Immigration and Asylum Law and Policy in Europe published by Martinus Nijhoff. Professor Guild provides regular advice to the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Council of Europe and other European and international organizations (such as the UNHCR) on free movement of persons, migration and asylum. Professor Guild is co-chair of the European Sub Committee, Immigration Law Practitioners Association, the UK legal profession's voice on immigration and asylum matters.



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A. Ifantis is a social worker serving as the Head of the Social Division at the Greek Department of the Médecins du Monde. He has studied to be a social worker and obtained a Master from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens in the field of international medicine and health crisis. He currently works on educational programs, aiming at offering students a tangible experience of how they can use medicine in practice.



Anne Jachmann

Anne Jachmann MD, MPH is the head of the refugee and migrant health unit at the Emergency Department of the University Hospital in Bern. To advance the health of migrants and refugees, the unit is active in training, research and clinical treatment. Anne's clinical and scientific working experience expands to different countries (Germany, Switzerland, Spain and Peru), settings and sectors: private & public, rural & urban, primary & hospital care, long term & emergency care. She has worked with refugees and migrants with acute, chronic and mental health disorders as well as in the field of preventive medicine. Additionally, she is currently in charge of the conceptual management of medical care for Ukrainian refugees in the canton of Bern.



Eleni Kakalou

Eleni Kakalou is an Infectious Diseases specialist with a MSc in 'Global Health - Disaster Medicine' from the School of Medicine of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA). Since 2010 she has been a member of the Scientific Committee of the same MSc program. Ms Kakalou is an Attending Physician at the 3rd Department of Internal Medicine at Sotiria Hospital of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA). She has been an active association member of Medecins Sans Frontieres Greece since 1993, working in the field, serving as President of the BoDs (Board of Directors) in 2005-2006, Vice-President (2015-2021), and since 2018 she is an elected member to the International General Assembly of MSF. She has extensive experience in HIV/AIDS, TB, nosocomial infections, COVID-19, epidemic management, and migrant health.



Evika Karamagioli

Evika Karamagioli, MSc, PhD, is a jurist and is currently serving as Scientific Associate at the MSc “Global Health - Disaster Medicine”, Medical School and at the MSc “Master of Science in Digital Communication Media and Interaction Environments” Faculty of Communication and Media Studies (NKUA). She also serves as visiting Assistant Professor (Hon) in humanitarian crisis management, communication and technology, Medical School, University of Bern, Switzerland. Her academic background includes a Ph.D. degree in Social Sciences from the University of Paris 8, a MSc in Global Health and Disaster Medicine, NKUA, Greece, a MSc in Global Security and Defense and Bachelor’s degree in European and International Law from the University Grenoble II, France. She holds professional certifications as an adult trainer and professional program instructor in leadership. She has 15 years of global experience both in the academia and non for-profit sector, having worked in the Europe, Middle East and Asian Countries in the area of humanitarian technologies and emergency response. Her fields of expertise include democratic innovation through participatory design methods and tools, humanitarian technologies, disaster management and emergency risk communication. She has several years of experience in working with WHO in the field of migrants and refugee’s health and most recently, with the WHO academy as expert for mass casualties training. She is the author of numerous papers on those themes and regularly delivers relevant presentations at international conferences. She is the recipient of several international awards emergency risk communication teaching.



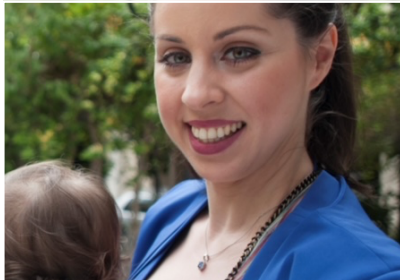
Velika Karavaltziou

Velika is a journalist and reporter of Mega TV Channel. She studied journalism at the Aristoteleio University of Thessaloniki and holds a master's degree from the University of Nottingham. Velika has reported extensively on the Greek migration and refugee crisis since 2015 and she spent 47 days in Ukraine reporting on the Russian-Ukrainian war and the refugee flows from Ukraine.



Markos Karavias

Markos Karavias is currently a Lead negotiator on the Migration Pact and an ex-Director at the Greek Asylum Service, Ministry of Migration Policy, Hellenic Republic. Having obtained a PhD from the University of Oxford, he has worked as an Assistant Professor in International Law at the University of Utrecht and the University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law, where he also carried out this Post-doctoral Research at the Amsterdam Center for International Law from 2014 to 2016. Markos Karavias has also served as a Special Legal Adviser for the Minister for Environment, Energy and Climate Change (2013-2014) and a Member at Asylum Appeals Committees, Ministry of Citizen Protection, Hellenic Republic (2011-2012). He is also an Advocate at the Athens Bar Association since 2008. He speaks English, German and French.



