Conference on Immigration Law and Policy, Border Control and Migrant Deaths

All times are Central European Summer Time

THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

9.50 – 10.00  - Conference Opening, Dr Sam McIntosh (Großbritannien-Zentrum, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

10.00 – 11.30  Panel I – Regional Implementation of International Policies and Law
Chair: Maja Grundler
– Implementing the UN Global Compacts for Refugees and Migrants in Times of Pandemic: A View from the EU Member States, Professor Elspeth Guild, Dr Kathryn Allinson, Nicolette Busuttil (Queen Mary University of London)
– Migration deals seen through the lens of the ICESCR, Dr Annick Pijnenburg, (Radboud University Nijmegen)
– EU Non-refoulement for Migrants with Mental Healthcare Needs: Exceptionality as Antithetical to Disability Fundamental Rights, Nicolette Busuttil (Queen Mary University of London)

11.30 – 12.00  Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.30  Panel II – The Rise of Immigration Detention
Chair: Dr Jean-Pierre Gauci
– Hidden Detention Spaces at the Greek-Turkish Border: Informal Infrastructures, Border Violence and the European Border Regime, Dr Lena Karamanidou (Glasgow Caledonian University), Bernd Kasparek (University of Gottingen) RESPOND
– Enhanced Vulnerability Through Immigration Detention as a Border Securitisation Tool, Stephen Phillips (Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University)
– Ever Expanding Use of Immigration Detention under EU Law, Dr Izabella Majcher (European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE))

13.30 – 14.30  LUNCH

14.30 – 16.00  Panel III – Dangerous Journeys
Chair: Stephen Phillips
– The Rightlessness of Refugees in Libya, Adel-Naim Reyhani (University of Vienna/ Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Grund- und Menschenrechte)
– Vulnerability as an Indicator of Future Risk in Refugee Law: Examining the “Route Causes” of Irregular Migration, Maja Grundler (Queen Mary University of London)
– Externalisation under the Biden Administration, Sophie Capicchiano Young (School of Advanced Study, University of London)

16.00 – 16.20  Break
FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER 2021

09.30 – 11.00  Panel I – Contentious Death Research
Chair: Dr Sam McIntosh
– Causes and Effects of Contested Deaths: Coronial Justice in the Digital Age, Associate Professor Rebecca Scott Bray (The University of Sydney)
– Accountability in the Aftermath of Police Related Deaths in the US and England and Wales: Processes and Outcomes, Dr David Baker (The University of Liverpool)
– The Role of Family in Death Investigations: Examining Policy and Practice in England and Wales, Professor Jessica Jacobson (Birkbeck, University of London), Dr Hannah Rumble and Lorna Templeton (University of Bath)

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00  Panel II – Taking Migrant Deaths Seriously – Challenges for Families, Practitioners and Researchers
Chair: Associate Professor Rebecca Scott Bray
– Refugee and Migrant Deaths: State and Corporate Violence, Neglect and Impunity. Securing the Rights of the Bereaved in the Search for Truth, Justice and Accountability, Deborah Coles (Executive Director of INQUEST)
– The Limitations of the Inquest Process in Investigating Migrant Deaths in the UK, Olivia Annes (Bhatt Murphy Solicitors)
– Researching Death in the Context of (European) Immigration, Dr Tamara Last (University of the Witwatersrand / African Centre for Migration and Society (ACMS))

13.00 – 14.00  LUNCH

14.00 – 15.00  Panel III – The Question of Responsibility for Life and in Death?
Chair: Adel-Naim Reyhani
– The Role of Private Vessels when They Rescue Migrants at Sea, Dr Jean-Pierre Gauci (British Institute of International Comparative Law)
– Who'll Pay Reparations On My Soul?, Catriona Jarvis and Syd Bolton (Co-Conveners and Founders of the Last Rights Project)

15.00 – 15.10  Conference Close

The Conference will take place entirely online.
To register, please email events.gbz@hu-berlin.de
Participants will be emailed a Zoom link shortly before the conference.