OUR DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

As I put the finishing touches to this annual report, it is becoming increasingly difficult to avoid the harsh reality of border control and the increasing lengths governments around the world appear prepared to go to prevent unauthorised entry. Mid-year 2019, and we’ve already witnessed more photographs of drowned children (this time in the US); multiple investigative accounts of inhumane treatment and conditions of detention (across the world) heart-breaking family separations and child detention (everywhere, but, most notably at the US-Mexico border); and a growing desire and willingness of states to prosecute humanitarian actors.

Matters are compounded by surging populism and far right politics. All these issues have been topics on the Border Criminologies blog. They continue to animate the research, policy work and activism of our members. While matters certainly look bleak, I find ongoing inspiration in the work of my colleagues, our partner organisations and our students. While this report only offers a sketch of the efforts people are expending, it is important to recall, that even in times of gross inhumanity, there are always counter examples and resistance.

As an international research network, Border Criminologies continues to work hard to bring people together, to disseminate their research and to facilitate new ways of working together within, across and beyond the academy.
In our efforts we rely heavily on the Managing Editor, Andriani Fili, and also on the associate directors. As the report will reveal, plans are underway for some changes, both online and in the people involved in the network.

We ran our first Spanish-language blog post this year. Thanks to the combined efforts of former Associate Director Ana Aliverti, Gabriella Sanchez and one of the Oxford Criminology MSc students, Bill de La Rosa, we have structures in place now to run bilingual posts. Reflecting work underway in Greece and Italy, we hope to start running posts in Greek and Italian as well.

I am very proud of the work we do and support through Border Criminologies. Please read on for details about some of our activities this year and our plans for next. We will, as usual, close down for a month’s holiday. It’s important to rest and recharge, and so I hope everyone is able to take a real break.

Mary Bosworth, Oxford, July 2019
The blog remains one of the key aspects of Border Criminologies. It is widely read and attracts an international audience from more than 170 countries. This year the blog was visited 118,926 times. We published 108 new posts, including eight book reviews and four themed series on:

- border control and the criminalization of African asylum seekers in Israel,
- methodological and ethical challenges, many of which spring from the politically contentious nature of migration, borders and security and from the vulnerability of those subject to border controls,
- penal humanitarianism and transforming borders from below

The top ten most read posts can be seen below:

10. The Ethics of Academic Publishing and International Migration’s ‘Policy Interview’ with Australia’s Minister for Home Affairs, by Dr Sara Dehm and Dr Anthea Vogl

9. Last Night in Sweden, by Vanessa Barker

8. Controlling Migration through De Facto Detention: The Case of the ‘Diciotti’ Italian Ship, by Francesca Cancellaro and Stefano Ziruliu
7. Border Control and the Criminalisation of African Asylum Seekers in Israel, by Maayan Ravid

6. The Politics of Exhaustion and the British Sea Crossings Spectacle, by Marta Welander

5. Redrawing the Central American Migrant Caravan: How Other (African) Trajectories Cross Its Path, by Nanneke Winters

Calais, December 2018 (Photo: Refugee Rights Europe)
Drawing by Finnish artist Hannaleena Heiska from her new art series, Camouflage. Her drawings in this series depict figures wearing high-contrast face paint as a form of bottom-up resistance against facial recognition and surveillance technologies.

4. The Role of Technology in the Criminalization of Migration, by Samuel Singler

3. Prosecuting Victims of Trafficking in the UK: The Difference between Law and Practice, by Nogah Ofer

2. Adopted and Deported, Orphaned and Detained: The Case of Adam Crapser and the 20,000 Deportable Korean Adoptees in the U.S., by Hayeon Kim

1. Outsourcing European Border Control: Recent Trends in Departures, Deaths and Search and Rescue Activities in the Central Mediterranean, by Matteo Villa, Rob Gruijters and Elias Steinhilper
Google tells us that the traffic on the blog has increased significantly over the past few years.

