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Dear MATRIX participants and associated scholars,

We are excited to announce the next meeting of our MATRIX Research Group, “Continent Divided: Building Bridges, Finding Truth.” Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 14, 2017**, from **12-2 PM** in **820 Barrows Hall** (on the top floor of the building). We are pleased a two-part presentation for this meeting, with presentations by **Dr. Maria Pichou**, Senior Visiting Scholar at the Berkeley School of Law, and **Dr. Spero Paravantes**, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of European Studies.

Spero’s presentation, “European Migrations post-WWII: Past, Present and Future,” will discuss the history of migrations and migration/refugee policy within the EU, from the beginning of the integration process and the formation of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) until the present. The talk will focus on earlier migrations within Western Europe, the rules established to regulate internal and external migration, and the steps which the various iterations of the European Union and its individual members took to deal with them. The overarching objective of this presentation is to place current events, and reactions to them, into the context of European integration and to examine misconceptions about migration policy and borders in the EU.

Building upon this historical trajectory, Maria’s presentation, entitled “Reception or Detention Centers? Informal Detention Practices for Migrants in Europe at the European Court of Human Rights” will focus on the legal obligations of European states concerning reception centers for migrants and refugees in the light of the European Convention on Human Rights. It analyses state obligations vis-à-vis migrants in view of recent interpretations by the Strasbourg Court. According to the Strasbourg Court’s established case law, states have the right to control the entry, residence and expulsion of aliens. The right to asylum is not provided in the Convention or its Protocols. However, the treatment of migrants by state authorities may give rise to a series of violations of the Convention. Her paper analyses these violations in the light of this recent case law.

As seating is limited, we would request that you RSVP no later than Friday, November 10, if you plan to participate in our discussion. Please send a confirmation of your attendance via email to Jon Cho-Polizzi at [jcpolizzi@berkeley.edu](mailto:jcpolizzi@berkeley.edu).

We look forward to continuing our ongoing conversations!

Best,

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