Human dignity, human rights and the EU - a contradiction?

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The situation in Moria Camp on the island of Lesvos exemplifies the externalizing EU refugee policy. Life in Moria Camp and the many informal camp sides around it, is very dangerous; many refugees are exposed to systemic violence, drugs and prostitution. The coming winter will aggravate the situation for the over 14,000 refugees on Lesvos.

Turkey’s invasion of Syria - where the EU is a perplexed spectator - will certainly worsen the situation. The event will reflect student’s experiences of a Summer School held in Athens and Lesvos in September/October 2019.

The migration sociologist Dr. Nikolaos Xypolytas, who is engaged into long-term research on Lesvos, will present research findings which focus on the consequences of the EU migration management system on refugees. Afterwards, a position paper on EU border policy will be presented from students and key issues related to the session will be discussed with participants.