



Dr. Hourani Completes a Course in International Migration Law in Italy

By LERC Staff

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Dr. Guita Hourani, Assistant Professor at the Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU) Faculty of Law and Political Science (FLPS) and Director of the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at NDU, participated in a one-week intensive course titled, “*International Migration Law Course*,” held in Sanremo, Italy, as part of her interest in furthering her knowledge on subjects related to her expertise in migration studies.

The course is organized by the International Migration Law Unit within the the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in cooperation with the International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) and with the support of the Swiss Federal Office for Migration and the IOM.

The five-day course addressed topics, such as International Migration Law terminology; principles on entry; trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants; detention and alternatives to detention; and the comparison of Regional Migration Law cases.

Kristina Touzenis, Head of the International Migration Law Unit at the IOM, was the course director. Lecturers included Ryszard Cholewinski, Migration Policy Specialist at the International Labour Office; Dr. Jean-François Durieux, Director of the International Refugee Law and Migration Law Programme at the IIHL; Professor Marcello Di Filippo, Associate Professor of International Law at the University of Pisa; Nicola King, Legal Officer for the Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea at the United Nations, New York, USA; Professor Ryszard Piotrowicz, Department of Law and Criminology at Aberystwyth University; Geneviève Säuferli, Associate Expert in Human Rights and Migration at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Mirela Shuteriq, Child Protection Specialist at the United Nations Children’s Fund; Alice Sironi, International Migration Law Unit at the IOM HQ; and Vassily Yuzhanin, Regional Project Development Officer at the IOM.

The course was attended by 48 professionals, academics, and government and NGO officers from 42 different countries and agencies.

A ‘Certificate of Completion’ was presented to each participant at the end of the course.