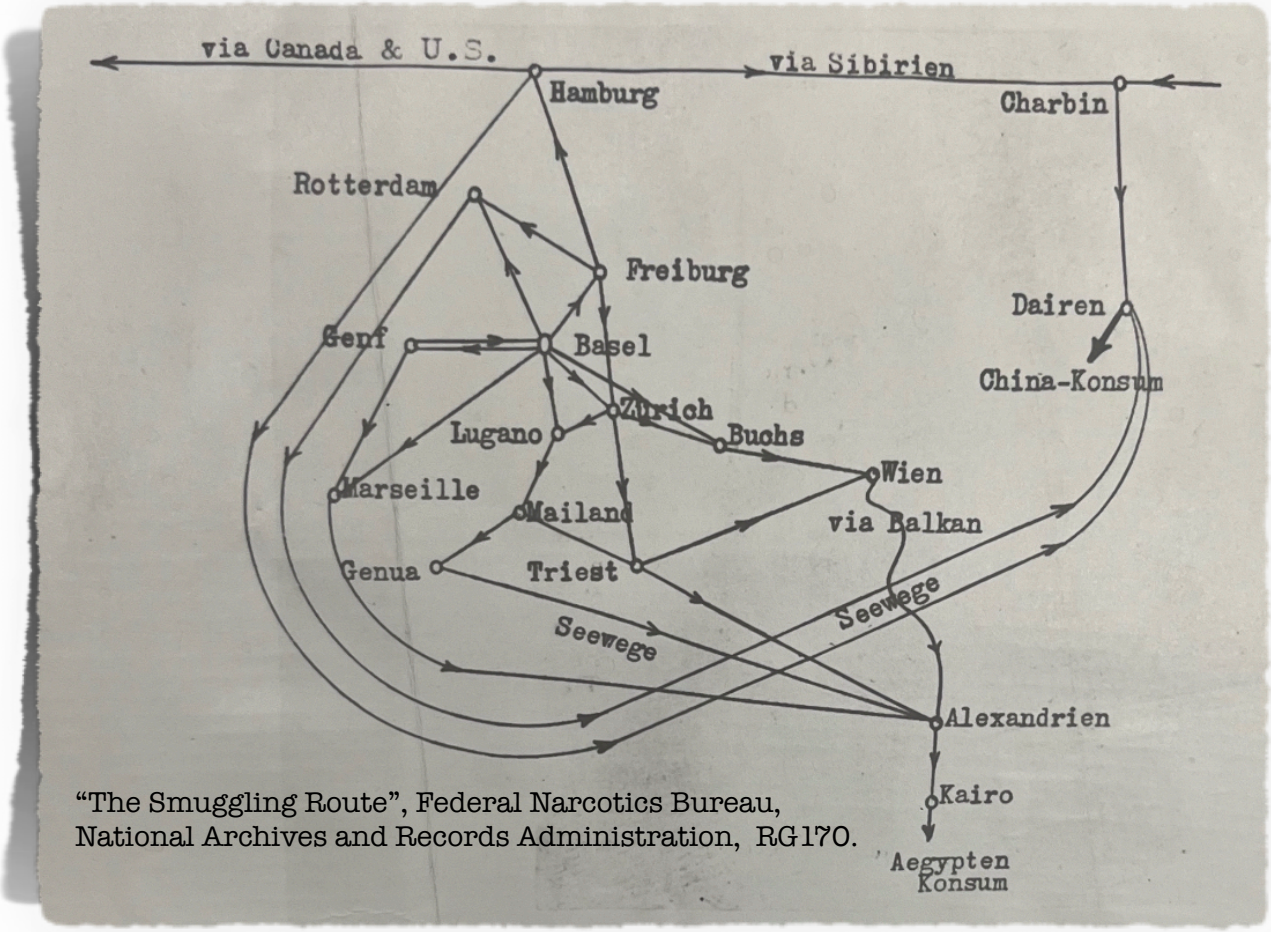
Forged identities and illicit mobilities in the Mediterranean (1850s-1960s)

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17.00-17.30 Welcome

17.30-19.00 Panel 1. Chair: Daniela Luigia Caglioti (SSM/University of Naples - Federico II).

Ayşe Polat (University of Oxford), “The God of Small Wars: Al-Jack Farghal family and the traffic in arms and identities in 20th century Beirut”.

Céline Regnard (Aix Marseille University), “Who is illegal? Passports, identities and strategies of Syrian-Lebanese migrants between Beirut and Marseille (1880–1914)”.

Sarah Frenking (University of Geneva), “Of notebooks, nicknames, and networks. Trafficking and prostitution in interwar global France”.

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9.30-11.00 Panel 2. Chair: Lea Nocera (University of Naples - L’Orientale)

Andrew Arsan (University of Cambridge), “Stealing away from identity: Lebanese mobilities and the business of trans-Mediterranean migration, c.1890-1914”.

Francesca Biancani (University of Bologna), “Gender, class, mobility and fascist moral regulation in the Italian community of Egypt”.

Pierre Salmon (École Normale Supérieure - PSL), “Gun traders and their reputation: A case study of Alexandre Kliaguine (1910s–1940s)”.

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Panel 3. Chair: Nir Shafir (University of California, San Diego)

Yorgos Moraitis (University of Crete), “Greek shipping, diaspora, and illicit networks from the Mediterranean to wartime China, 1906-1953”.

Nefertiti Takla (Georgetown University), “The criminalization and deportation of migrant labor: Identity and clandestine mobility in interwar Alexandria”.

İlkay Yılmaz (Free University Berlin), “Illicit returns, Armenian Americans and the limits of imperial citizenship”.

13.00-15.00 Lunch

15.00-17.00 Panel 4. Chair: Niccolo Pianciola (University of Padua).

Andreas Guidi (Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales, Paris), “Name, nationality, destination…and owner: changing ship identities and clandestine mobility from Europe to Palestine, 1941-1948”.

Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal (Scuola Superiore Meridionale), “The ‘refugitives’: The clandestine return of post-Ottoman exiles to republican Istanbul, 1923-30”.

Kostis Gotsinas (National Hellenic Research Foundation), “Variations on the theme of fake: concealment, adulteration and forged identities in Interwar drug trafficking”.

Daniel Banks (Scuola Superiore Meridionale), “Exile, smuggling, and the remaking of revolutionary worlds in the western Mediterranean after 1848”.