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# ***HAPPY HOLIDAYS***



# INTRODUCTION

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As we write this newsletter, at the end of possibly the most challenging university term ever, there are a number of things to be thankful for. First, and most obviously, even if it was not quite the electoral rout that we had all hoped, Trump is on his way out. Secondly, in the UK at least, the vaccines have begun, and they are being delivered to the most vulnerable first. Both of these matters are sources of huge relief, and, we hope, harbingers of a better year in 2021, and, perhaps, some rolling back of the kinds of populist politics that has amplified anti-migrant sentiment around the world.

Of course, numerous issues remain, not least of which, in the UK, is Brexit. And indeed, the delivery of the vaccine beyond the global North.

Yet, it is important to be hopeful and to look for signs of change and grounds for optimism; and so we are thankful not only for some of the developments on the world stage, but also for matters far closer to home. The Border Criminologies team has, as ever, been active and collegial. While much of our individual research has stalled due to the pandemic, we have, nonetheless, been active in our outreach work. As we will demonstrate below, we have started new initiatives and kept old ones going.

Those of us who teach, have been impressed with the willingness and flexibility of our students to adapt to the new circumstances. In our engagement with NGOs and those subject to border control, we continue to see the immense efforts of many to help, to survive and to flourish.

As groups and individuals around the world have drawn attention to the many ways in which systemic racism manifests, we have seen a more explicit and meaningful connection among scholars and activists with migration law and policy.

So, too, there has been a heightened recognition among scholars of migration control of the salience of common racial themes in areas such as prison and detention abolition, border control and crime control, and the role of police. These engagements are long over-due and offer a firm basis for novel, intellectual, legal and political work.

The new structure of Border Criminologies has unleashed the creative impulses of our team.

To highlight just a few of our projects, the team has undertaken a new initiative connecting our blog with scholarly journals and law reviews, a series of blog contributions from the global south, Know Your Rights outreach in Greece and a report and related events about COVID-19 in Italian detention centers, and a set of video interviews of migration scholars for use in research-led teaching. We offer more details on many of these initiatives below. As we do each year, we will be closing the blog for a well-earned holiday. We hope that our members and readers stay safe. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year with an active series of online events and publications.

Take care and best wishes for the holiday season!

# NEWS

**Ana Aliverti's** book *Policing the Borders Within* (forthcoming, OUP) offers an in depth, comprehensive exploration of the everyday working of inland border controls in Britain. The book draws on ethnographic material and contributes to wide-ranging interdisciplinary debates over borders, policing and race.

**Mary Bosworth** has been appointed as an expert to the [Brook House Inquiry](#) in the UK to comment specifically on staff culture. She has also been appointed co-Editor, with Carolyn Hoyle, of the Clarendon Studies in Criminology Series at Oxford University Press.

**Katja Franko** delivered the [Annual lecture](#) at the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies at the University of Leeds.

**Jennifer Koh** is visiting at both UC Irvine School of Law (teaching in the Appellate Litigation Clinic) and at the University of Washington School of Law where she is directing the Immigration Clinic.

During the first COVID-19 lockdown, **Sanja Milivojevic** finished a new book (in print) -- *Crime and Punishment in the Future Internet: Digital Frontier Technologies and Criminology in the 21st Century* (Routledge, March 2021). *Crime and Punishment in the Future Internet* is an examination of the development and impact of digital frontier technologies (DFTs) such as Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of things, autonomous mobile robots, and blockchain on offending, crime control, the criminal justice system, and the discipline of criminology.



It poses criminological, legal, ethical, and policy questions linked to such development and anticipates the impact of DFTs on crime and offending.

**Alpa Parmar** joined the LSE Mannheim centre for Criminology as a visiting senior fellow during which she has been writing up her research on Immigration Tribunal hearings for Operation Nexus cases and their reliance on police intelligence. In September she was invited to join the Howard League's advisory board for a project titled 'Making sure Black Lives Matter'.

**Devyani Prabhat** was promoted to a Chair of Law at University of Bristol Law School. She was also a plenary speaker at the Society of Legal Scholars conference.

