



CHALLENGING MIGRANT DETENTION: HUMAN RIGHTS, ADVOCACY AND MENTAL HEALTH

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As forcible displacement increases, notions of the unwanted “Other”, the “illegal” migrant, and the “bogus” refugee are increasingly prominent in public discourse of destination countries, lending support to stringent border control policies whereby States incarcerate asylum seekers, undocumented migrants and other foreign nationals in immigration detention centres, prisons and camps. This structural violence primarily targets racialized populations from the Global South, including children.

This international conference brings together researchers, advocates, lawyers, clinicians, decision-makers and migrants to explore global trends and avenues for change in immigration detention. Drawing on experiences of detention and resistance in multiple countries, we will discuss strategies to challenge migrant detention, including research, litigation and community mobilization.



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- UNHCR
- McGill University Oppenheimer Chair in Public International Law
- University of Toronto International Human Rights Program
- University of Oxford Border Criminologies
- Association québécoise des avocats et avocates en droit de l'immigration

Jewish General Hospital - Institute of
Community and Family Psychiatry
4333 Côte Ste-Catherine Road, Montreal

Advanced Study Institute (ASI) Pre-conference 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Advance registration required*

Laurence Kirmayer : Opening remarks

Andriani Fili: Detention in Greece

Daniela DeBono: Hotspots at the EU's Mediterranean border

Kyli Hedrick: Self-harm among asylum seekers detained in Australia

Blerina Kellezi: Barriers to use of mental health services in UK Immigration Removal Centres

Mary Bosworth: Emotional and ethical challenges of immigration detention research

Hanna Gros et Samer Muscati : Advocacy strategies in Canada

Francesca Esposito : Organizing to defend the rights of migrant women in Italian detention centres

Robyn Sampson: Overview of global advocacy campaigns

Mike Flynn: The Global Immigration Detention Observatory

*The Advanced Study Institute Workshop is intended for researchers, practitioners and advocates working on immigration detention issues. Spaces are limited. If you are interested in taking part in the workshop, please contact Marie-Eve Paré, coordinator, with a brief description of your interests regarding immigration detention at marie-eve.pare.ccomtl@ssss.gouv.qc.ca

Conference program

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Opening plenary - Child Detention

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Open to public on registration

Cécile Rousseau : Opening remarks

Jacqueline Bhabha: Migration and detention of unaccompanied children

Sarah Mares: Detention of children in Australia and harm to mental health

Michael Bochenek: Immigration detention of children and families in the U.S.

Rachel Kronick: Recent developments regarding child detention in Canada

Conference program

JUNE 20

New Residence Hall
3625 Park Avenue
Montreal

Plenary : Detention in the context of broader migration policies

8:30 am - 10:00 am

François Crépeau : Detention in the context of broader migration policies

Eleanor Acer: U.S. immigration policies on detention and deportation

Former detainee: (TBD)

Block A: Concurrent Workshop

10:15 am - 12:15 pm

DETENTION OF CHILDREN

Maciej Fagasinski: Alternatives to detention of children in Southeast Asia

Stephen Phillips: Mental health impact of immigration detention on child asylum seekers and the enabling role of international human rights law

Sarah Mares: Fifteen years of detaining children and families who seek asylum in Australia

Delphine Nakache, Hanna Gros & Stephanie Silverman: Is your government doing its best to protect migrant children? Canada's scorecard

RACIALIZATION AND OTHERING AS JUSTIFICATIONS FOR DETENTION

Maayan Ravid: Israel as a case study of ethnic-exclusionary logic

Lizzy Wilmington: Resistance to the UK hostile environment to people with insecure immigration status

Bahar Banaei: Corporeal punishment and Canadian liberalism: an examination of EbrahimToure's and Alvin Brown's detentions

EXPERIENCES OF DETENTION AND RESISTANCE IN EUROPE

Oria Gargano: Upholding women's rights in immigration detention centers: a feminist approach

Francesca Esposito: Immigration detention in Italy: data from the field

Andriani Fili; The maze of the Greek immigration detention system

Lunch: Provided on-site

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

Block B: Concurrent Workshop

1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

IMMIGRATION DETENTION IN THE CONTEXT OF SECURITISATION OF MIGRATION

Philippe Bourdeau: Immigration detention and securitisation of migration

Colin Grey: The legal and moral justification of immigration detention

Molly Joeck: Use of detention as a tool of deterrence and coercion

Sherrie Kossoudji: Different country, different context, same detention

ACTIVISM AND RESISTANCE TO MIGRANT DETENTION AND DEPORTATION IN ISRAEL

Demoz Dawit: First-hand account of organizing in asylum-seeking communities, resettlement and continued activism in Canada

Laurie Tikue: Experience of international activists in promoting women's rights in detention

Maayan Ravid: Fighting alongside asylum seeking communities to resist one's own government policies on detention and migration penalization

Noa Galili: Advocacy in Israel against deportation of migrant children

ETHNOGRAPHIES OF DETENTION IN AFRICA AND ASIA

Kazue Takamura: Visualizing human rights of detained foreigners: the emerging role of detainee support groups in Japan

Cristiano d'Orsi: Detention and deportation of undocumented migrants in South Africa: breaching human rights?

