

## Fieldwork on the Way That Greeks View the Migration under the 'Veil of Ignorance'

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**Abstract :** The European Union's function and effectiveness are still an issue that minds, bringing about division even in the member-states interior. Recently, more serious issues have been added in the Union's malfunction, which affects not only the Union's function but also their residents' safety. One of these issues is the migration crisis, which frustrates the European Union's balances and the stability. The present paper's aim to frame and interpret the Greek public opinion in basic migration matters, throughout the political philosophy and specifically via John Rawls 'Theory of Justice'. The theory is deployed to examine if it may be used in a practical way, on a tangible issue and in a specific area. In order to obtain a real frame of the public opinion about the matter of migration, a questionnaire was addressed to Greek people. The sample was chosen for three main reasons: a) Greeks are experienced in the migration as they had migrated in the past, b) many young people migrated the recent years after the debt crisis, c) Greece is a reception state. Being based in the Theory of Justice and specifically in the 'veil of ignorance', is tried to overcome the obstacles of human nature's subjectivity, while examining the variations in the responses per social group. The questionnaire will have demographic questions and special interest questions, related with the crisis, before and after 'the veil of ignorance'. The paper's originality comes from the fact that it is the first time that a philosophical theory is used to examine the migration issue in a practical manner. The main goals of the paper are three: - To examine the differences/similarities in the responses before and after the veil of ignorance, - to reveal opinions on migration crisis from E.U. citizens and - to confirm or not the practical usefulness of the Political Philosophy as a highlighting tool

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