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Ericetti Kokkosis is a freelancer and independent Midwife, a breastfeeding Educator and Childbirth Educator. Since 2011, she has been involved in Community midwifery care either professionally or voluntarily, performing, among other things, home births in accordance with international protocols. Since 2016, I have been providing midwifery services in the framework of humanitarian medicine for the refugee crisis to NGOs, such as SAMS GREECE (Syrian American Medical Society) and Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF). Since 2021, I have been an adult educator in the specialties of Nursing Assistant, Midwifery Assistant, Physiotherapy Assistant, Dietitian Assistant, Trauma Carriers.

Since July 2022, I am a Core Course Author for the creation of a training guide for the specialty of Nursing and Midwifery Assistant of INEGSEE. I have received specialized training in postgraduate programs related to breastfeeding, medical care for victims of sexual violence, termination of pregnancy, cessation of smoking during pregnancy and childbirth, natural childbirth, third trimester ultrasound and management of minor incidents of physical abuse .



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Alexis Kouvelis

I'm working as a journalist from 1999 on Alpha Tv News, with focus on Social & Everyday Life issues. I've covered the refugee crisis in Greece in 2015-2016 and focused on the refugee camps on Lesbos, Chios and Eidomeni. Recently I've covered migration flows on Poland- Belarus borders on Byalistok in November 2021. I was one of the journalists trapped in Marioupol of Ukraine during the Russian Invasion in February. I have a Bachelor on Humanitarian Studies on European Civilization from Greece's Open University, and I'm currently completing my Master of Science on Creative Writing in the University of Western Macedonia.





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Jennifer Leaning, MD, SMH, is a senior fellow at the Harvard FXB Center and Professor of the Practice at Harvard School of Public Health. As associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, she is a faculty member in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She served as the director of the Harvard FXB Center from January 1, 2010 until September 1, 2018. Prior to her appointment in 2010, Dr. Leaning served for five years as co-director of the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. From 1999 to 2005 Dr. Leaning directed the Program on Humanitarian Crises and Human Rights at the Harvard FXB Center. During the 1980s and 1990s Dr. Leaning held progressively responsible roles in medical management at Harvard Community Health Plan and was medical director of the Health Centers Division from 1992-1997. She has worked clinically in emergency medicine from 1978 (and at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston from 1986-2005). Her research interests focus on issues of public health and international law in response to war and disaster, early warning for mass atrocities, and problems of human security in the context of forced migration and conflict. She has field experience in assessment of issues of public health, human rights, and international humanitarian law in a range of crisis situations (including Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Kosovo, the Middle East, Pakistan, the former Soviet Union, Somalia, the Chad-Darfur border, and the African Great Lakes area).



Hanna Machińska

Hanna Machińska is a lawyer and social activist with significant professional experience and accomplishments in implementing European legal standards, including those regarding human rights protection and anti-discrimination law, into the Polish legislative system. She has always been involved in the fight against discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance. In 1973, she graduated from the Department of Law and Administration of the University of Warsaw and since then she worked in the department. In 1978, she obtained her PhD degree. She currently works as an associate professor at the University of Warsaw. She is also the author of a number of publications on human rights protection, while she has also received awards by the Commissioner for Human Rights, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Education, the President of the Polish Bar Council, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the President of Austria.



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Notis Mitarachis

Notis Mitarachi is Minister of Migration and Asylum and an MP in the constituency of Chios (New Democracy Party - EPP). During the Hellenic Presidency of the Council of the EU (first Semester 2014) he served as President of the Council of the European Union – Foreign Affairs (Trade). In the period 2012-2015 he served as Deputy Minister for Economic Development and Competitiveness, responsible for Strategic and Private-Sector Investments, Public- Private Partnerships, Exports and International Trade Relations. He also served as Alternate Governor in the Board of Governors of the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD) and as Governor in the Board of Governors of the Black Sea Trade & Development Bank (BSTB). In 2019 (second semester), he was appointed as the Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, responsible for the Social Security & Pension System.

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Christina Nikolaidou

Christina is a graduate of the Mass Media and Communication department of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. She worked for many years as a reporter for prestigious Greek TV channels and is now a Public Information/Communication Officer for the IOM.



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Lefteris Papagiannakis studied public law in the University of Lille II, followed by a DEA in European Community Law and International Economy. After the completion of his studies he worked in the European Parliament as a parliamentary assistant. Since then he also worked on the education of the muslim minority in Greece (in Thrace. He was elected in the municipal council of Athens in 9/2014 and named vice mayor on migrant and refugee affairs in 3/2016. He was the chair of the working group Migration and Integration of the Eurocities Network and vice President for Refugee Issues of ECCAR (European Coalition of Cities against Racism) and president of the Council for the Integration of Migrants of the Municipality of Athens.