**Blog Traffic 2016-2017**

- Sessions
- Users
- Page views

**Blog Traffic 2018-2019**

- Sessions
- Users
- Page views
While most viewers come from North America and UK, there is a wide readership across Europe as well. We will be discussing ways of widening access to the global south. Plans to run blogposts in Spanish will assist.
In addition to the blogs, Border Criminologies has been exploring other forms of dissemination and outreach. This year, with some funding from the Independent Social Research Foundation, and with assistance from Andriani Fili, Sanja Milojvevic and Elizabeth Kullman, Mary Bosworth and Vanessa Barker have set up a video series on our Border Criminologies YouTube Channel. You can watch a series of short videos on members’ new books, research updates, and conversations about key topics in Border Criminologies. For example, we have short clips of:

Legal scholars Juliet Stumpf and Steven Manning discussing an innovative legal advocacy program called Collaborative Representation;

Michael Flynn of the Global Detention Project and critical border scholar Monish Bhatia debating abolition;

Human trafficking expert Gabriella Sanchez and philosopher Thomas Nail discussing solidarity and protest at the US Mexico border;

Italian legal scholar Stefano Zirulia explaining the criminalisation of humanitarian assistance within the European Union;
Finally, as part of our outreach work and also our commitment to the next generation of scholars, Border Criminologies runs an annual Masters dissertation Prize. This year’s competition was very strong and the review panel were particularly impressed with the originality and level of empirical inquiry. The winner, (Maria Hagan from University of Cambridge) and two runner-ups (Hallam Tuck and Niamh Quille, both students at the University of Oxford) received £200 and £100 worth of Routledge books.

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Critical border scholars Victoria Canning and Martin Joorman reflecting on activism within the academy;

Vanessa Barker discussing her book project on penal imperialism and postcolonial theory

Australian criminologist Sanja Milivojevic interviewing Raul Paz Pastrana about his new film Border South;

Sanja Milivojevic on her new book Border Policing and Security Technologies in the Western Balkans

Border Criminologies Director Mary Bosworth on Human Rights Monitoring;

Rimple Mehta on her new book Women, Mobility and Incarceration;

And border Vanessa Barker and Katja Franko discussing the complexities of belonging, nation and migration, among other contributions.

We hope to add to this collection and so please do get in touch if you would like to participate.

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The year of events began with a themed panel at the European Society of Criminology, chaired by Katja Franko and Vanessa Barker. In Oxford, Border Criminologies held and co-hosted a number of seminars. On November 13, for example, we co-hosted an event on ‘Policing Modern Slavery’, at which Detective Chief Inspector Jennifer Bristow, the Head of Operations and Development at the Modern Slavery Policy Transformation Unit, and Anthony Jefferson, the Head of the Joint Slavery and Trafficking Analysis Centre spoke about recent policy developments. Two weeks later we co-sponsored a lunchtime seminar on 27 November on ‘Child protection failures and mental harm in detention’ on Nauru. On 22 January, 2018, Border Criminologies held a panel discussion, ‘Northern Borders: Addressing Immigration Detention, Deportation, and Degradation in Scandinavia and the UK’, with Annika Lindberg, Shahram Khosravi and Vicky Canning.

On May 23, 2019, Border Criminologies co-hosted Devyani Prabhat, who spoke at the Centre for Criminology’s All Souls seminar about her research into citizenship stripping and belonging. The following week, on 4 June, Clare Loughan from the University of Melbourne spoke about her research on immigration detention officers in the Australian detention system.

On June 6, Katja Franko delivered the Roger Hood Annual Lecture at the Centre for Criminology, Oxford, (De)Constructing the Crimmigrant Other. Other events include Border Criminologies themed panels at professional meetings and other related talks. For instance, at the Law & Society Association annual meeting this year, Vanessa Barker and Maartje van der Woude, as part of the program committee, co-organized a themed plenary ‘Dignity and Immigration’ which will also run as part of the blog in the next academic year. Vanessa also gave the keynote address on the crisis of solidarity at the Annual Wallenberg dinner for the National Nordic Museum in Seattle.

Where possible these events have been recorded and made available on our University iTunes accounts.
Our members continue to be active in academic publishing, while also engaging with groups and audiences outside the academy; sometimes they work together. Jennifer Chacón and Susan Coutin, who are both members of the advisory board, for instance, worked together with colleagues Stephen Lee (UCI), and Sameer Ashar (UCLA) on a project analyzing deferred action, the forms of liminality created by deferred action programs, and activism surrounding deferred action. A paper, “Otro Mundo Es Posible’: Tempering the Power of Immigration Law through Activism, Advocacy, and Action” is forthcoming in Buffalo Law Review, and the group is working together on a book manuscript for Stanford University Press.

