New SSRN research paper series on borders and citizenship

In a world where there seems to be almost infinite amounts of information and research, one can be overwhelmed by where to look for the latest work around borders and migration. In answer to this issue, we're pleased to launch a new resource that BOb has contributed to through the Leverhulme Research Network. Introducing the 'Criminal Justice, Borders & Citizenship Research Paper Series' on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN) site. Learn more and subscribe to this research series on borders and citizenship and learn more here.

Did you know? Migration policing in Australia

...Did you know that state and federal police in Australia are ‘designated officers’ under the Migration Act 1958? This means that in theory they hold all the powers of immigration enforcement officers, but in practice they are most likely to stop and question (under s188) and detain (under s189) people they suspect to be unlawful non-citizens. Learn more here.

...In 2012–13, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship conducted 15,077 locations of non-citizens in the community, which was a slight decrease compared to 15,477 in 2011–12. In addition, 2,161 people were located working illegally in 2012–13, which was an increase compared to 1,928 in 2011–12. (DIAC 2012–13 Annual report).

...At least two people have been killed during immigration enforcement operations in Australia. Malaysian national Wah Aun Chan drowned in the River Murray in South Australia after being stopped by police in September 2006. South Korean man Seong Ho Kang was struck by a taxi and killed in July 2004 as he ran from immigration officials at Strathfield markets.

BOb Focus Project: Migration policing

Headed by Professor Sharon Pickering and Dr Leanne Weber, the Migration Policing project focuses on interactions between a range of agencies that play a role in detecting ‘unlawful non-citizenships’ in Australia. This opens up opportunities for investigating multiple sites of enforcement of immigration law, particularly sites outside of the physical border.

Migration policing occurs through the work of various governmental and non-governmental agencies (including police agencies and departments, universities, Centrelink and the Australian Taxation Office). Through data collection and requirements to monitor visa compliance, these bodies help to police internal borders and the day-to-day lives of individuals.
The structure and dynamics of the various migration policing networks are investigated through a series of interviews and questionnaires aimed at DIAC and NSW Police. Find out more!

**BOb Future Fellowship success!**

Congratulations to Dr Leanne Weber and Professor Jacqui True, each a winner of an Australian Research Council Future Fellowship! As a Future Fellow, Dr Leanne Weber will address the intensification, construction, and design of internal border policing in Australia and elsewhere in the developed world. Professor Jacqui True will concentrate her Future Fellowship on 'The Political Economy of Post-Conflict Violence against Women'. Professor True's project focuses on sexual and gender-based violence against women in post-conflict and political transitions, and how this is a hindrance to the opportunities for advancing women's rights and women’s participation within such a climate. Learn more about these exciting research projects [here](#).

**Researcher profile: Dr Antje Missbach**

Dr. Antje Missbach is a research fellow at in Anthropology at the School of Social Sciences, Monash University. Dr. Missbach initially studied Southeast Asian Studies and Anthropology at the Humboldt University in Berlin (Germany) and went on to obtain her PhD from the Australian National University.

Recently, she has been researching the social, political and situations of transit migrants in Indonesia, spending 14 months in the field talking to asylum seekers and refugees, as well as immigration officials and Indonesian police.

This year, she began a new research project entitled: People smuggling in Indonesia: causes, pathways and responses. Dr. Missbach presented at a number of conferences this year, both here and in Germany, on her work about asylum policies in Australia and the region at large.

**Graduate student profile: Patrick van Berlo**

We welcome Patrick van Berlo to the Border Crossing Observatory postgraduate network from Leiden University, The Netherlands. He recently visited the Border Crossing Observatory to complete his Masters thesis titled The Borderscapes of Australia's Offshore Immigration Detention Policy: Examining the Impact of Operation Sovereign Borders on Pacific Borderscapes' before returning to Leiden where he passed his Masters degree with top marks! Patrick will soon begin his PhD studies at Leiden University's Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, focusing his research on crimmigration aspects of the detention realm, comprising both prisons and immigration detention centres. Read more about Patrick's research interests and background [here](#).

**Graduate news**

Our graduate students are passing milestones and crossing borders! Check out the latest updates from Julie Ham who has been publishing and presenting her research and also lobbying the Canadian Senate Committee Hearings on Bill C-36: Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons; Sirakul Suwinthawong is about to begin her field work on the Lao-Thai border; and Brandy Cochrane has been traveling the globe attending a workshop in Prato and presenting her research at The British Society of Criminology conference in Liverpool.
**Events**

**2014 ANZSOC Conference** "Testing the edges: Challenging Criminology" 1-3 October 2014, Sydney, Australia. Conference details [here](#).


**The Border Crossing Observatory 'International and national migration conference list'**

Have you always wanted a list of migration conferences throughout the world at your fingertips? Look no further! BOb’s migration conference list is now available and updated monthly. Access the conference list [here](#).

**Opportunities and congratulations**

Border Criminologies is building an [Immigration Detention Archive](#). If you would like to contribute objects, letters, photographs, creative writing or other forms of material culture, please contact [bordercrim@law.ox.ac.uk](mailto:bordercrim@law.ox.ac.uk).

Congratulations to Dr Blerina Kellezi, the first [Leverhulme International Network Faciltator](#), on her new lectureship at Stafford University. We welcome Andriani Fili as her replacement. Andriani has considerable experience supporting detainees and asylum seekers in Greece, and has worked alongside Mary Bosworth and Sharon Pickering on an international comparative project into immigration detention. From August 25, 2014 Andriani will be coordinating the activities between Oxford, Monash and Oslo on the Leverhulme network, including the new [SSRN Criminal Justice Borders & Citizenship Paper Series](#).

**Featured publications**

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Urban Refugees

A flourishing debate forum on the Urban Refugees site helps to add to the discussion around refugee issues around the world. Two new pieces have been recently added to this forum. Focusing on local integration, the first piece helps spark dialogue about the importance of citizenship and inclusion of refugees from Africa’s Great Lakes region. Examining the situation of urban refugees in Kenya, the second piece looks at the abuse of refugees by the police within this nation.

Learn more about Urban Refugees 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 ‘Women residing outside of global north’. If you wish to contribute, please contact us by emailing bcrossingobservatory@gmail.com.