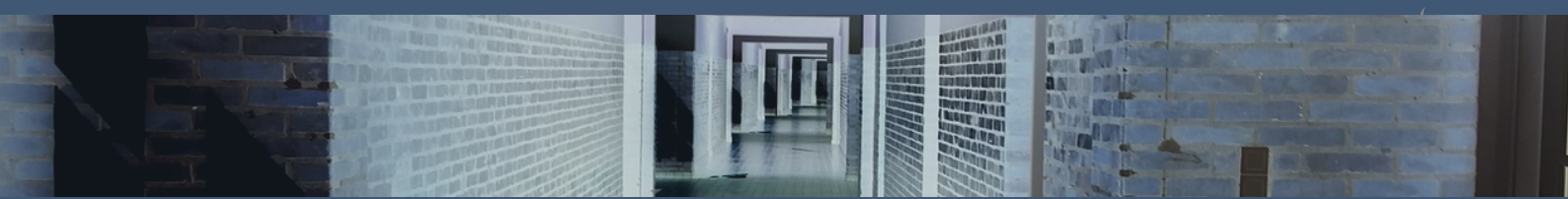




HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

By Mary Bosworth and Juliet Stumpf

As this year draws to a close, we are happy to share with you some of the activities of Border Criminologies and its members. We have had a quieter term this year than usual. Like everyone else, we are tired from the pandemic and concerned by the escalating attacks around the world on migrant and refugee rights. 2021 has been a difficult year. There are signs, however, of the real impact that scholarship, advocacy, and the energy and passion of new members of this scholarly effort have brought to the area of border criminologies.

In the UK, we write this newsletter less than a month after 27 people drowned in the Channel, as those seeking refuge have been pushed into ever more dangerous means of reaching safety in the UK. While details of the tragedy and those who died continue to trickle out, we stand by the [statement](#) Border Criminologies issued on 26 November, and call for both French and British governments to come together to [provide safe passage](#) for those wishing to make the journey from France to the UK.

These were not the first deaths at this particular border, and sadly, are unlikely to be the last. Other borders in Europe have also been deadly this year, whether [in the forest of Belarus](#) or [in the Mediterranean](#). On land too, matters have worsened; with Greece in particular, offering a sobering vision of the future, as the country has built [a series of new EU-funded carceral sites](#).

In the US, where matters initially looked more promising, the Biden Presidency has, perhaps inevitably, failed to roll back all of Trump's restrictions. First, the Biden Administration has chosen to continue to expel noncitizens – [nearly 1.3 million over the last year and a half](#) – by deferring to COVID-based discretionary decisions by border officials. The administration has adopted the innovative statutory interpretation that the Trump Administration had fashioned to authorize these mass removals. That interpretation permits COVID concerns to override any other statutory authorizations for entry including the right to apply for asylum or other humanitarian legal protections. Second, the Remain in Mexico program (ironically dubbed "[Migrant Protection Protocols](#)" or "MPP") has revived due to a court order. MPP requires asylum seekers arriving at the southern border to await asylum hearings outside the United States, which can take months or even years.

On the other hand, the current administration has taken positive steps that tend not to draw public scrutiny, such as reversing the expansion of "expedited removal" that authorized removals from anywhere in the interior without a court hearing. The Attorney General has also restored DACA protections for undocumented resident youth and shored up asylum protections based on gender and familial relationships, among many other changes.

Keeping note of reasons to feel positive, it is impossible to work in an educational institution and not feel some level of optimism, due to the presence of so many committed young people who are actively working towards change. As ever, Border Criminologies has been working with our students and with early career scholars, building capacity and setting up some new processes and outputs. We are fortunate to have a small group of people working with us on improving our communications.

This term we published [34 blog posts](#), including 7 book reviews and a [themed series](#) focusing on selected chapters from the newly published Handbook of Migration and Global Justice, edited by Leanne Weber and Claudia Tazreiter and published by Edward Elgar. You can read this term's most read posts [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). In our efforts to promote open access platforms we began a new collaboration with [Geopolitics](#) 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 specific time period. Several posts are coming out next year based on this partnership.



Through the efforts of our Associate Directors Rimple Mehta and Ana Aliverti, we have been continuing to develop our ties with colleagues in the global south, inviting [more contributions to the blog](#) covering immigration and border control in South and Central America. Together they organised a panel 'Southern Perspectives on Border Controls' for the [European Society of Criminology Conference 2021](#), where they presented a paper on 'A Southern Criminology of Mobility'. In this context, we have also begun a new institutional partnership with the [Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology](#) Crimmigration and Border Control thematic group. Furthermore, for the first time this year, we welcomed submissions for the [Border Criminologies Masters' Dissertation/Thesis Prize](#) from different parts of the world focusing on immigration and border control in the India-Bangladesh border, Nigeria, Libya, and Indonesia, among others. We are happy to announce that the [winner and runner up](#) of the 5th Border Criminologies Masters' Dissertation/Thesis Prize 2021 are Ms Tiphaine Le Corre with her dissertation on 'The Politics of Deterring Unwanted Immigration to the United Kingdom' and Mr Tosin Durodola with his dissertation on 'Narratives of the Journey to Exile and Transformative Agency of Residual Liberian Refugees in Oru, Southwestern Nigeria'. The winner and the runner up will receive £200 and £100 worth of Routledge books.