In March 2019, Mary Bosworth wrapped up her two-year ESRC-IAA project with Andriani Fili and Hindpal Singh Bhui on safeguarding human rights in immigration detention with an international event in Athens, attended by a range of civil society organisations and academics. This project, which sought to understand and build capacity among human rights monitors, will be further developed in a new project, funded by the Open Society Foundations that extends the analysis to Italy. As part of this third project, we hope to launch soon an information booklet for detainees in Greece, that we are developing in partnership with the Greek Refugee Council, and an interactive web-based map, which aims to record border control practices around the world, presenting visual and other forms of evidence of these hidden practices.
The map also seeks to serve as an application through which people and organisations in the field can interactively insert their detention experiences. Meanwhile, in May 2019, Mary began a new project closer to home on staff culture at IRC Brook House. Later this summer she will commence the first academic study of the process of detainee escorting and deportation in the UK, observing and interviewing privately contracted and Home Office staff involved in this part of border control. She also put the finishing touches on a new book, written in collaboration with Khadija von Zinnenburg Carroll and Christoph Balzar that draws on the Immigration Detention Archive. Bordered Lives is due out later this year with Sternberg Press.

Together with Lisa Matthews at Right to Remain, Vicky Canning developed the Right to Remain asylum navigation board. This informs people seeking asylum of their rights at each stage of the process, and highlights potential problems that may arise and actions that can be taken if they do. The board is aimed at front-line organisations, but can also be used in Universities to teach students about the UK asylum process.

You can read her blog post on the board here.
Francesca Esposito started a Newton International Fellowship (British Academy) at the Centre for Criminology at the University of Oxford, under the supervision of Mary Bosworth. This project is looking at women’s experiences of detention in the UK, Italy, and Portugal. Francesca has also participated in the OSF project on human rights in immigration detention in Greece and Italy. Francesca is co-editing a Special Issue of the Journal 'Community Psychology in Global Perspective' with Blerina Kellezi entitled 'Migrant resistance and acts of solidarity at individual, collective and community level'.

Andriani Fili has been working closely with Mary and Hindpal on ESRC projects exploring human rights monitoring in immigration detention. As of March 2019, they launched a new project, funded by OSF, which, in close collaboration with civil society organisations in Greece and Italy, aims to build and disseminate information about everyday life in detention in the context of human rights monitoring and protection mechanisms in order to provide much-needed narratives to challenge the growing xenophobia that is corroding political discourse and practice. In this context, she has been collaborating with the Greek Council for Refugees to produce the first ever information brochure for detainees in Greece on their rights and challenges they may face in the Greek detention maze. She has also been involved in setting up the new interactive map, recording immigration detention practices in Greece and Italy. At the same time, she has been developing her PhD dissertation on the Greek immigration detention system and resistance mobilised against it. In doing so, she hopes to provide a critical account of state power and police violence.

Amygdaleza detention centre in Athens
Juliet Stumpf was on sabbatical this year, so after finally painting the bathroom, she kicked off the research and drafting of a book-length manuscript on crimmigration tentatively titled *The Crimminigration Crisis: Social Control of Global Migration*, while also publishing a series of other articles and book chapters. Juliet was a keynote speaker at the CINETS Crimmigration Control conference in October 2018 at Queen Mary University of London, where she spoke on “Big Immigration Law”. She flew back to the UK in February 2019 to attend a Border Criminologies steering group meeting and to lecture on The Terrorism of Everyday Crime at the Centre for Criminology. In addition to her academic work, Juliet is a member of the Board of Directors of the Innovation Law Lab, which combines law and technology in support of justice for immigrants. On the local level, Juliet serves as the Law Student Liaison for the Oregon Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, collaborates with a local group advocating for a universal representation program for immigrants at risk of deportation here in Oregon, and advises the Oregon Immigrant Rights Infrastructure and Oregon Ready collaborations.

Peter Mancina contributed towards the management of the Border Criminologies book reviews section while also conducting research projects in collaboration with immigration control focused non-profit organizations and government institutions that inform policy advocacy campaigns. He co-authored a report examining how California’s “sanctuary state” law SB 54 – a law designed to forbid local law enforcement from participating in immigration control activities - is being undermined and disregarded by local law enforcement. This report garnered significant media attention and will be used to amend the law by the California legislature, Governor, and Attorney General. After completion of this report in late March 2019, he began a new report in coordination with the Alameda County Board of Supervisors – a California county legislative body neighbour to San Francisco – to assess their immigrant integration efforts, the degree to which they participate in immigration enforcement in their county jails, and to provide suggestions for all efforts that they can take to divorce Alameda county government from immigration arrest, detention, deportation, surveillance, and immigration information sharing with federal immigration authorities.
Peter has begun work on a new research project in collaboration with the Alameda County of California Board of Supervisors. This county legislature passes policy that governs many cities neighbouring San Francisco, California including the major city Oakland. His role in this project is to assess their current anti-immigration detention and anti-deportation policies and programs, to provide them suggestions for how they can make Alameda an immigration detention/deportation-free government. He will then produce an open-access publication that will be published by Border Criminologies and the Centre for Criminology under the preliminary title ‘Alameda County for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.’ This project will conclude in October of this

Music in Detention (MID) started music programmes with detainees at Brook House and Tinsley House IRCs at Gatwick. The programme included an extraordinary creative collaboration between detainees and patients at nearby Langley Green psychiatric hospital.