Joyce Acquah: Violence in Buduburam Refugee Camp in Ghana: Forms, sources and consequences

MENTAL HEALTH OF DETAINED MIGRANTS

Kyli Hedrick: Kept at harm's length? A mixed methods study of the incidence and characteristics of self-harm in the Australian-funded asylum seeker population

Eric G. Jarvis: Negotiating space for institutional empathy toward detained asylum seekers with mental health problems

Alice Gerlach: Women in UK immigration detention: justice, privacy, individuality and autonomy

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Block C: Concurrent Workshop

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

EXPERIENCES AND RESISTANCE TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION IN CANADA

Closed to government and media

People who have been held in immigration detention in Canada talk about their experience of detention and resistance (details to follow)

CHALLENGING THE LEGALITY OF IMMIGRATION DETENTION IN CANADA

Efrat Arbel, Delphine Nakache & Ian Davis: Indefinite immigration detention in Canada: legality and reforms

Jenny Jeanes: Rights-free zones in a country of Charter rights and freedoms

Merin Valiyaparampil: Questioning integrity: challenging Canada's assessment of immigration detainees' credibility

PRECARITY, DEPORTABILITY AND DETENTION

Annika Lindberg: The lesser of two evils? 'Humanitarian' detention, destitution, and the plight of detainability in Sweden

Sarah Marshall: Contesting conceptions of "illegality": activist movements in Toronto's Sanctuary City policy

Stephanie Silverman: Marginalization from the Community of Value: Immigrant and Indigenous Incarceration, and the Meanings of Detainability in Canada and Australia

Beyond detention campaign

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Jean-Nicolas Beuze, UNHCR representative

Reception for World Refugee Day Co-organized with UNHCR and AQAADI

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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Roundtable: Discussion on reforming detention in Canada

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Leah Campbell, Acting Director, Detention transformation and program management division, CBSA

Jared Will, Jared Will & Ass.

Hanna Gros, International Human Rights Program, University of Toronto

Block D: Concurrent Workshop

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

LITIGATION AS A TOOL FOR POLICY AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Jared Will: Litigation as a tool for exposing the realities of migrant detention and giving voice to detainees

Joshua Blum: Innovative judicial remedies for immigration detention, from habeas corpus to Charter damages

Dorothy Estrada-Tanck: Legal basis for civil disobedience against immigration detention

FORTRESS EUROPE: FROM THE BALKANS ROUTE TO MEDITERRANEAN HOTSPOTS

Olivia Johnson: Policing bodies in transit: borders, detention and migrant narratives along the Balkan Route

Nadia El-Shaarawi and Maple Razsa: Protagonists of mobility: refugees' and activists' strategies to resist confinement along the Balkan Route

Daniela DeBono: The Dark Resurgence: Immigration detention at the EU's Mediterranean border

FROM LATIN AMERICA TO THE U.S. BORDER: MIGRANTS' EXPERIENCES

Maria Temores: An approach to the political subjectivity of people who resisted detention centers in the United States and cartography of «the Gray Zone»: fieldwork findings in Tijuana, Mexico

Derick Abrigu & Maria Silva: Los desechables: Exploring the lived realities of vulnerable migrant populations caught along the northern Mexican border

Cristina Yopez: Detention and deportation in Ecuador, "the country of universal citizenship"

Lunch: not provided

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Plenary: Detention in Libya: IOM psychosocial intervention programs

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Guglielmo Schinina, IOM

Andrea Paiato, IOM

Block E: Concurrent Workshop

2:00 pm - 3:45 pm

EXTERNALISATION OF BORDER CONTROL AND NON-REFOULEMENT

Jenny Poon: Cooperation with States using offshore detention is complicity with breach of non-refoulement

Sahizer Samuk: Problematic responses to problematic situations: borders, refugees and detention centres in the light of EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement

Brook Kebede: European policy concerning deportation of Africans and the risk of human rights violation in Africa

ISSUES IN THE INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT OF IMMIGRANT DETENTION

Dominic Aitken: Preventing and responding to deaths in custody

Paul St-Clair: Death of a migrant during detention and CBSA response: a case study

Laura Rezzonico: Experiences of prison officers in a context of crimmigration: a case study from Switzerland

Andrew Crosby: Risk management in Belgian detention centres: construction of institutional knowledge

ADVOCACY AGAINST DETENTION IN CANADA

Closed to government and media

Salina Abji: Alternatives to detention: Abolitionist perspectives

Vanessa Wachuku: Role of advocacy in immigration detention policy changes in Canada

Michaela Beder & Katrina Hui: Collaboration between health and legal professionals in advocacy against immigration detention in Canada

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Plenary: Next steps in advocacy on immigration detention, in Canada and internationally

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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Michaela Beder

Syed Hussan

Robyn Sampson

Closing remarks: Janet Cleveland