As you will see in the detail of the newsletter, people remain active in publishing, research, and activism. Vicky Canning has been particularly productive in all three areas, producing multiple books and even appearing on the right-wing UK GB news in an attempt to give an alternative viewpoint of the treatment of migrants and refugees at the UK border. Ana Aliverti launched her new book *Policing the Borders Within*, which draws on years of embedded research with immigration enforcement officers. In September, Maartje van der Woude organised and hosted the online [CINETs/Border Criminologies conference](#). The vast array of topics covered revealed a robust and expanding global field of academic scholarship. While we are all tired of online interactions, that event showed the potential for them to bring in new voices.

Finally, this term, we have welcomed two new Associate directors, [Anthea Vogl](#) and [Monish Bhatia](#), and we have said goodbye to Jennifer Koh. We have also said a temporary au revoir to Alpa Parmar, for the very best reasons, since she is on maternity leave.

We have plans afoot for a range of events in the new year, many of which are organised by our doctoral students. At the Law and Society Association conference in July, we will hold a series of panels that will share the work of several Border Criminologies members and provide a platform for global north and south interchanges. These panels break new ground: Devyani Prabhat and Katja Franko have brought together scholars who will open up the study of citizenship and border criminologies, and Maartje van der Woude and Juliet Stumpf's panels explore globalizing crimmigration and its themes of violence, racialization, and colonialization. We hope also to host some masterclasses in the new year, and to continue our online seminars.

The global intersection of migration, racialization, and authority increasingly centralizes border criminologies and crimmigration in ways that impact individuals, families, and institutions on a mass scale. Border Criminologies continues to expand its role as a central hub of scholarly activity and resource for public understanding of consequences of how we draw and enforce borders, in every sense.

Although nobody is sad to see the end of 2021, we are working ever more intensively and collaboratively to broaden academic scholarship and to challenge restrictive policies.

We will be back in January 2022, re-energised for the year ahead with new ideas, projects, and avenues for joining this expanding area.

We look forward to hearing from you all then.



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Monish Bhatia has become co-coordinator of the Race Matters Network (part of British Society of Criminology), member of the editorial board of the Critical Criminology Journal (part of American Society of Criminology) and an associate editor for the Criminology and Criminal Justice Journal (part of British Society of Criminology). In September he joined Border Criminologies as an Associate Director for Teaching Collaboration.

Francesca Esposito has started her new job as Lecturer at the School of Social Sciences at the University of Westminster, London. She has also been appointed President-Elect of the European Community Psychology Association (ECPA) for the 2024-2025 mandate.

Sanja Milivojevic has been appointed [Associate Professor of Digital Futures](#) at the Bristol Digital Futures Institute and Bristol University and editorial board member for the Anti-trafficking review journal.

Maartje van der Woude was appointed as member of the Advisory Committee on Migration Affairs, an independent Committee that advises the Dutch Government and Parliament on immigration law and policy.

OUTREACH AND RESEARCH

Ana Aliverti gave an All Souls seminar at Oxford on '[Policing the Borders Within: Globalisation, State Power and Magic](#)' and also launched her new book '[Policing the Borders Within](#)' at Warwick.

Monish Bhatia organised the [Race and Justice Seminar Series](#) at Birkbeck. He presented as a keynote speaker on 'Representations of Bangladeshi Migrants in the Indian Press' at the (De)Othering conference, Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal. He also appeared on the [Surviving Society Podcast to speak about Racial Surveillance](#).

Mary Bosworth and **Andriani Fili** received a grant renewal from the Open Society Foundations to continue their work on mapping detention practices in Greece, with a focus on border violence. As part of that wider project Andriani Fili has been working on creating a series of short, accessible videos about immigration detention in Greece to inform public understanding and debate at a time when the numbers confined are growing and conditions of their detention are worsening. In collaboration with a number of organisations, activists, researchers and academics, who have provided never before seen footage from inside detention facilities across the country as well as their expertise and with the help of a professional video editor we created 5 videos; one on confinement on the island of Lesbos and the practices that have transformed it into a prison island; one on working inside immigration detention centres and the mental health effects on practitioners; one on simple facts about immigration detention in the country; one on the continuum of violence inside detention settings and the erosion of human rights; and finally one on basic tools that could assist those at risk of or inside detention safeguard their human rights. The videos will soon be hosted on the Border Criminologies website and YouTube channel. Together, we hope that they will provide useful teaching materials for scholars of migration, asylum, immigration detention and European union law, as well as advocacy tools.