Through a collaboration with Refugee Week 2018 nine community choirs in different parts of the UK made covers of songs by detainees, one of which was sung by 900 people on Brighton Beach as part of the Street Choirs Festival. They also published a new independent evaluation report by Professor Norma Daykin (Professor of Arts as Wellbeing at Winchester University), drawing on data collected from 270 participants, between 2014 and 2017, which found that MID’s programmes helped detainees cope with detention; gave them a sense of freedom and of challenging stigma; supported positive mood and relaxation; overcame barriers between people; brought opportunities to learn; affirmed personal and cultural identities; and created space for hope in a despairing situation.
As ever, Border Criminologies couldn’t continue without financial assistance. We have been supported in our work this year by grants from Goldsmith Chambers, who have generously renewed their funding for next academic year, by Garden Court Chambers, by the ISRF, the ESRC, the Open Society Foundations, and by a number of grants from within the University of Oxford, including a John Fell Fund for the new project on deportation, a Knowledge Exchange Seed Fund Grant from the Social Sciences Division and a Faculty Impact Grant from the Law Faculty for the Landscapes of Border Control map.

Unfortunately, this year the funding for the open access journal on SSRN has come to an end. However, we remain committed to open access publishing in order to ensure wide readership of people’s work and also to increase our ability to intervene into public discussions about migration and its control. And so, with help from the core team, we will be starting some new initiatives.

The first, is to replace the SSRN series ‘Criminal Justice, Borders and Citizenship’ with a new Border Criminologies Working Paper Series that will be hosted on the website. We are still trying to figure out the details, but hope to launch this in the Fall, publishing the winners of the MSc dissertation prize.

We are also exploring additional forms of dissemination, with a greater emphasis on visual methods. We are, for example, currently in the final stages of building a new interactive map, Landscapes of Border Control, which will make available first-hand accounts, photography, audio and art work about border control.
So, too, the book, *Bordered Lives*, by Mary, Khadija and Christoph, which draws on the Immigration Detention Archive, will be published under a Creative Commons License and will be available for free download from the website. We have the video project, and we are hoping to create some downloadable data visualisations of key issues in border control. These will sit alongside existing briefing papers which have also been carefully visually designed for clarity and impact.

In the autumn, we plan to re-design aspects of the Border Criminologies website to allow us to organize topics thematically. This new design will also make it easier for members based elsewhere to link their project pages to Border Criminologies, thereby widening their access and impact. As mentioned earlier, we have started to produce blog posts in languages other than English. This strategy will be facilitated by the creation of new, regional partners, who will also assist in forging ties with local academics and civil society organisations. Under this scheme, we are consolidating our existing ties with the Monash University Border Crossing Observatory. BOb, as it is commonly known, hosts the Australian Border Deaths Database, and works closely with a series of groups and individuals in Australia and in region.

Finally, the core Border Criminologies team is changing. We would like to thank the members of the advisory board who have served since the inception of the network; Jamie Bennett, Catherine Dauvergne, Didier Fassin have all decided to move on, while Katja Franko is leaving to join the group of associate directors; she is going to help us develop institutional ties with other universities and professional societies. Finally, it is with great pleasure that I can announce that Juliet Stumpf will be joining me as co-director. Juliet will facilitate new ties with legal professionals and scholars, and will be assisting in developing new projects including a regular international conference event.

There is no doubt that we are living through difficult times. Under these circumstances working together within the academic and beyond, while also supporting and developing our students is both enriching and, of vital importance. Border Criminologies is keen to engage with all who are working on the intersections of border control and criminal justice. Please do get in touch.
Selected Publications

Books & Edited Books


Journal Articles & Special issues


Massol de Rebetz R.M. de & Woude M.A.H. van der (2019), 'Marianne’s liberty in jeopardy? A French analysis on recent counterterrorism legal developments,' *Critical Studies on Terrorism*


**Book Chapters**


Shorter Essays and Articles


Reports and submissions


Cover Image: The outside area in Petrou Ralli detention centre in Athens