



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

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# OUR DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

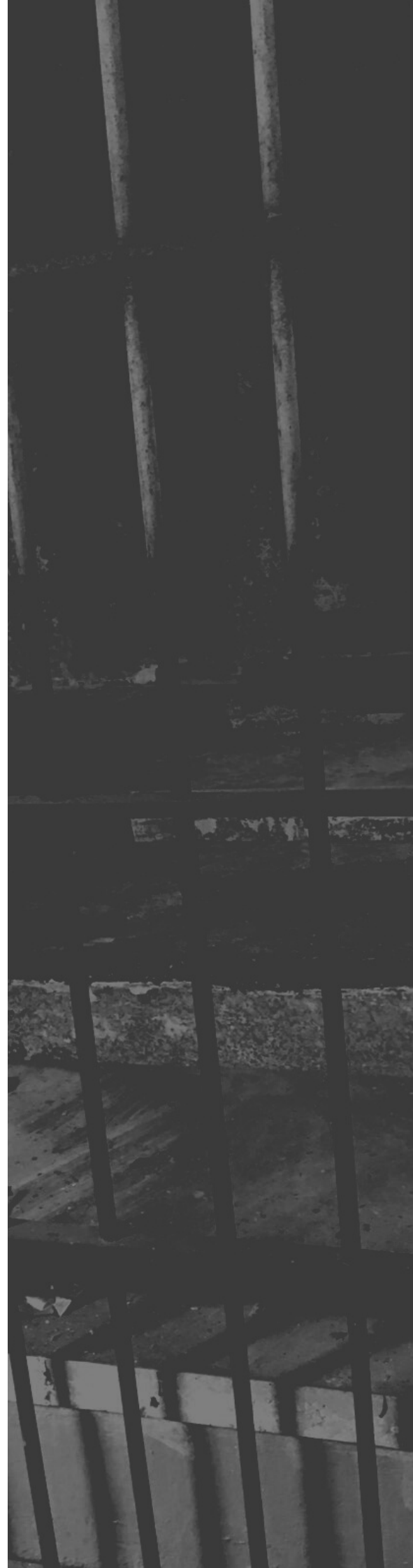
As we cross the calendar midpoint of this very difficult year and start to think about taking a break, we are happy to share some of the activities, events, and publications of members of the Border Criminologies team. As a group, this has been a productive year in many respects, notwithstanding the context in which we have been operating. On the one hand, like everyone else, members of Border Criminologies have been intensely disrupted by the pandemic, balancing care for friends and family members and ourselves, as well as for our students. Applied research has, by and large, stalled. Borders have closed.

As this report will show, we have, as a group, taken advantage of the enforced online format of work and education. We have run a very active and successful series of events. With prompting from our managing editor, Andriani Fili, the core group has met more regularly, allowing us to continue the work we began last year when Border Criminologies reimaged and reorganized key aspects of the network. This has inspired the core teams we created (Blog, Events, Communication, Teaching collaboration, research collaboration, development and networks, community engagement and activism) and helped us widen our impact and engagement.

Under this new refreshed outlook, we have engaged with organisations working on the ground supporting people affected by border control around the world and we have focused more on southern perspectives on border controls. We have also developed new teaching resources, creating short video discussions of specific issues around border control and criminalization of migration. Nearly all our events have been recorded and put online as well.

Although aspects of the pandemic appear to be easing for those of us in the global north who have benefited from the vaccines, the uneven rollout of the vaccine looks set to delay the resolution of this global health crisis. As we have seen from the start, the impact has been unevenly felt across the world, and within the countries in which we live.

In terms of border control practices, the pandemic continues to shape state and non-state responses. As we saw in the Australian government's ban on its returning citizens from India, the emergency has been used to unleash new coercive powers, which target familiar and novel populations. The mass closure of borders continues to put highly vulnerable people at risk, and to allow states to deny entry. At the same time, these same closed borders have slowed down some of the border control practices like deportation, raising fleeting visions of a world in which matters were otherwise.





Interior and border control practices have had a hand in intensifying the pandemic's effects. While the UK government released much of the population in immigration removal centres in response to the public health emergency and suspended reporting requirements for asylum seekers, other countries, most notably the US, were slow to react. There, the virus rippled through detained populations unimpeded and entered local communities with devastating effects. While the generally younger population of immigrants and refugees denied entry at national borders escaped the high rates of COVID that had been forecasted, the economic impact of the pandemic hit these communities especially hard.

In the United States, a surge of immigration restrictions dominated the rhetoric and reality of the Trump Administration's waning days, imposing economic and procedural barriers to entry from the global south and slickening the path to deportation. The Biden Administration has moved quickly on some fronts—rescinding the Muslim entry ban, affirming protection from deportation for undocumented youth, and proposing new immigration legislation that would not rely on trading the legalization of some for the criminalization of many. ICE officials have been instructed to use discretion in pursuing interior enforcement. In other ways, the new President has moved more slowly, leaving many of Trump's entry bans in place, and continuing to detain families and children.

In the UK, the respite associated with the suspension of some border control strategies has only been temporary. Numbers in detention have started to increase, and institutions which were mothballed are reopening. The government continues to use Napier Barracks, for a small number of asylum seekers who have arrived in small boats from the camps in Northern France, despite a recent court ruling which found the conditions to be so poor they were unlawful, while also moving ahead with plans to open a new facility for women. A new immigration bill is passing through Parliament which will further criminalise irregular entry and widen state coercive power.

Such matters sadly suggest that lessons from the pandemic have not been learned. While the coming year will reveal the character of the Biden Administration's immigration stance, in the UK and elsewhere governments seem intent on hardening border control measures. Even as those of us who have been vaccinated, can look forward to some easing of restrictions in parts of our lives, the pandemic has reminded us of the interconnected nature of the world in which we live. Border Criminologies' role in uncovering the existence, architectures and impacts of border control flows from our recognition of this interconnectedness, and our desire to use our research, knowledge, and advocacy towards that end.

