



**Too Many Foreigners?**  
Crises and their Impact on Migration Flow  
Book Presentation cum Panel Discussion

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Introduction

**Ambassador Federico Palomera**

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Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen

Prof. Dr. Antonio Marquina holds the chair for Security and International Cooperation in the Political Sciences Faculty of the Complutense University of Madrid, the heir to the University founded in the XVth. Century at Alcalá de Henares. During his long and distinguished academic career, Prof. Marquina has also lectured on International Relations and International Cooperation Aid, Security and Defence policies in Europe, International Relations in Asia Pacific, Spanish Foreign Policy, European Security in the wake of the Iraq War and Intelligence services.

Prof. Marquina holds a PhD in Political Science, and his dissertation achieved the Extraordinary Prize, Law, Economics and Sociology. He is a Rockefeller Fellow in International Relations and his intellectual and aesthetic curiosity has also taken him to undertake studies in Aesthetics and Harmony, as well as mastering the piano. He could therefore be said to have mastered the “Trivium” and “Quadrivium” Studies of the Middle Ages and completed them with the spirit of a true Renaissance man, as befits the Complutense University.

His 106 books and 84 papers as author and/or editor bear witness to his interest in the problems posed by International Relations in the XXIst Century. He has written and published extensively on a wide ranging set of subjects, from European Security to Middle Eastern problems, from Asia Pacific to Spanish Foreign Policy. His academic activity has taken place all over the world, participating in more than 200 International Symposia in 36 countries.

Prof. Marquina is no stranger to Singapore and ASEF, as director of a network of 35 Universities and Excellence Research Centres of Asia and Europe on Human Security.

He was the first President of STRADEMED, a network comprising 35 Universities of the Mediterranean Area and currently holds its Vice-presidency. He has been a member of the Elcano Institute and the French Conseil Economique de la Defense, and as Director of the UNISCI he is responsible for over 20 researchers on the field of Security and International Cooperation.

The book that we present today *Perspectives on Migration Flows in Asia and Europe* is the third in the ASEF series that includes *Energy Security Visions in Asia and Europe* and *Global Warming and Climate Change, Prospects and Policies in Asia and Europe*. Professor Marquina is currently preparing the fourth volume of the series, *Food Security: Impacts and Policies in Asia and Europe*.

The importance of Migration flows cannot be overestimated

Please join me in a warm welcome for Prof. Marquina and his latest book.