

AIDS 2024 Pre-Conference Meeting: Addressing the Needs of International Migrants in Russia Amidst New Emerging Walls

Date: July 18, 2024

Location: Campus CNRS, Villejuif, France (Zoom available)

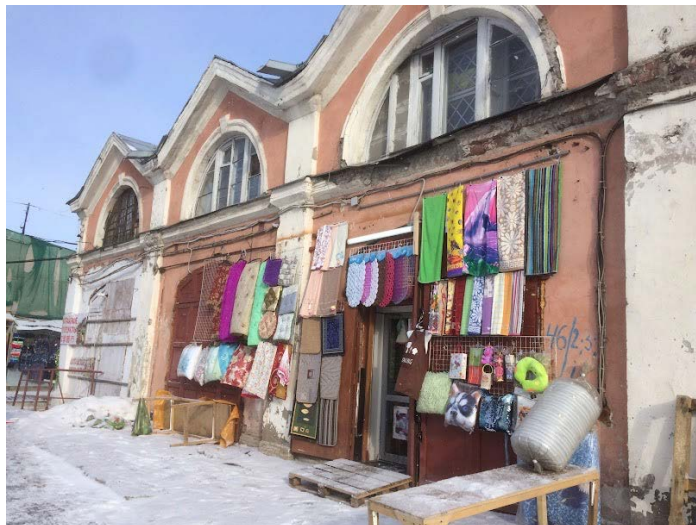
This pre-conference meeting (on the eve of the AIDS 2024 international Conference), organized by Laboratoire Cermes3 and the Regional Expert Group on Migration and Health, aims to address the challenges faced by international migrants in Russia, especially in light of increasing socio-political barriers.

Key objectives:

- exploring the operation of independent civil society organizations within Russia's current social environment,
- understanding how migrants navigate their precarious circumstances to meet health needs amidst stringent migration policies and identifying survival strategies for the most vulnerable groups such as undocumented migrants, unrecognized refugees, people living with HIV, young females from Central Asia, and sexual minorities.
- The discussion will also cover the role of transnational civil society cooperation in supporting migrants across Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The meeting will feature civil-society-based researchers and practitioners such as Zinaida Abrosimova from the Regional Expert Group on Migration and Health, as well as Kirill Barskiy, and Dmitry Korenev from the Shagi foundation. In the discussion part we aim to outline working strategies of support to the civil society in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The working language is English. Interventions in Russian and French will be translated into English.





Réunion pré-conférence SIDA 2024 :

Répondre aux besoins des migrants internationaux en Russie face aux nouveaux murs émergents

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Ce séminaire pré-conférence (à la veille de la conférence internationale SIDA 2024), organisé par le Laboratoire Cermes3 et le Groupe d'experts régional sur la migration et la santé, vise à aborder les défis auxquels sont confrontés les migrants internationaux en Russie, notamment à la lumière des barrières sociopolitiques croissantes.

Les objectifs du séminaire sont centrés autour :

- La discussion du fonctionnement des organisations indépendantes de la société civile dans un environnement hostile.
- La compréhension de la manière dont les migrants naviguent dans leurs circonstances précaires pour répondre à leurs besoins de santé face à des politiques migratoires strictes.
- L'identification de stratégies de survie pour les groupes les plus vulnérables tels que les migrants sans papiers, les réfugiés non reconnus, les personnes vivant avec le VIH, les jeunes femmes d'Asie centrale et les minorités sexuelles.

La discussion couvrira également :

- Le rôle de la coopération transnationale de la société civile dans le soutien aux migrants à travers l'Europe de l'Est et l'Asie centrale.

Le séminaire réunira des chercheurs et des praticiens de la société civile tels que :

- Zinaïda Abrosimova du Groupe d'experts régional sur la migration et la santé.
- Kirill Barskiy et Dmitry Korenev de la fondation Shagi.

Lors de la discussion, nous viserons à définir des stratégies de soutien à la société civile en Europe de l'Est et en Asie centrale. Le séminaire se déroulera en anglais.

Addressing the Needs of International Migrants in Russia amidst New Emerging Walls:

**Based on evidence from independent civil society organizations from
Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia**

(an AIDS 2024 pre-conference meeting)

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| Objectives of the meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss how independent civil society organizations operate in the current social and political environment of Russia; ● Discuss how international migrants navigate the socio-economic and medical landscape of Russia to address their health needs in the situation of precarity and the right-wing trends in migration policy (based on research data from the Regional Expert Group on Migration and Health); ● Discuss survival strategies of most vulnerable international migrants and refugees (undocumented migrants, unrecognized refugees, people, living with HIV, young females from Central Asia, as well as sexual minorities), and the support role of civil society; ● Discuss the transnational cooperation between civil society to support international migrants in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. |
| Participants | Researchers, civil society organisations, government partners, representative of donors and international organisations, doctoral students, and any other interested participants |
| Seminar organizers | Laboratoire Cermes3, Inserm Paris Cité University Regional Expert Group on Migration and Health |
| Working language | English (if needed, Russian and French with consecutive translation) |
| Location | Campus CNRS 7, rue Guy Môquet, Villejuif, reunion hall, -1 floor |
| Registration form | Please, register before 14.07. by filling in this form: https://forms.gle/fnNbXB6xAfdirU9w5 |



Program

Moderator: Daniel Kashnitsky, PhD, Cermes3 laboratory, Paris-Cité University

11:00 – 11:15 Introduction

Prof. Laurence Simmat-Durand, Cermes3 laboratory, Paris-Cité

11:10 – 11:45 The health of international migrants in the context of socio-economic and political landscape of nowadays Russia

Zinaida Abrosimova

Project Coordinator, Regional Expert Group on Migration and Health, Tbilisi, Georgia

11:45 – 12:15 The role of civil society organisations in supporting most vulnerable international migrants – based on daily activities of the Shagi Foundation.

Kirill Basrskiy, Director, Shagi Foundation, Moscow Russia

Dmitry Korenev, social worker, and coordinator, Shagi Foundation, Moscow Russia

12:15 – 12:30 Discussion, questions, and answers

12:30 – 13:20 Outlining working strategies of support of researchers and practitioners working with migrants in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

13:20 – 13:30 Closing remarks