As we look forward to our usual summer hiatus, we would like to thank Jennifer Koh for all the work she has done this year as Assistant Director for teaching. Jennifer is taking up a new position at Pepperdine Law School and so is taking a step back from her work with Border Criminologies. We would also like to welcome Monish Bhatia, from Birkbeck University, who will be joining our core team as Associate Director for teaching. Some other changes are happening too, with members shifting to different roles. We hope to be firming up existing partnerships with the ANZSOC crimmigration group (headed by Leanne Weber) and with CINETS.

For now, however, everyone needs to rest. We wish everyone well and will see you all in the new academic year.

*Mary and Juliet*

# BLOG AND OUTREACH

The blog remains a key output, publishing more than 140 posts, including 20 book reviews and 10 themed series on [The Crimmigrant Other](#), [Borders Through Time](#), [Deaths at Borders](#), [Transfers of Foreign National Prisoners/Probationers](#), [Border Criminologies Masters Dissertation/Thesis Prize](#), [International Women's Day](#), [The Other Sites of Detention](#), [Immigration and Border Control in Central and South America](#), [Immigration Detention in Greece](#), and [Detention And Migrant Confinement in Italy at Times of Covid-19](#).

This year the blog featured posts from a vast range of countries, including [Rwanda](#), [India](#), [Iran](#), [Myanmar](#) and [Hong-Kong](#).

We also extensively covered immigration and border control in South and Central America, with posts on [Chile](#), [Colombia](#), [Venezuela](#), [Haiti](#), [Trinidad and Tobago](#), [Curacao](#) and [Mexico](#), as well as the complex relationship between these countries.

As part of our efforts to expand our reach, we published a number of posts in [Spanish](#) and [Italian](#). Get in touch with us if you want to publish in a language other than English. To promote open access platforms, we also collaborated with the journals *Theoretical Criminology* and *Punishment & Society*, to publish posts based on recently published articles and offer these articles for free for a 3-month period. The most recent post in this series of posts can be found [here](#).

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL MEDIA



This year, we recorded a total of 114,242 sessions on our website, 92,464 users, and 131,650 page views.

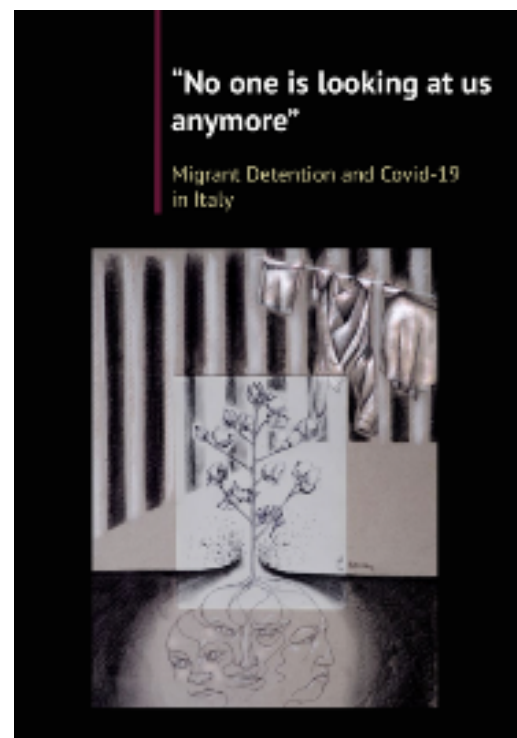
Posts are viewed, on average, 10,000 times per month, by users from across the world, with a particular concentration from the US, UK, Germany, Australia, India and Rwanda.

Meanwhile our blog subscribers' list continued to grow, reaching 530 subscribers. Our Twitter boasts 9,840 followers and Facebook has more than 3,000 followers. We have also started building our [Instagram profile](#).

In October, Vicky Canning and Francesca Esposito organised a series of posts and vodcasts with people who have worked on sea rescue missions, in border camps, and with migrant solidarity groups, in order to commemorate the tragic event in Lampedusa in 2013, when more than 368 drowned.

In November, we published a report on immigration detention and Covid-19 in Italy, highlighting the situation behind bars during the period of national lockdown in the country.

In December, in collaboration with the Greek Council for Refugees (GCR), we launched the first 'know your rights' leaflet with information about immigration detention in Greece in order to help those detained understand their cases better, as well as assisting lawyers and organisations that seek to support them. It was written in Greek and has been translated in 5 languages, English, French, Arabic, Urdu and Farsi. It is available online and distributed to detainees all over Greece.



In March, to celebrate International Women's Day we welcomed some of the staff, advocates and board of Refugee Women Connect to take over Border Criminologies and share with us their experiences of seeking asylum, ideas on alternative systems and - importantly - to plan what some members would build for themselves in a socially just world for women seeking asylum.



*Bosede's image of a "a friendly home as a day centre for people who are over 60 years old... I think is good for people to make friends, have tea, coffee and biscuits, cold drinks, and play bingo in a friendly environment" that she drew as part of Refugee Women Connect's International Women's Day 2021 post, 'What I Would build'.*

# The top ten most read posts can be seen below:

10. [New Pact on Migration: An Exacerbation of Past Failures in Shiny New Packaging](#)

09. [The Venezuelan Refugee Crisis in Trinidad and Tobago](#)

08. [Confine to Protect: Greek Hotspots and the Hygienic-Sanitary Borders of Covid-19](#)



*THE MORIA HOTSPOT, 2019 (PHOTO: MARTINA TAZZIOLI)*

07. [Weaponising Geography on the Greek-Turkish Border](#)

06. [Deportation of Foreign-Born Non-Citizens Who Offend: The Case of Osime Brown](#)

