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Conversations on Europe Displaced: The Refugee Crisis in the Mediterranean Basin A Virtual Roundtable Series Organized by the EUCE at the University of Pittsburgh

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The number of refugees entering the EU and Turkey has risen dramatically as a result of conflicts and crises in North Africa and the Middle East. The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHRC) reported that European countries recorded 264,000 asylum applications during the first six months of 2014, an increase of 24 per cent from the same period the year before. The largest increase – 73 percent – in asylum seekers was reported by countries in Southern Europe, particular Italy and Turkey. Refugees originated primarily from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Serbia/Kosovo, and North Africa. With conflict and destabilization in these regions continuing, European policy makers seek solutions that respond to both humanitarian concerns and an increasingly radicalized voting public. Join us for the next session of Conversations on Europe for a discussion about EU and Turkish responses to this growing crisis.

Moderator: **Ron Linden**, Director of the EUCE and Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

Expert panelists:

- **Suzanna Crage**, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
- **Ayselin Yildiz**, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Yasar University, Izmir/Turkey; and Director of European Union Research Center
- **Murat Erdoğan**, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Hacettepe University

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