**Juliet Stumpf** joined the Advisory Board of the *Feminist Judgments Immigration Volume*, edited by Kathleen Kim. The Volume is part of the *Feminist Judgments* series published by Cambridge University Press, and features feminist rewritings of seminal Supreme Court cases. She also completed the Ninth Edition of the *Immigration and Citizenship: Process and Policy casebook* with her co-authors just in time for the spring semester.

**Vicky Canning** has been exceptionally busy this year in publishing. She has two new books coming out in 2021 and a new contract with Bristol University Press for a forthcoming monograph *Torture and Tortuous Violence*.

# BLOG

This term we published [52 blog posts](#), including 5 book reviews and two interrelated themed series; one on [highlighting the loss of lives near Lampedusa 7 years ago](#), featuring interviews and podcasts with a number of activists; and another that sought to provide [new insights](#) on the 'deaths at borders' debate. The blog is also home to a number of contributions from the global south (e.g. see our posts on the [experience of migrants in Colombia](#) (in Spanish), [Bangladeshi migrants in India](#), [zero-line villages at the India-Bangladesh border](#)) and the [experience of Afghan unaccompanied minors in Iran](#), with many more being prepared for the new year.

You can read this term's 5 most-read posts [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

In our efforts to promote open access platforms we began a new collaboration with [Theoretical Criminology](#) and [Punishment and Society](#) to widen access to academic scholarship on border criminology topics. As part of this collaboration, we engage with authors of full journal articles in order to publish companion pieces based on these articles, offering the article for free for a period of three months. The first post in this series was on [solitary confinement in US immigration detention](#).

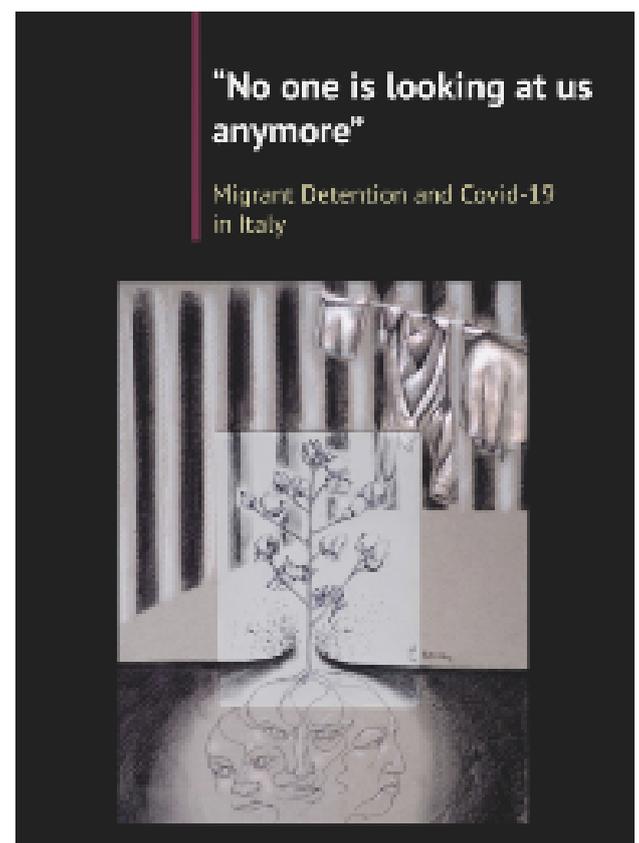


# OUTREACH

Border Criminologies has been particularly active this term in its outreach work. Thus, for example, together with the [Greek Refugee Council](#), **Andriani Fili** and **Mary Bosworth** published the first '[Know your Rights](#)' document for people held in immigration detention centres in Greece. Funded by an ESRC-IAA award and by the Open Society Foundations as part of the project on 'Immigration Detention in Italy and Greece: Safeguarding Human Rights at Europe's Southern Frontier' (grant number: OR2018-44698), this leaflet has been translated into a number of languages and will be made available at all sites of detention in Greece. You can read more about the leaflet [here](#).