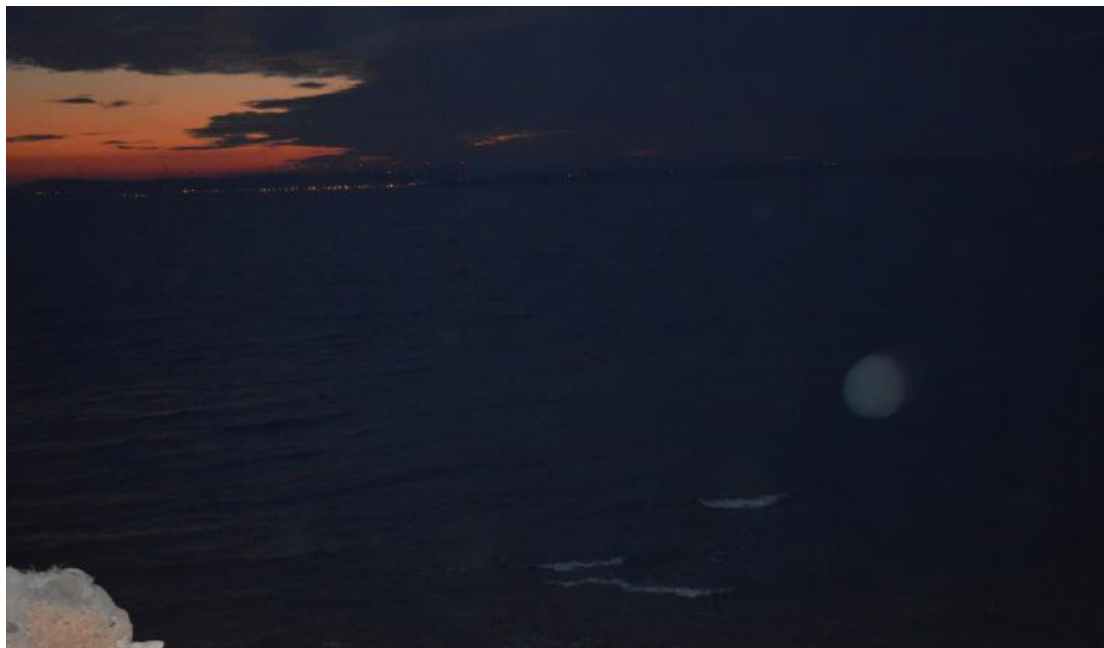
05. ['No one is looking at us anymore': Migrant Detention and Covid-19 in Italy](#)



