



Diab Attends Summer School in Italy on Migrants, Human Rights, and Democracy

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Ms. Jasmin Lilian Diab, Research/Project Assistant to the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at the Faculty of Law and Political Science (FLPS), Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU), attended from June 29 to July 3, 2015, the “9th Edition of the International Summer School on Migrants, Human Rights and Democracy” at the University of Palermo (UNIPA) in Italy.

The International Summer School, which is hosted by the Department of Psychological, Pedagogical and Educational Sciences of the UNIPA in collaboration with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), is a one-week international event, targeting senior bachelor students, master students, and young professionals in the fields of migrations, mobility, and refugees. Students in this summer school are in turn awarded 6 ECTS (3 credits) for their successful completion of the course.

The Summer School addresses human rights within an international framework. The focus of the course was related to “separated children” of migrants and refugees within the contexts of policy, international affairs, and political psychology.

The Summer School was held in Sicily, Italy on Favignana Island. Experts and Professors came from the University of Genoa, the National Youth Council of Nigeria, Eastern Michigan University, University of East London, University of Milan, the National Institute for Strategic Studies of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Aix-Marseille University, University of Naples, University of Turin, University Paris XIII, Charles University in Prague, and the Royal Holloway University of London. Papers revolved around the national and regional mechanisms to combat the separation of children, as well as the manner in which local

governments may adjust policies around this reality. Participants hailed Italy, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Greece, Croatia, the UK, Ireland, the USA, France, the Czech Republic, and Russia.

Ms. Diab completed the Summer School for which she was awarded a Certificate of Attendance.

