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## GC Awareness Raising Event | 28 July 2014

The [Global Campus Awareness Event](#), which took place at the end of July in Venice, opened to the public and free of charge, raised awareness of the Global Campus and fostered debate on the main human rights issues in relation to migration. The conference brought into focus one of the core international human rights instruments, **the UN Migrant Workers Convention**. A forum of distinguished experts and academics analysed the reasons for the lack of support for the Convention from States, the possibility of advancing the issue of ratification and the role that civil society can play in this process.

Click [here](#) to read the report of the event.



A

moment of group discussion during the event

**Below some student's reflections, after their participation to the Event.**

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As MA student specialized in human rights and democratization, I am really grateful to be part of Global Campus awareness raising event focusing on of the UN “*Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families*”. The event created solid grounds not only to add migrant issues on the list of my academic interest, but also gave me many ideas of follow up events aimed to promotion of the convention as a civil society representative. It was a great possibility to discover the perspectives and experience with the convention in different parts of the globe and to see the undeniable role of civil society in campaigning the ratification of the convention in 47 countries by now. Moreover, the breakout session helped to get to know the presented country realities and their strategies towards ratification of the convention. Hope, this awareness-raising event would give rise to new movements and actions that would lead to the ratification of this core human rights instrument.

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I estimate my participation in the Conference to be very useful, taken into account that migration and refugee issues have been the subject of my expertise both in the studies and at work. Moreover, I am intended to deal with issues related to migration and refugees in the future, by coming up with researches and publications on situation analysis in Armenia. So, it was of greatest significance for me to update my

knowledge in the field and particularly, get to know the international legal framework in protecting migrant workers. Also, it was a very important meeting for me, since I got to know many experts and young initiators in this field with whom I hope to collaborate in the future in the initiatives aimed at ratification of the Convention.

**Read [here](#) the article of Giuseppe Picheca, a GC student from ERMA, the European Regional Master's Degree in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe.**