*'ROME' S PONTE GALERIA DETENTION CENTRE'. PHOTO CREDITS: FRANCESCA ESPOSITO*

04. Criminalising Solidarity: Silencing Critical Voices and Erasing the Critical Gaze on Border Violence

03. Validating Border Violence on the Aegean: Frontex's Internal Records



*LOOKOUT POINT ON CHIOS ISLAND, GREECE*

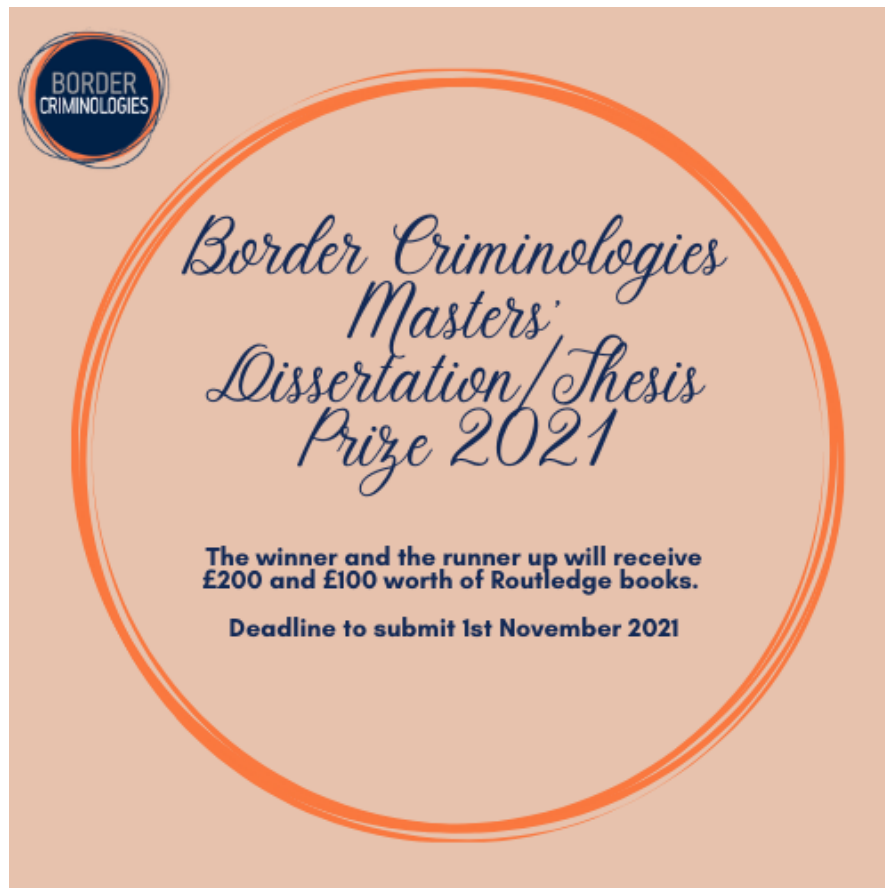
02. The Violent Hellenic Police



*THE VIEW FROM ONE OF THE WINGS AT THE PETROU RALLI PRE-REMOVAL DETENTION CENTRE IN ATHENS*

01. Traversing and Reinforcing Borders in the Pursuit of Justice in Rwanda

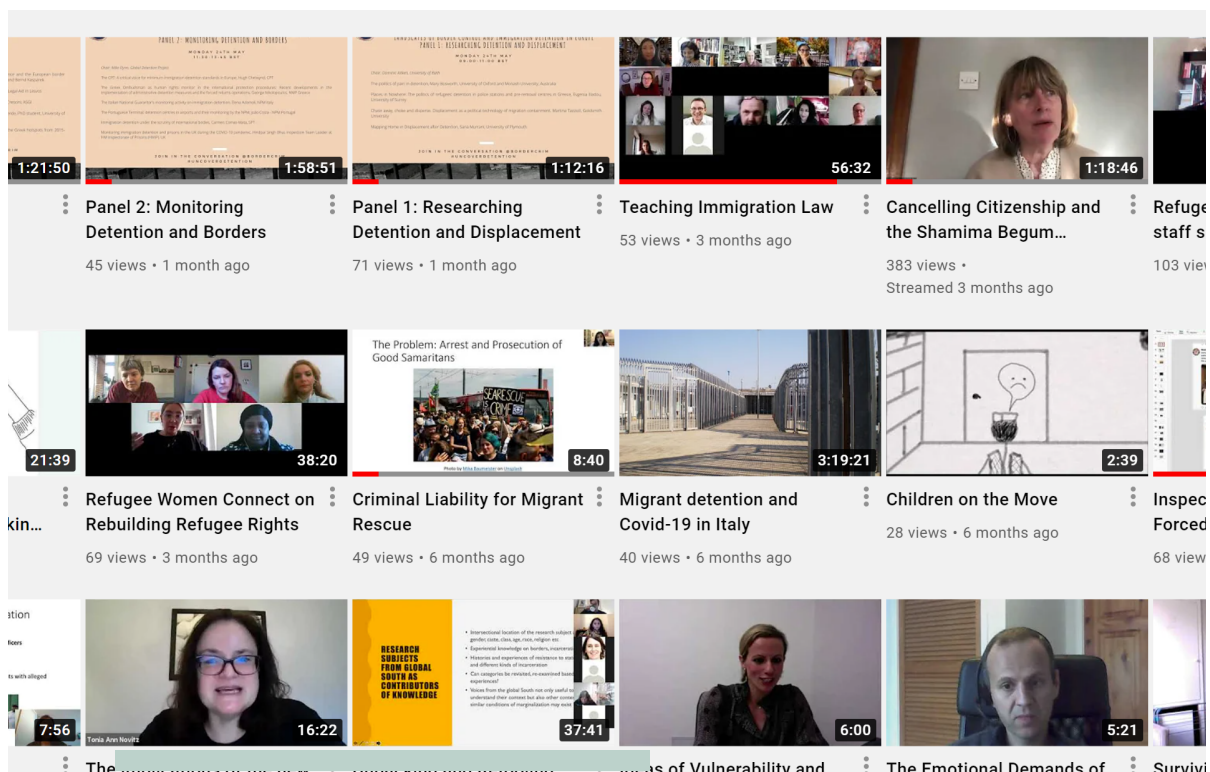
As part of our commitment to early career scholars, every year Border Criminologies runs a dissertation prize with the generous support of Routledge who provide the winner and the runner up with £200 and £100 worth of books. Last year's recipients were [Claudia McHardy](#), [Vidya Ramachandran](#) and [Frances Timberlake](#). You can read about their research [here](#). We have recently opened this year's call and look forward to reading the submissions soon.



This year our work has been supported by a number of interns. Sophie O'Neill Hanson, Ritika Goyal, Ariadne Fischer, Katina Dorer and Isabel Morris have assisted us to update our online presence, develop our research ties in the Global South, communicate our work through our social media and have been involved in a number of our research projects. Thank you. Next year we will publish a call for the internship programme, so if you are interested please do keep an eye out for that.

In July, we were delighted to partner with [Refugee Rights Europe](#) (RRE) in creating an RRE reports archive on the Border Criminologies website. Since early 2016, RRE has researched and documented the situation for people on the move across Europe's many violent borderlands, interviewing and surveying more than 6,000 individuals regarding their first-hand experience. Through this partnership, RRE is able to reach a wider audience and better highlight the inadequacies of Europe's response to asylum and migration, shedding light on human rights violations and placing the voices of refugees and displaced people themselves at the centre stage. Visit the report archive [here](#).

# EVENTS



We have had a particularly large number of events this year, as we have sought to take advantage of the online format. Following a survey, in which we asked the Border Criminologies community about their preferences for events and collaborations, we have also partnered with a number of new groups and individuals. Where possible the events have been recorded and uploaded to our [YouTube Channel](#).

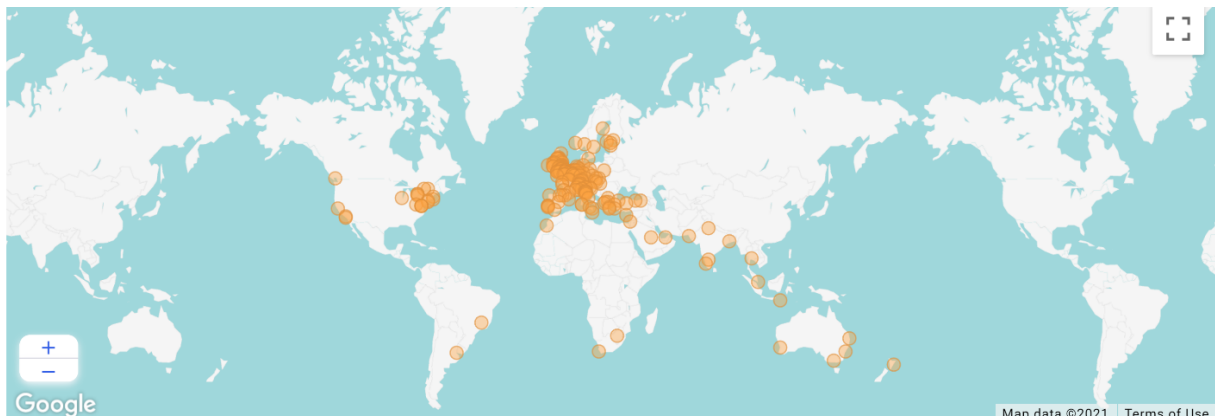
Speakers have joined us from around the world and their topics have ranged from methodological concerns to legal analysis and activism.

Associate Director, Dr Rimple Mehta (Western Sydney University, Australia) began the year with her talk "[Unpacking and retooling the Criminology of Mobility](#)" in November 2020. The following month Prof. William Walters (Carleton University, Canada) spoke about "[Inspection as method: Using forced return monitoring to research air deportation](#)".

In December Devyani Prabhat put together an expert panel on "[Cancelling citizenship and the Shamima Begum decision: What remains for human rights?](#)" Speakers included Prof. Lucia Zedner (All Souls College, Oxford), Prof. Devyani Prahbat (Bristol University), Prof. Fionnuala NiAolain (Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights on fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism) and Prof. Jayne Huckerby (Duke University, USA). Mary Bosworth acted as chair.

