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## Annual Guest Lecture 2017

### Let's not think of them as clandestine migrants

*by Pietro Bartolo*

Doctor Bartolo has overseen the medical care of over 250,000 migrants who have arrived on the Italian island of Lampedusa since the 1990s. In that time, he has not only saved many lives but also learned of the stories behind those lives, an experience he shared in the 2016 award winning documentary, 'Fire at Sea.'

During this year's Guest Lecture Doctor Bartolo will further share his experiences and reflections as part of his stated aim to: *"Highlight that concrete actions are needed from those who are still indifferent to the suffering and death of many people who risk and sometimes lose their greatest asset, life, in search of a better future."*



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Doctor Bartolo was born into a large fishing family on the Italian island of Lampedusa in 1956, where he spent his childhood. In 1987, after qualifying as a medical doctor specialising in Gynaecology and Obstetrics, he started working in Sicily. Returning to Lampedusa with his wife and firstborn daughter, Doctor Bartolo started working in the National Health System there. In 1991, with Lampedusa increasingly becoming the gateway to Europe for many African migrants, Doctor Bartolo decided to make his own contribution towards ensuring the health and wellbeing of those who had ventured out to sea. He continues to do.

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