In November, **Francesca Esposito**, Emilio Caja and Giacomo Mattiello published a detailed report on the impact of COVID-19 on immigration detention centres across Italy. The report, '[No one is looking at us anymore](#)': Migrant Detention and Covid-19 in Italy', draws on data gathered by local monitors during the period of the first lockdown in Italy between 9 March to 18 May. Part of the OSF project, the report will be available online and together with the material on Greece is part of the interactive map, [Landscapes of Border Control](#).



This term, **Samuel Singler** and **Maartje van der Woude**, launched a new online seminar series focusing on interdisciplinarity and marginalized perspectives in border research. On Friday 6 November, Rimple Mehta presented '[Unpacking and Retooling Criminology of Mobility: Epistemologies of Intersectionality](#)', and on 3 December, William Walters gave a [presentation on deportation practices](#). Mary organised a third event, with Refugee Rights Europe, on [offshoring Britain's asylum](#) on 14 December.

In November **Katja Franko** held a lecture on criminalization of migration at a professional learning seminar for 250 Slovene judges. That month too, **Alpa Parmar** presented at a roundtable on disproportionality organised by the London Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC).

Members of Border Criminologies core team have given numerous online talks this year, many of which can be freely accessed. Some examples appear below.

**Mary Bosworth** presented on '[Coping and distress inside immigration detention](#)' at the Canadian Centre for Criminological Research Conference on Prisons and Punishment.

**Francesca Esposito** presented on her work with women in immigration detention at the [COMPAS seminar series on Race, Ethnicity and Migration](#), and at the ISPA-University Institute in Lisbon entitled '[Community psychology in the face of new total institutions: The case of migrant detention](#)'.



She also organised and moderated a roundtable at the Community Psychology Conference in Slovakia entitled 'Migrant (In)Justice and the Role of the Psychological Establishment' (with the participation of people with lived experiences of detention and border control).

**Katja Franko** gave a digital Author meets critics session at the European Society of Criminology discussing her book *The Crimmigrant Other: Migration and Penal Power*. Some of the contributions to the panel are available on the [blog](#).

In July, **Rimple Mehta** was a Keynote speaker for an online seminar titled '[Writing in Confinement](#)' organised by the Department of English, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata, India.

While finally, with support from Routledge, Border Criminologies ran the annual Masters Dissertation prize scheme, awarding two joint prizes (one of which went to MSc 2019/20 alumna Claudia McHardy), and one runner-up, for their work on [three fascinating projects](#).

# TEACHING RESOURCES

In her role as associate director of Border Criminologies **Devyani Prabhat** led a video project which has meant interviewing many scholars on their research for use by all who work on migration areas for research led teaching. These videos are available on the Border Criminologies [YouTube channel](#), and topics range from the [implications of the new Immigration Act on labour in the UK](#), to [immigration policing](#). If you would like to contribute a video on your work, please [contact us](#).

 <p>OTHER</p>	 <p>OTHER</p>	 <p>OTHER</p>
<b>Addressing Torture and Torturous Violence by Vicky Canning</b>	<b>Impact of Covid-19 on Globalisation and Border Control: Interview with Katja Franko</b>	<b>Women in Immigration Detention and Feminist Research Practices: Interview with Francesca Esposito</b>
 <p>OTHER</p>	 <p>OTHER</p>	 <p>OTHER</p>
<b>Racialised discretion and policing migration in the UK: An interview with Dr Alna</b>	<b>The Shamima Begum case in the Court of Appeal by Devyani Prabhat</b>	<b>Immigration policing and enforcement in the UK: Interview with Ana Aliverti</b>

## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome **Jennifer Koh**, who joined Border Criminologies as an associate Director this year, working with **Devyani Prabhat** on legal scholarship and teaching. We also welcome two new interns: **Sophie O'Neill-Hanson** who is working with **Andriani Fili** on the [Landscapes of Border Control Map](#) and **Ritika Goyal** who is assisting **Rimple Mehta** and **Ana Aliverti** develop our research ties in the global South.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR 2021

Although it is hard to imagine the reality of conference attendance, please save September 16-18 2021 in your calendars for the final conference of my project "Getting to the Core of Crimmigration", funded by the Dutch Science Council (NWO) which will be combined with the bi-annual joint CINETS/ Border criminologies conference. More information and the Call for Paper will be circulated early 2021, but for now please reserve these dates.