We kicked off the new year with Prof Jef Huysmans (Queen Mary University of London) on March 12th 2021 who spoke about, "Motioning the politics of (in)security: From borders and boundaries to the primacy of movement." The following week, two of the associate directors, Devyani Prabhat and Jennifer Koh convened a panel discussion on "Teaching immigration law: Law school clinics in the US and UK." while on 26 March, 2020 Dr Gaia Giuliani presented on "On the semiotic power of the border: Intersectional iconographies of 'The Invasion' in Italy." With barely a pause, on 30 April 2021 we hosted "Researching borders and bordering: A roundtable conversation."

This was followed the next month by the annual Oxford Migration Conference on "Borders and Justice", which we co-hosted. At the end of May, Andriani Fili and Francesca Esposito ran a three-day conference on immigration detention and border control in Europe bringing together people working on detention matters and resisting against harmful detention practices, and aiming to inspire debate and action. More than 2,500 people signed up to the event, with attendance at most panels averaging around 50 – 100 members of the audience. Videos from panels of both events can be found on our YouTube channel.



*The map of attendees at the Border Criminologies three-day conference on immigration detention and border control in Europe*

In June 2019, Mary Bosworth, Sanja Milivojevic and Caitlyn McGeer hosted a one day seminar 'Taking stock of trafficking: A global analysis of anti-trafficking in challenging times'. In this event, co-organized with the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence EUMoSIT (Palermo), we invited speakers to reflect on the state of trafficking and anti-trafficking, with a view to imagining alternatives. After twenty years of action, considerable concerns remain about the efficacy and nature of anti-trafficking policies. The speakers - experts from academia, policy, criminal justice and victim support from the UN, Australia, Nigeria, Italy, the United States and the United Kingdom, reflected on where we are in countering trafficking, in policy and in scholarship, and the way to move forward. Please check our blog for speakers' submissions.

Finally, we already have plans for the next academic year, as Border Criminologies is co-hosting with Leiden University Law school and CINETs, an international conference in September 2021. We are also arranging a panel on Southern Border Criminology at the September 2021 European Society of Criminology meeting. Please do contact us if you have ideas for future events.

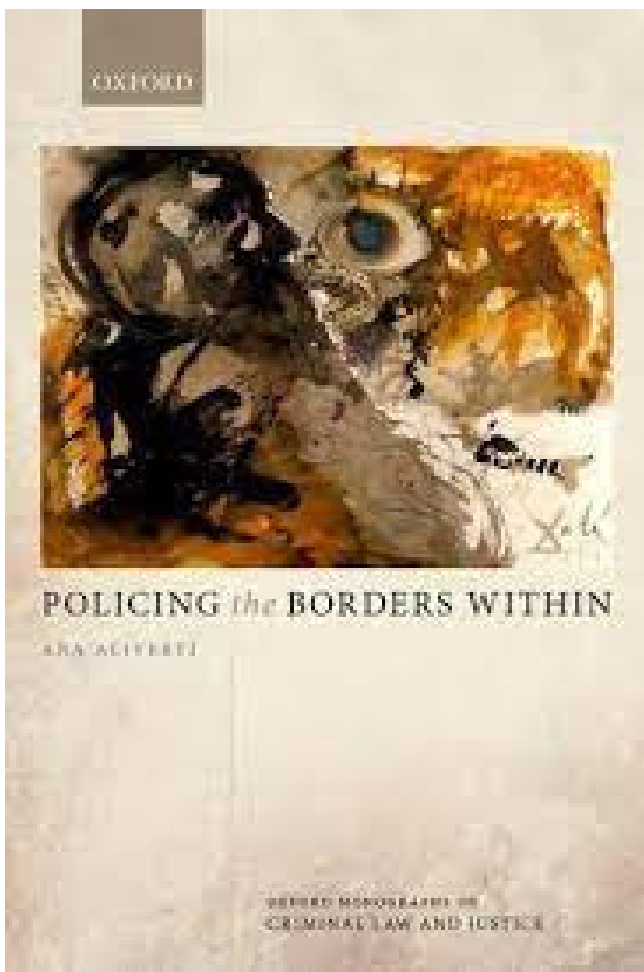
# RESEARCH UPDATES & PROJECTS

Applied research has been very difficult this year, due to COVID restrictions. Yet, that has not stopped the Border Criminologies community from innovating. Below we offer a glimpse of some of the accomplishments and activities of our members.

**Ana Aliverti's** monograph *Policing the Borders Within* was published by Oxford University Press in June 2021. It is the first ethnographic study of inland immigration law enforcement in the UK. Ana has also been working for a number of years with Henrique Carvalho, Anastasia Chamberlen and Maximo Sozzo on a project to decolonise criminology along with collaborators from around the world. Their review piece on 'Decolonising the Criminal Question' is out in *Punishment & Society* and the edited collection entitled *Decolonising the Criminal Question: Rethinking the Legacies, Epistemologies and Geographies of Criminal Justice* is forthcoming in Oxford University Press: Oxford.

In April 2021, **Efrat Arbel**, was awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Grant, for her project: 'Rethinking Human Rights in Immigration Detention: Towards a Trauma-Informed Approach.'

**Mary Bosworth** continued her work on deportation and detainee transportation, observing meetings online. She has also been busy with her work on the Brook House Inquiry, drafting the report on staff culture. Together with Andriani Fili and Sanja Milivojevic, Mary is finishing a large ESRC application to study new forms of detention in the UK, Serbia and Greece. Mary is also a co-investigator with a group of colleagues in Australia on a project there into the crimmigration system (on which see below). In June 2021, Mary will co-host with Lucia Zedner a workshop at All Souls College on 'Privatising Border Control'; papers will be published in 2022 by Oxford University Press.



This year, **Victoria Canning** has published numerous books and articles and has started work on a new book project that synthesizes her work over the past ten years into torturous violence.