OUTREACH AND RESEARCH

This term Mary Bosworth recommenced in-person research on immigration detention, transportation and deportation. Together with Lucia Zedner she completed and submitted the manuscript of their co-edited volume of 12 essays on Privatizing Border Control: Law and the Limits of the Sovereign State to Oxford University Press. She also contributed a preliminary report on staff culture to the Brook House Inquiry and finally launched her pandemic art book Bordered Lives, with co-author Khadija von Zinnenburg Carroll, first in Vienna at the women's Secession House and then in London at the Institute of Contemporary Art.

Vicky Canning and **Monish Bhatia** launched their new book '[Stealing Time](#)' in an [event](#) at the University of Bristol.

Francesca Esposito in collaboration with Mary Bosworth has started a new British Academy small research project entitled "[The Gender of Margins](#)" which aims to adopt a feminist intersectional perspective to examine the lived experiences of time-served foreign national women prisoners who are detained in the UK and in Italy pending deportation. They have set up a Community Advisory Board composed of women with lived experiences of detention and NGOs advocates. Francesca participated as an invited speaker at the CBE Jean Monnet Virtual Workshop Event: "Gender, Identity & Politics: Representation, Exclusion and Vulnerability" organised by Simona Guerra and Evgenia Iliadou (University of Surrey), held on 11th November 2021.

While finishing her PhD, **Andriani Fili**, has been working together with the Border Violence Monitoring Network to create a database for human rights violations inside immigration detention centres in Greece. In pooling knowledge and making it freely available via a new online and interactive platform, the project will document the behaviour of law enforcement personnel inside detention centres and establish opportunities for legal action by disseminating the evidence and research to support advocacy and to advocate justice and accountability.

Katja Franko together with her colleague Dorina Damsa, has been working on an article on the relationship between intersectionality scholarship and border criminology. The findings were presented at this year's BSC conference and at a [seminar at the LSE](#).

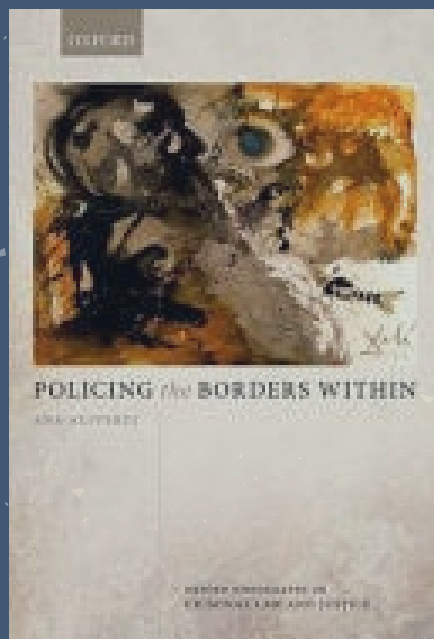
Rimple Mehta presented on 'A Southern Feminist Take on Border Criminologies' at the Cambridge Decolonising Criminology Seminar Series on 3 December 2021. Through most of next year she will be working on her project 'Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) Women in Prisons in NSW: Pre-prison experiences and post-release re-integration'.

Sanja Milivojevic is currently working as co-investigator and consultant on the World Health Organization's Global Evidence Review on Health and Migration (GEHM) on Public Health Aspect of Migration-Related Detention (with the Global Detention Project). She also gave keynote at the Victimology Society of Serbia annual conference.

OUTREACH AND RESEARCH



Mary presenting on Bordered Lives at the ICA.



Policing the Borders Within by Ana Aliverti

Devyani Prabhat presented at a number of events this term, including as a [keynote speaker](#) at Open University on Legal Education and Barristers from India 1850-1950. She also featured on the podcast series [Who do we think we are](#). Devyani also obtained two rounds of funding from the Society of Legal Scholars, for a small event in January 2022 on Asylum Law Rewriting at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London, with Raawiyah Rifath, PGR Exeter University; and for a small event to organize a webinar series on children's rights and foreign fighters in The Hague ICCT.

Juliet Stumpf gave a presentation in September at the CINETS/Border Criminologies Global Borderlands conference on the role of "crimmigrants," exploring how choosing who decides about immigration issues may change not just the outcome but the issue itself. She was invited to deliver a presentation on crimmigration as a speaker in the Criminal Justice Forum speaker series at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in spring 2022. She continues her research on liminal immigration rules, and her work on a chapter on domestic immigration enforcement in the forthcoming Oxford Handbook of Comparative Immigration Law.

Darshan Vigneswaran co-organised an international conference on '[De/Legitimizing Global Migration Control](#)' and presented on '[Unsettling Migration Studies](#)' for the UU Decolonisation Group ONLINE NOW.



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