New BOb website unveiled!

We're very excited to announce that the new BOb website is completed and live! We've made a lot of changes to make the site easier to use, including making the Australian Border Deaths Database (a record of all known deaths associated with Australia's borders since 2000) available as an Excel spreadsheet. Read more about the changes here.

We'd love your feedback. Is it easier for you to find what you need?

Did you know? Gender & migration facts

...Women and children often face a more dangerous migration journey during voyages at sea because of gender based circumstances. This includes vulnerabilities like pregnancy, their location below deck and a lower level of swimming ability. Read more here.

...Of the known deaths, more than double the amount of women (142) than men (65) died in the 2001 SIEV X boat sinking tragedy. Read more here.

...According to the International Rescue Committee (IRC, 2013) sexual violence against women, as a systematic weapon of war, is one of the primary reasons why families have fled Syria. Read more here.

Australia’s offshore detention puts women & children at risk

Australia's use of an offshore detention centre at Manus Island in Papua New Guinea (PNG) has received a lot of media attention in recent months, particularly regarding concerns about the physical and mental health risks to women and children.

BOb's Brandy Cochrane and Astrid Bentvelzen have compiled a chronological summary of recent media coverage. Read more here.
**BOb Focus Project: interviewing women & border agents on US-Mexico border**

The *Border Policing: Gender, Human Rights & Security* project is in the final stages of fieldwork, with interviews on the US-Mexico border due to start later this month.

This project, about the micro politics of border control, is interested in making sense of border control and women's irregular migration at the first point of contact (maritime, land and airport borders). Read more [here](#). Image by Ryan Bavetta

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**Researcher profile: Dr Sanja Milivojevic**

Dr Sanja Milivojevic is a Lecturer in Criminology at University of New South Wales. She studied at Belgrade University and Monash University. Sanja's research interests include people trafficking, migration and borders, new technologies, sexting and surveillance, and international criminal justice and human rights.

She is a NSW representative on the Committee of Management of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology, and an editorial board member of the journal *Temida* (Serbia).

Sanja’s latest research project is on borders, technology and mobility in Southeast Europe. She will be tweeting about it [@smilivojevic](#).

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**Higher degree student profile: Julie Ham**

Julie is currently interviewing immigrant and migrant women sex workers in Melbourne for her PhD thesis, ‘Sex Work, Migration and Agency’. It compares immigrant and migrant women’s experiences in sex work in Melbourne and Vancouver, two culturally similar cities with different regulations around sex work and migration.

She’s also been working with Supporting Women’s Alternatives Network (Vancouver) and Inner South Community Health Services (Melbourne) to inform the project. Read more [here](#).

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**Graduate news**

**Security, human rights & gender research brief series coming soon**

BOb recently hosted the graduate workshop “New empirical research on borders – security, human rights and gender”. Facilitated by Professor Sharon Pickering, PhD and Masters by Research candidates presented their topical research findings. BOb will publish a series of research briefs based on the workshop presentations in coming months. Read more [here](#).

**Research you can use**

New 1-page research summaries of journal articles and book chapters about issues associated with border crossings and irregular migration are now available on the BOb website. Prepared by BOb graduate students, there are new summaries published each fortnight. Read more [here](#).
**BOb researcher detained & deported at the Russian border**

BOb’s Dr Paddy Rawlinson recently arrived at the Russian border to conduct a PhD workshop with colleagues in Moscow. On arrival she was shocked to be treated as an irregular migrant by the Russian border control, detained overnight and then deported. She writes about the experience [here](#).

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**New thinking on border controls for a globalising world**

Critical border control researchers from Italy, Sweden, Britain, the Netherlands, USA and Australia recently met at the ‘Peace at the Borders’ workshop in Prato, Italy from May 20-12, to generate new thinking on border controls for a globalising world.

The researchers have agreed to take part in an innovative thought experiment which begins by imagining a ‘preferred future’ in which territorial borders still exist but the harsh and inequitable policies set up to defend them have been relaxed. Their task is then to identify the conditions of possibility that could lead to this outcome. Read more [here](#).

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**Opportunities**

**Contributions invited to new Border Criminologies blog**

The Oxford University Centre for Criminology has launched a new website “Border Criminologies”, showcasing new research on migration control. They are currently inviting criminological researchers to contribute to their regular blog on these issues. Contact Professor Mary Bosworth for more details.

**BOb internship applications open**

Our next 2-week internship program will be hosted from July 15-26, 2013 at Monash University, Clayton. Applications are due on Friday, July 5. For more details about the application process and relevant forms, visit our Opportunities website.

Astrid Bentvelzen recently completed a two month research internship with BOB. From Leiden University (The Netherlands), she conducted valuable research to support BOB’s ‘Border Policing: Gender, Human Rights and Security’ project, organised the graduate workshop “New empirical research on borders – security, human rights and gender” and co-authored a newsletter feature story.

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**Events**

We’re happy to include information here about events on issues associated with border crossings and irregular migration, including conferences, workshops and roundtables. Email us event details [here](#).

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**Featured publications**

**Books**

Journal articles


Working papers


NGO news

Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women calls for papers

The Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women’s (GAATW) Anti-Trafficking Review journal is currently calling for papers for its Special Issue ‘Following the money: Spending on anti-trafficking’. Submissions close 15 December 2013. Read more here.

Vision First launches partnership with the University of Hong Kong

Vision First has partnered with the Law Faculty at the University of Hong Kong to present a ‘day in the life’ field work program for law students. Through the program, the students will learn about the experiences of refugees living in Hong Kong as well as the complex realities that civil society and criminal justice practitioners face when defending refugees and their rights. Read more 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 the effects of climate and environmental change on irregular migration and border crossings. If you wish to contribute, please contact us by emailing bcrossingobservatory@gmail.com.