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Please join us for a lecture discussing the book

“Irregular immigration in Southern Europe: actors, dynamics and governance”

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At the **Truman Institute Library**, Mt. Scopus
On **Sunday, the 13th of May between 14:00- 16:00**

The lecture has the purpose to present a salient issue of contemporary society: irregular immigration and asylum. It focuses on Southern Europe, a region in which this issue has held a central place in recent decades: first, due to the settlement of unauthorized workers and more recently, due to inflows of asylum seekers into Italy and Greece. Beyond its public representation, irregular immigration is a selective and dynamic process in which various actors have stakes and play roles. Many irregular immigrants are socially accepted and generally tolerated, such as women who perform domestic and care activities, whereas others are rejected and marginalized. Some irregular immigrants are stigmatized despite having formal authorization to reside; this is now the case for asylum seekers. Describing bordering and de-bordering practices in Italy, from the island of Lampedusa to local communities in distant regions, is aimed at discussing a battleground of paramount importance to the future of democratic societies.

Maurizio Ambrosini is a professor of sociology of migrations at the faculty of political, economic and social sciences at the University of Milan. He has written extensively on migration politics and irregular migrations to and in Europe, in relation to welfare, labor, multiculturalism and more. Among his tasks, he is the editor of the journal “Mondi Migranti”, scientific director of the Center for Migration Studies Medi of Genoa, Coordinator of the Laboratory LIMeS and expert at the National Council of Economy and Labor.