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Emmanouil Pikoulis

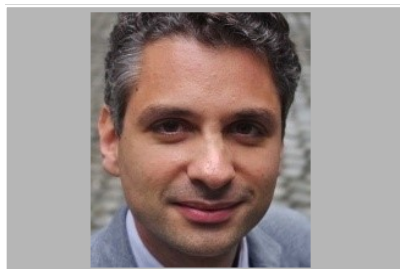
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Nicolas Prevelakis

Nicolas Prevelakis is the Assistant Director of Curricular Development at the Center for Hellenic Studies and a Lecturer on Social Studies at Harvard's Committee on Degrees in Social Studies. He has a first Ph.D. in Moral and Political Philosophy from the University of Paris-Sorbonne (Paris 4) and a second one in Political Sociology from Boston University. He is interested in the history of political philosophy, religion and politics, globalization, and the European Union. He has published articles and encyclopedia pieces on secularization theory, nationalism and ethnicity, Islam in contemporary Europe, modern Greek nationalism, and the conception of the self in Eastern Christianity. He is currently involved in a collaborative book project on the historical connection between nationalism and secularization throughout the world. Nicolas has been closely collaborating with CHS Greece for more than a decade and he is actively involved in the development and academic coordination & leadership of various CHS-Harvard activities in Greece, and also in Cambridge, MA, and Washington, DC



Christina Psarra

Christina Psarra is the General Director of Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) Greece. She has led operations in Uganda, Malawi, Mozambique, Egypt, Greece and elsewhere and has coordinated search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean and Aegean Sea. She has also acted as the Head of the Operational Research Unit for MSF in Brussels. Christina has also worked extensively in urban settings. In Marseille, she coordinated a nationwide experimental project offering housing to homeless with severe mental disorders, in Greece she has designed and managed social and health care programs for vulnerable populations and has also coinitiated the “Refugees Welcome - Greece” project. She has researched in humanitarian systems, access to care and has worked in the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. She studied Philosophy at the University of Athens and Social Policy in Panteion. She has a Master of Science in NGOs and Development from LSE and has fulfilled a Fulbright Research Fellowship in the University of Maryland.



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Dr Elena Riza is an epidemiologist, trained in public health medicine with a master's degree in Public Health (MPH) (University of Dundee, Scotland), a doctoral degree (PhD) in chronic disease epidemiology (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London) and a master's degree in Global Health - Disaster Medicine (MSc) (Medical School NKUA). Her main research interests are in disease management, preparedness and health crisis response, occupational & environmental risk assessment, climate crisis effects on health, gynecological cancer screening, health needs assessment of vulnerable and hard-to-reach populations with special focus on women and minority groups. She was member of the technical team responsible for the coordination and execution of the national public health report for Greece 2017-2021 and the first national migrant health report in collaboration with the WHO Europe country office in Greece. Dr Riza has a long research experience in several national and European projects on refugee/migrant health, cancer prevention, health service access, health education and health promotion, medical education in occupational and environmental health. She participates in humanitarian projects offering voluntary work in collaboration with NGOs in Greece for vulnerable and disadvantaged population groups. She has numerous publications in scientific peer-reviewed journals and books. She has participated in many scientific meetings, conferences, seminars as invited speaker and expert.



Spyros Sapounas

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Irshad Ali Shaikh

A complex emergency medical epidemiologist, a global health security expert, an emergency manager and a health diplomat, Dr Shaikh brings over 25 years of leadership level experience in health security, emergency management, working for the U.S. Gov., United Nations system including WHO and international NGOs with portfolios covering over 70 countries across 5 WHO regions - USA, greater Middle East, North and Eastern Africa, South Asia, European Union, Balkans, and Central Asian Republics. His other areas of expertise include health policy and administration, health systems management, survey design, population-based health surveys, communicable and non-communicable disease epidemiology, early warning systems, environmental health, International Health Regulations and HIV/AIDS. An M.D. with clinical training in Radiology, Dr Shaikh also holds a Master of Public Health (MPH), and a Doctoral degree (PhD) in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health in USA, where he also holds a faculty appointment at the Center for Refugee and Disaster Research (CRDR) in the Department of International Health. He has taught emergency preparedness and response, disaster management, epidemiology of health emergencies, and outbreak investigations and response at graduate levels for over 15 years. He has authored/co-authored book chapters in public health disaster management, evidence-bases in health emergencies, outbreak investigations ,emergency epidemiology and has over 30 peer-reviewed publications in leading international health journals. Dr Shaikh currently holds the position of the acting Head of WHO European Regional Center on capacity building for emergency preparedness established in Istanbul, Turkiye in 2020 with funding support from Govt. of Turkiye where he is coordinating & leading WHO/EURO's next generation preparedness reforms in collaboration with WHO's Emergencies Program (WHE).



Reyhaneh Shakibaie

Reyhaneh Shakibaie has obtained a Master (MSc) in Social Work and Human Rights from the Gothenburg University and has conducted research in the field of migration, having also published books and research papers and reports. She has worked as a Community Services Officer at the UN the UN Refugee Agency, and she currently serves as a Protection Officer at the UN Refugee Agency at the East of Chad.



Phoebe Speis

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