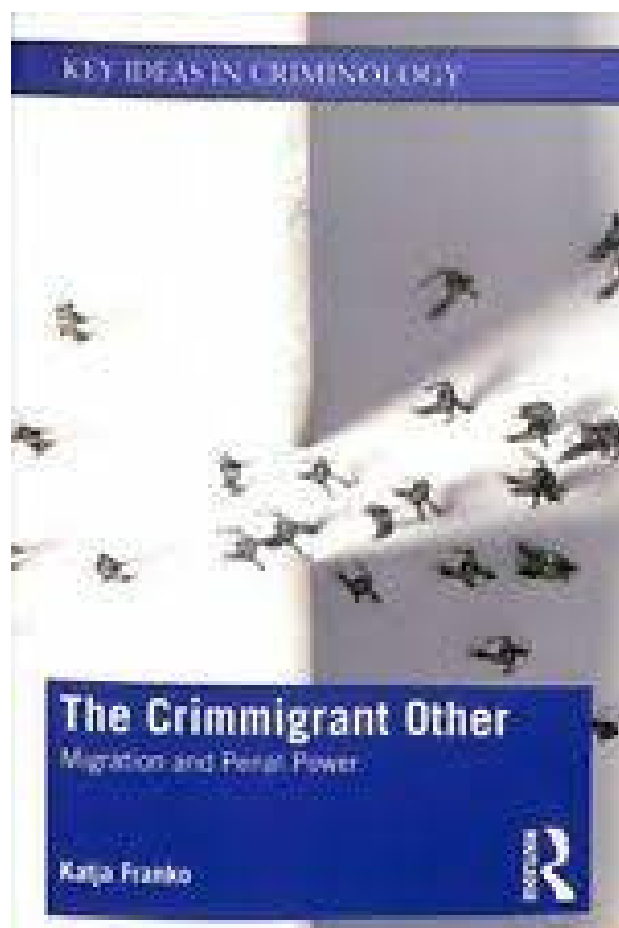
**Francesca Esposito** has continued work on her Newton International Fellowship, meeting online with women who had been detained in the UK. Francesca was also successful in obtaining a £10,000 grant from the British Academy to produce a short video about women's experiences of immigration detention in Britain.

**Andriani Fili** has not only been completing her PhD thesis on resistance in immigration detention in Greece, but has continued her work on the OSF grant with Mary Bosworth and Francesca Esposito and developed new plans. Andriani and Mary obtained a grant from the University of Oxford Public Engagement Seed fund, which Andriani is using to make videos about work underway supporting migrants in detention across Greece.

In 2020 **Katja Franko** published [The Crimmigrant Other](#) (Routledge). She is currently working with David R. Goyes on a project on the impact of the global entertainment industry on collective memory of violence in Medellin. She is also drafting, with Mary Bosworth and Alpa Parmar a book proposal to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of Border Criminologies in 2023.

**David Hernández** published an article, "Seeing Sanctuary: Separation and Accompaniment," in *Genealogy* in Fall 2020 about a local man, Lucio Pérez, in sanctuary in Amherst, Massachusetts. After the change in the presidential administrations, Pérez was granted a temporary stay of deportation after 3.5 years in sanctuary—during the entirety of the Trump administration. Hernández also provided the closing keynote lecture at the Western New England Law Review Symposium, "New Abolitionism: Ending Civil Immigration Detention and Criminalization." In other areas of interest, beyond migration, Hernández published the short essay "Inheriting Inequality: Hidden Challenges of First-Generation Students" in *At the Intersection: Understanding and Supporting First-Generation Students* (2021).

**Jennifer Lee Koh** joined Border Criminologies as an Associate Director this year. During the 2020-21 academic year, Jennifer was a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Washington School of Law, where she served as Director of the Immigration Clinic. In addition to representing individual clients on a range of legal matters, she collaborated with Professor Angelina Godoy at the University of Washington Center for Human Rights on a report addressing conditions at the Northwest Detention Center and state and local governmental authority to regulate the for-profit prison. In addition, she participated in the Take Back Tech Fellowship, a national cohort of lawyers, advocates and activists organized by Just Futures Law and Mijente to conduct research projects aimed at supporting grassroots campaigns around technology surveillance and policing programs that disproportionately harm Black and Brown communities.



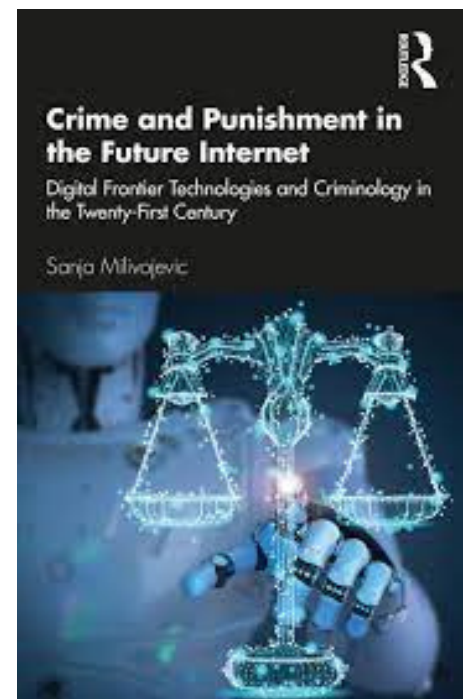
The Immigration Clinic will soon release a report on the US government's surveillance of and retaliation against immigration organizers, which analyzes internal government records obtained through the Freedom of Information Act and related litigation as well as interviews with community organizers. This year, Jennifer was also a Visiting Professor of Law at UC Irvine School of Law, where she supervised a team of students on an appellate case involving immigration law, criminal law and the Compact of Free Association of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Jennifer coordinated two amicus briefs—one filed in the US Supreme Court and the other in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals--on behalf of US immigration law professors, on the immigration law definition of a "crime involving moral turpitude." Later this year, she will publish *Downsizing the Deportation State* in the *Harvard Law and Policy Review*, which asserts that the Biden Administration should take steps that will reduce the size and scope of the federal government's deportation capacity. The Orange County Hispanic Bar Association selected Jennifer to receive the organization's Attorney of the Year Award in 2021, in recognition of her immigration advocacy work in the Orange County, CA area. Jennifer joins the faculty at Pepperdine Caruso School of Law in Malibu, CA effective July 1, 2021, where she will be an Associate Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion and Ethics.

**Rimpe Mehta** worked on a number of different projects this year, including 'Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Women in Prisons in NSW: Pre-prison Experiences and Post-release Re-integration', CI (with A/Prof Gabrielle Drake, WSU), 'Networking and Social Relations among CALD refugees in NSW', CI (with Dr Fran Gale and Dr Michel Edenborough, WSU), and 'Getting out: women's housing and homelessness pathways after prison' (with 6 colleagues from School of Social Sciences, Western Sydney University).

