

Stereotypes fall and solidarity rises

«The conference made it possible for numerous students to understand better the human aspect behind migrations that are often misrepresented by medias.»*Sofiane*

“Thanks to Mr Clochard we were able to let go of some of our stereotypes about migrations. He also allowed us to improve our knowledge of this particular subject. By reminding us to keep an open mind whenever we hear words from politicians about migration, Mr. Clochard taught us to exercise our critical mind ahead of the news in medias about this topic or others.”
Charlotte

His job and most particularly his researches were very impressive especially migrant's testimonies he collected during his field experience in Cyprus, which made us understand the type of ordeals migrants undergo when they leave their native countries.”*Pierre*

“Indeed, the migration crisis currently affecting Europe point out the need to make additional reforms in order to make migrant's distribution between country better. Laws must also improve border's controle.”*Clovis*

“Finally, all students agreed to say that the conference was very enriching and instructive.”*Viviane*

“Besides, it allowed everyone of us to understand the digressions around this subject and enlighten us on several points considered as very important for our generation.”*Mathilde*

“Moreover, Olivier Clochard has succeeded to pass onto us his passion for his job and his researches.”*Clémentine*

« During Mrs Dujardin's intervention, tolerance and understanding fill the room. Throughout her testimony students discover and maybe understand a little more the migrant's journey. »*Charlotte*

« Mrs Dujardin still remembers the day when one of the migrants opened up to her. He told her that what he had been through had destroyed his faith in humanity. But he also confessed that since he had arrived in France, he felt like if humanity came alive again. It is a beautiful lesson we should all remember. »
Clémentine

« In fact, for more than one, the counsellor's testimony was the moment of the conference that you needed to pay real attention to. They finished with this last sentence: " We gave them [the migrants] a lot, but they gave us back ten times what we offered." »*Victor*

« One of the student explain how she thinks this conference was useful. She states that it allowed everyone to become fully aware, at the age of sixteen, of how solidarity goes beyond borders and origins. »*Anne-Louise*

« Indeed, each of us can help his neighbor whether he is struck by war, famine or political oppression, as the little town of Mignaloux-Beauvoir did. »*Clovis*

« From now on we will consider this topic with a brighter and clearer vision especially thanks to Olivier Clochard who shared with us his job and his adventure with passion and enthusiasm. »*Valentine*

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