Crime Control in the Borderlands of Europe – Criminological Horizons Lecture

Professor Katja Franko Aas (University of Oslo) will be presenting this year’s Criminological Horizons lecture ‘Bordered penalty: abnormal justice and the precarious membership’ in April in Melbourne, Australia.

While Australia and Norway may seem geographically very far apart, Professor Aas believes there is rich potential for lesson-drawing between the two countries in terms of how the nature of citizenship, social inclusion, policing and welfare is shaped in local contexts. Read more here.

Did you know? Norway border-control facts

...Norway, Sweden and Switzerland were the most popular host countries in the EU for asylum seekers in 2008 (relative to the size of their populations). Read more here.

...The number of immigrants in Norway has increased more than tenfold since 1970. Today 11% of the population is either an immigrant or has an immigrant background. Read more here.

...It is commonly reported that there are 30,000 irregular migrants in Norway but Statistics Norway estimated there were only about 18,000 irregular immigrants in 2006. Read more here.

Immigration policing in Norway – verifying identity the largest challenge

In the US, UK and Australia, immigration law enforcement has mostly been the concern of specialised agencies outside of the police. In contrast, Norway is one of the countries with the largest part of the immigration and border control organised under the police flag. Although the main tasks may differ, an immigration officer is generally also a police officer, and the other way around. Read the full article by Sigmund B Mohn here.

BOb Focus Project: Crime Control in the Borderlands of Europe

Control of migration is becoming an increasingly important task of contemporary policing and criminal justice agencies. This project maps the progressive intertwining and merging of crime control and migration control practices in Europe and examines their implications. Read more here. Image via No Border Network.
Spotlight Story: Child Sex Tourism: an Australian issue across borders

Child-Sex Tourism (CST) is a prominent issue facing today’s globalised world and borders. There is a large transnational market for the sexual abuse of children. It is particularly significant to Australia because as well as having obligations under relevant UN Conventions, its citizens have been recognised as one of the key groups of consumers in South-East Asian countries. Read the full article by Emily Cohen here.

There are also a number of other Spotlight Stories on topical border crossings issues here.

BOB’s Professor Sharon Pickering wins Australian Human Rights Award

Congratulations to Professor Sharon Pickering who won the 2012 Australian Human Rights Award for Print and Online Media for her work as the leader of The Conversation Academic Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers. The Panel presented a series of evidence based articles in support of a humanitarian response to the arrival of asylum seekers in Australia – a reply to the Australian Government’s asylum seeker policy debate in mid-2012. Read more here.

Researcher Profile: Professor Katja Franko Aas

Katja Franko Aas is Professor of Criminology at the University of Oslo. She has published widely in globalization, borders, security and surveillance of everyday life. She is the author of Cosmopolitan Justice and its Discontents (co-edited with C. Baillet, Routledge, 2011), Technologies of Insecurity (co-edited with H.M. Lomell and H. O. Gundhus; Routledge-Cavendish, 2009), Globalization and Crime (SAGE, 2007) and Sentencing in the Age of Information: from Faust to Macintosh (Routledge-Cavendish, 2005). Katja is currently heading an ERC Starting Grant project ‘Crime Control in the Borderlands of Europe’. To view more members of our Academic Network click here.

Higher Degree Student Profile: Sigmund B Mohn

Sigmund Mohn’s Ph.D. project, ‘Policing Immigrants’, aims to analyse the impact of immigration control on the police, in a national and local context. Sigmund is also interested in the broader fields of globalisation and crime control, migration, policing, organised crime, crime statistics and field work. To see our HDR student network click here.

Opportunities

BOB Internship Program

We’d like to thank our fabulous interns who worked with us in November 2012, Emily Cohen and Miki McLay. Emily assisted in conducting research associated with our Border Deaths database while Miki used her analytics talent to provide us with a quantitative data analysis on our social media presence. She also conducted research on irregular migration to Norway to assist us in the preparation of this newsletter. You can read about Emily and Miki’s internship experiences here.
BOb intern applications open now!

Applications are open for the first intake for 2013. Dates for 2013 are:

- Intake #1: 25 March - April 5 - APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW! (due by Friday, 15 March)
- Intake #2: 15 – 26 July (due by Friday, 5 July)
- Intake #3: 30 Sept - 11 Oct (due by Friday, 20 Sep)

For more details on BOb internships and internship application forms, please see our “Research Internships” page or email bcrossingobservatory@gmail.com

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Events

Criminological Horizons Public Lecture

Bordered penalty: abnormal justice and the precarious membership

6-7pm, 8 April 2013, Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins St, Melbourne, Australia

Presented by Professor Katja Franko Aas, from University of Oslo. Light refreshments provided at the conclusion of the lecture. Please RSVP by 3rd of April to bcrossingobservatory@gmail.com.

Book Launch

Racialized Correctional Governance: The Mutual Constructions of Race and Criminal Justice

7-7.30pm, 8 April 2013, Monash Law Chambers, Melbourne, Australia


Conference

Critical Criminology in a Changing World - Tradition and Innovation

29 August - 1 September 2013, University of Oslo, Norway.

41st Annual Conference of the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control. For more information, click here.

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Featured Publications

Books

The Borders of Punishment: Migration, Citizenship, and Social Exclusion

By Katja Franko Aas and Mary Bosworth, (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2013).

Critically assesses the relationship between immigration control, citizenship, and criminal justice. It reflects on the theoretical and methodological challenges posed by mass mobility and its control. For the first time, sets out a particular sub-field within criminology, the criminology of mobility. Read more here.

Globalization and Crime

By Katja Franko Aas (Sage Publications Ltd., forthcoming April 2013).

Examines established topics such as transnational policing and organised crime. It also delves into new territory and explores the issues surrounding international criminal justice, human rights, comparative criminology, green criminology and financial crime. Read more here.

Books Chapters


Journal Articles


Reports

‘Quality of Life in Detention: Results from MQLD Questionnaire Data Collected in IRC Morton Hall during May 2012’, by Mary Bosworth, Blerina Kellezi and Gavin Slade, Centre for Criminology, University of Oxford, November 2012.

NGO News

Vision First Research, Hong Kong

Vision First is pleased to announce the launch of VF Research (VFR), the first centre for the promotion of high quality, independent refugee research in Hong Kong. VFR produces well-documented, unbiased research on refugees to enhance policy debates and service provision for refugees in Hong Kong. To learn more visit the VFR webpage [here](#).

Vision First ‘March for Protection 2’, 27 April, Hong Kong

In October, 2012, Vision First held its first ‘March for Protection’ calling on the Hong Kong Government to treat refugees in Hong Kong fairly. Building on the momentum of this march, Vision First will lead ‘March for Protection 2’ on 27 April 2013 to once again rally the Government to consider and implement a more humanitarian based response to refugees in Hong Kong. For more information click [here](#).

Institute of Race Relations Newsletter: UK and Europe

If you enjoy reading *BOb News*, why not sign up to the Institute of Race Relations free weekly e-newsletter on race, refugee and migration issues in the UK and Europe? Subscribe [here](#).

Feedback and submissions

We welcome your feedback and submissions for future newsletters, including information about relevant research, discussions or events.

Our focus for the next issue will be on issues associated with irregular migration, border crossings and gender. If you wish to contribute, please contact the Border Crossing Observatory at [bcrossingobservatory@gmail.com](mailto:bcrossingobservatory@gmail.com).