**Sanja Milivojevic** published a new research monograph this year, *Crime and punishment in the future Internet: Digital frontier technologies and criminology in the twenty-first century*, London and New York: Routledge. Sanja has also been active in media engagement, speaking on ABC Rational National about international efforts to end modern slavery and on German Radio about how refugees are made a security risk Wie Flüchtlinge zum Sicherheitsrisiko gemacht werden. She is currently working with Mary and Andriani to finalise a large ESRC application into new forms of immigration detention in Europe.

**Paul Mutsaers** has continued his work on juvenile justice in transnational Curacao, which started in 2019 with funding from the Dutch Research Council, is still ongoing and has resulted in manuscripts for *Ethnography* and *Social Anthropology* (both awaiting final decision). In November 2021 a paper will be presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, titled *Creolization in times of big data: Globalized authority in a Caribbean juvenile detention center* (in the panel *Towards an anthropology of authority: Doings, Distributions, Desires*, with Nitzan Shoshan, Thomas Blom Hansen, Beatrice Jauregui, Naomi van Stapele, Anick Vollebergh, David Kloos, Thijl Sunier, Cyntia Browne, Amir Mohamed, Miriam Hird-Younger, and Lieke van Veer).



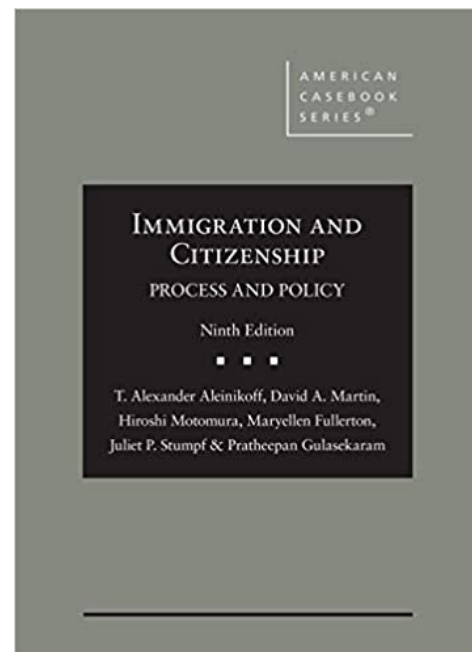
This year, **Alpa Parmar** has been a visiting senior fellow at the Mannheim Centre for Criminology at the London School of Economics. During this time Alpa has been finalising two papers based on the findings from her research on immigration tribunal hearings that rely on intelligence gathered as part of the policing migration initiative: Operation Nexus. Alpa has also been collecting data for a new project on Sentencing, Race and the Guilty Plea and continues to analyse and write up the findings from a project on the legal and life histories of Black and Asian young men in the Criminal Justice System. Alpa has continued in her role as the academic member representative of the [Sentencing Council for England and Wales](#) and has worked this year on the Howard League Research Advisory Group to develop a lawyer's guide for anti-racist practice which will be launched and published on 30 June 2021. She also joined a Global South Human Rights and Border Control Consortium led by the University of West Indies and the UNHCR to develop potential applications for joint funding and to explore research collaboration opportunities.

This year **Devyani Prabhat** was promoted to a Chair in law at University of Bristol Law school and became the LLM and MSC Director at University of Bristol Law School and also the SWDTP Pathway Lead for Socio-Legal Studies. Her work was quoted by the [Guardian](#) on analysis of the Shamima Begum SC decision and profiled by International Observatory on Human Rights in video documentary for analysis of the Shamima Begum case and cancellation powers. She led on, and taught, British Immigration, Nationality and Citizenship to UG law students and was nominated by the students for a teaching award for the unit. She submitted Research Evidence in numerous fora and spoke as plenary speaker at many events. She has two books forthcoming in July and August 2021: *Privatisation of Migration Control*: edited collection Emerald: Studies in Law, Politics, and Society vol 86A and 86B and an important article on Lady Hale and Immigration, Nationality and Citizenship for edited collection (CUP, Rosemary Hunter et al, ed.). She is also currently writing a book on Children of Foreign Fighters (contract with Edward Elgar) (co-authored) for submission this year.

**Samuel Singler**, together with Dr Sofia Singler from the University of Cambridge, began a research project into the relationship between territorial sovereignty, borders, and nomadic indigenous populations. They presented their paper 'Peripheral parliament: Sovereignty, collective rights, and political representation in the Sámi Parliament of Finland' at the UCL Parliament Buildings conference, and they are currently writing a full-length book chapter for a forthcoming edited volume on the basis of that conference presentation. Samuel will soon begin his DPhil fieldwork in Abuja, Nigeria, in order to speak with officials from the IOM and the Nigerian Immigration Service. In addition to gathering research data, during the trip he will carry out an independent political and legal evaluation of MIDAS in Nigeria that will inform IOM practices in the future.



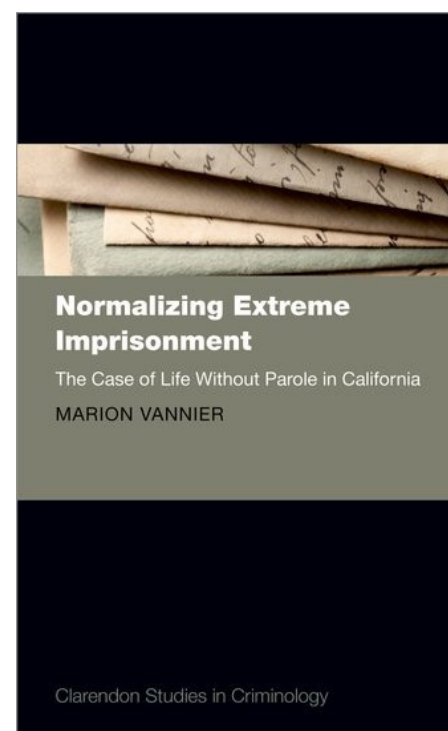
**Juliet Stumpf** published Justifying Family Separation in the Wake Forest Law Review, closely analyzing the relationship between law and discourse in the Trump Administration's separation of thousands of Central American children. She co-published the Ninth Edition of the widely used immigration law casebook Aleinikoff, Martin, Motomura, Fullerton, Stumpf, & Gulasekaram, Immigration and Citizenship: Process and Policy (2020), and its statutory supplement. For JOTWELL (The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)), she published Follow the Money: Capital Controls as Migrant Controls, reviewing Shayak Sarkar's Capital Controls as Migrant Controls. She has accepted an invitation to contribute a chapter to the forthcoming *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Immigration Law*, and will present her research at a conference at the University of Virginia in the coming year. In May 2021 at the Law and Society conference, she presented early work on the evolutionary biology of human migration and the shape of immigration law. She continues to work on her manuscript on crimmigration law, and will soon submit a new piece on liminal immigration laws, exploring the common characteristics of legal rules with major impacts that seem to lack foundation yet resist termination.



