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De/Legitimizing Global Migration Control

University of Amsterdam, Roeterseiland Campus

28-29 October 2021

Darshan Vigneswaran, Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, University of Amsterdam & African Centre for Migration and Society, Wits University, Johannesburg

Volker M. Heins, KHK / Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen & Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, Essen

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 28 October 2021

10:30-11:00 **Arrival at venue & registration**

11:00-11:15 **Welcoming remarks**

Darshan Vigneswaran & Volker Heins

11:15-13:00 **Panel 1: Migration control and legitimation struggles**

Discussant: **Frank Wolff** (Osnabrück University)

Loren B. Landau (Oxford University & Wits University, Johannesburg) – **ONLINE**

“Neither the time nor the place: Challenging the spatio-temporal case for borders”

Ashwini Vasanthakumar (Queen’s Law School, Canada & Hertie School, Berlin) – **ONLINE**

“Legitimacy at the border: Private actors and public values in border control”

Arjen Leerkes (Maastricht University)

“What does the border still mean? The perceived (il)legitimacy of immigration control as a determinant of international migration”

Silvia Aru (Politecnico di Torino)

“Battleship at the port of Europe: The Italian closed-port policy and its de/legitimizing narratives”

13:00-14:30

Lunch

14:30-16:15 **Panel 2: Europe as actor and arena of migration governance**

Discussant: **Ayşem Mert** (Stockholm University and KHK/GCR21)

Davide Gnes (University of Amsterdam)

“EU external migration policy in a political vacuum? Legitimizing the use of soft law in the Union’s readmission policy”

Natalie Welfens (Hertie School, Berlin)

“(De)legitimation struggles around refugee admission to Europe”

Lisa Borelli (University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland, Valais)

“Borrowed and transferred legitimacy: Welfare and workfare policies as legitimizers for deportation”

16:15-16:30

Break

16:30-17:30 **Online keynote 1: Alison Mountz**

(Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario)

“Asylum’s afterlives”

Moderator: **Volker Heins** (University of Duisburg-Essen)

18:30

Dinner (location tbd)



Friday, 29 October 2021

09:00-10:00

Online keynote 2: Behrouz Boochani

(Journalist, writer, filmmaker, refugee advocate,
University of Canterbury (NZ) Ursula Bethell writer-in-residence)

"Colonialism and refugee policy in Australia"

Comment: **Tendayi Achiume** (UCLA & Wits University, Johannesburg) – **ONLINE**
Moderator: **Darshan Vigneswaran** (University of Amsterdam)

10:00-10:15

Break

10:15-12:00

Panel 3: New ethnographies of border control

Discussant: **Christine Unrau** (KHK/GCR21, University of Duisburg-Essen)

Stephan Scheel (University of Duisburg-Essen)

"Babies that matter: Contesting migrant illegality through motherhood"

Cecilia Vergnano (KU Leuven)

"The pandemic disruption of the EU border regime: A delegitimation of the anti-immigration rhetoric?"

Polly Pallister-Wilkins (University of Amsterdam)

"Humanitarian borderwork in a hostile environment"

12:00-13:30

Lunch Break

13:30-15:15

Panel 4: Undermining border control

Discussant: **Bidisha Biswas** (Western Washington University and KHK/GCR21)

Barak Kalir (University of Amsterdam) – **ONLINE**

"Fighting for an un/common cause"

Soledad Álvarez Velasco (University of Heidelberg)

"Between *coyotes*, *chulqueros*, *pasadores*, *traficantes* and *la migra*: Who exerts control across the Andean Region-Central America-Mexico-U.S. extended migratory corridor?"

Anja K. Franck (Gothenburg University, Sweden)

"Laughable borders: Delegitimizing migration control regimes through humor"

15:15-15:30

Break

15:30-16:30

Wrap up and concluding remarks

Anand Cherian (The International Institute of Migration and Development, Kasaragod, Kerala, India)

Volker Heins (University of Duisburg-Essen)

Darshan Vigneswaran (University of Amsterdam)

16:30

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