# RESEARCH AND FUNDING

Despite the disruptions of the pandemic, **Mary Bosworth** has continued her research project on deportation and immigration detainee transportation in the UK online, by observing meetings and, visiting some sites briefly in person. In July, Mary was awarded £24,450, Leverhulme Visiting Professorship for Prof. Michele Pifferi, VP2-2019-017. Together with **Andriani Fili** she was awarded a £4000 Public Engagement Grant from the University of Oxford in November to produce a series of videos on conditions in Greek detention centres. These should be made and released by mid-2021. Participants include civil society organisations and volunteers working on immigration issues, Goldsmith Chambers (barristers) in the UK and lawyers in Greece, students interested in border studies, and the wider public.

Finally, Mary was also part of a team of scholars in Australia, led by Leanne Weber, who was awarded an Australian Research Council Discovery Project on how Australia's criminal deportation system operates as a 'crimmigration assemblage'. This project will start in 2021.

**Rimple Mehta** has been working on a few different research projects, including one on 'Networking and Social Relations among CALD refugees in NSW' (with Dr Fran Gale and Dr Michel Edenborough, WSU) with support from School of Social Sciences, Western Sydney University, and 'Getting out: women's housing and homelessness pathways after prison' (with 6 colleagues from School of Social Sciences, Western Sydney University).



**Alpa Parmar** has been working on a new project investigating guilty plea rates in court amongst minority ethnic groups and examining how experiences in police custody and the potential involvement of immigration enforcement influence plea decisions. She has just finished writing two chapters one on arrest and another on stop and search for the forthcoming fifth edition of *Criminal Justice* (OUP).

**Devyani Prabhat** received funding from the Society of Legal Scholars (with two co-Is Romyana van Ark and Faith Gordon) to hold webinars on children of foreign fighters who are in conflict regions. They also finalised a book contract with Edward Elgar Publishers to write about the legal situation of the children (forthcoming 2021).

**Sanja Milivojevic** was appointed to the Editorial team of the upcoming *Routledge Research Encyclopaedia of Criminology* (2022).

**Vicky Canning** received a British Academy grant to work with the Danish Institute Against Torture on addressing sexualised torture.

**Juliet Stumpf** has been working on a project on noncitizen voting stemming from her Transformative Immigration Law course. The course culminated in a student memo advocating for the establishment of noncitizen voting in Oregon. That project seeded a collaboration of lawyers and advocates seeking to change state and local law to create inclusive voting practices.

**Maartje van der Woude** from Leiden Law School began a new research collaboration with Dr Kim McKee from the University of Stirling to investigate migrant homelessness within 'crimmigration' systems. This collaborative study, 'Choice, constraint and conditional citizenship: Analysing migrant homelessness within 'crimmigration'', led by Dr Regina C. Serpa, examines the major challenges facing migrant groups and the implications of deep social exclusion for policy and practice. Specifically, the study will advance our understanding of emerging 'crimmigration' systems (the convergence of immigration and criminal law) and will enable a comparison of practices between ostensibly social democratic and neoliberal welfare regimes. By embedding a critical realist approach within a 'governmentality' analysis, this mixed-method, interdisciplinary, approach will offer a rigorous analysis of the ways in which social citizenship for migrant groups is constrained, and re-asserted, under emerging crimmigration 'control systems'.

**Maartje van der Woude** has also started a new research project 'Governing Migration Through X: The different faces of migration control in the Netherlands'. Following Simon's (2006) and Bosworth and Guild's (2008) conceptualisation on governing through crime and governing through migration control, this project aims to shine light on the different social phenomena in the Netherlands that - over time - have been linked to migration or (new) migrant communities within the Netherlands. The project combines a focus on the national level with a focus on the local level by conducting ethnographic fieldwork in various cities and villages in the Netherlands. This socially engaged research is carried out in close collaboration with a variety of Dutch artists who - through their work - will also give shape and form to the different faces of migration control. The research in Leiden is funded by the Leiden University Fund, The Leiden Honours Academy, The Schim Van der Loeff Foundation and the City of Leiden.

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