In addition to writing and speaking, Juliet has consulted on a project to implement noncitizen voting in Oregon and nationally. She also consulted with a U.S. Senator's staff on the consequences for immigration detention of a U.S. constitutional amendment to close the loophole in the 13th Amendment permitting slavery or indentured servitude as criminal punishment. The effects of Juliet's collaboration with University of Washington professor Angelina Snodgrass Godoy on ICE administrative detention of youth in Pacific Northwest detention facilities has continued to be felt, with ongoing media interest and a likelihood that contracts between ICE and the juvenile facilities detaining teens for ICE would be terminated due to the research and public attention to the issue.

Juliet continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Innovation Law Lab on national strategies for immigrant inclusion and litigation, as well as faculty advisor for the Immigration Student Group at Lewis & Clark Law School which has sent dozens of students to detention centers and border sites to assist asylum seekers and families.

**Marion Vannier**, who published her first book, *Normalizing Extreme Imprisonment: the case of life without parole in California*, in the Clarendon Special Series by Oxford University Press. Marion's next large-scale research project seeks to uncover the meaning and value of "hope" in criminal justice as a metric for designing 'acceptable' punishment by (a) charting the relationship between hope as law, as prisoners' experiences, and as it is practised in prison and (b) bringing into relief the connections and gaps between human rights in legal discourse and their concrete implementation into the prison world.



During this year, **Leanne Weber** finalised her longstanding Future Fellowship research examining several unconventional 'internal bordering practices', concluding with a case study on the way in which the compulsory quarantining of welfare payments effectively recreates colonial boundaries. She began a new Australian Research Council funded project exploring interactions between the criminal justice and immigration control systems along the pathway to criminal deportation, working with Marinella Marmo, Alison Gerard, Faith Gordon and Mary Bosworth.

**Maartje van der Woude** continues to work on her project mapping the different ways in which countries in the European Union are managing secondary movement by using the discretionary space that the European regulatory framework leaves them. In so doing she is addressing questions of national sovereignty, national identity, and racialized othering while also reflecting on larger legal questions. This past year she further added to her data collection of her Dutch case study by conducting 30 in depth interviews with military and border police officers aimed at empirically unraveling the multi scalar nature of bordering practices in the European Union. She also started working on her monograph "Crimmigration Control in Europe and the Schengen Area" which is to be published the Routledge Studies in Criminal Justice, Borders and Citizenship series in 2022. This book will bring together insights from the various case studies that were part of her research project "Getting to the Core of Crimmigration" (2016 - 2021) funded by the Dutch Research Council (NWO VIDI Grant, project number 452-16-003).

Maartje also used the Covid-19 year to start up a new project that focuses on local bordering and othering practices and the experiences of different groups of migrants in the city of Leiden, the Netherlands. Being historically known and branded as 'the city of refugees' it is interesting to see how current day groups of migrants - varying from undocumented migrants to expats - are experiencing the city.

Do people feel that they belong? Do people feel that they can fully participate? Do people feel safe. By combining both the perspectives of local government representatives with the perspectives and experiences of migrants, the project aims to shine light on the dynamics of governing through migration control in Leiden. For this project Maartje is collaborating with local artists as well as with the Gerrit Rietveld Academie for Fine Arts & Design in Amsterdam. Another collaboration that is central to this project is a collaboration with a local NGO that, amongst other things, provides legal and social aid for migrants. The project has received funding from the Schim van der Loeff Foundation and is currently being reviewed for various other grants.

Lastly, Maartje has also been asked to join the Royal Dutch Academy for Sciences as well as the Dutch Advisory Committee on Migration Affairs.



# FUNDING AND BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



Border Criminologies is almost entirely staffed by volunteers, who do this work on top of full-time academic posts or while studying. We have one paid role and some funding for events and costs associated with the website. The bulk of our core costs and all of the research related ones are covered by research grants. As research has stalled because of the pandemic, the timeline for these grants has been extended, but no additional funding has been made available. This arrangement means that Border Criminologies is approaching a funding crisis, since it is difficult for our members to apply for new projects, if the older ones have not yet been completed. It has also meant that some of our plans to develop our work, especially around communications, have not been possible.

Under these conditions we were very pleased and grateful for a funding renewal from Goldsmith Chambers, with whom we have a longstanding collaboration. We have also benefited from institutional support from the Centre for Criminology, who have contributed funds to student research assistants. In July Mary Bosworth and Andriani Fili together with partner organisations Disinfaux Collective and the Border Violence Monitoring Network (BVMN) were awarded an ESRC-IAA grant to develop an interactive open access database of human rights violations inside immigration detention facilities. This project builds on work we have been doing in Greece over the past five years, in which we have sought to illuminate conditions within and experience of detention, and to assist civil society groups working with current and former detainees. In this project, guided by HURIDOCS, we will create a database that, we hope, will be useful for legal practice as well as academic research.

We are currently awaiting information about a grant renewal from the Open Society Foundations. As mentioned above, three members of the core team are also putting in for a large grant from the ESRC. However, none of these applications are assured. Putting the financial foundation for Border Criminologies on firmer footing will expand our ability to meet the rising global demand for scholarship, networks, events, and the dissemination of understanding and knowledge about border control. And so we welcome expressions of interest and leads on funding.

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