Welcome to Global Refugee Studies' newsletter

Here at GRS we explore the underlying dynamics of forced migration through a range of topics and approaches. We have recently updated our webpage in order to make it easier for you to explore these topics and access the newest publications and research projects by the research staff. Whether you are interested in forced migration in the context of environment and resources, conflict, humanitarian work, border control, integration or postcoloniality, you will find it by browsing through the webpage. The new design is a great way for external stakeholders, such as organizations and journalists to get in touch with our researchers, and also for GRS students to find inspiration for project work or choosing the right supervisor. You can access the webpage by clicking here.

In this newsletter, we share new articles, publications and GRS’ presence in the media on current issues within our multi-disciplinary research capacities. We have also started this newsletter to keep in touch and share events held at GRS, staff-related news and other relevant developments within Global Refugee Studies.

We hope you enjoy the reading!

Sincerely,
The staff at GRS
NEWS

18.02.19
NEW RESEARCH ASSISTANT AT GRS: BERFIN GURINI WILL BE PART OF THE NEW ADVANCING ALTERNATIVE MIGRATION GOVERNANCE PROJECT
Berfin Gurini is the new research assistant at Global Refugee Studies. She will be doing research about EU’s entry and exit policies with particular focus on Germany, Sweden and Denmark in relation to the Advancing Alternative Migration Governance (ADMIGOV) project alongside Martin Lemberg Pedersen. Read more here

31.01.19
PANEL DEBATE REPORT: HOW CAN WE RESTRICT IMMIGRATION TO THE EU?
The newspaper, Information held a panel debate in November in connection to their other three TRANSIT events with focus on migration and refugees. Read the panel debate report here

04.01.19
CONFERENCE REPORT: URBAN VIOLENCE AND SECURITY IN THE MAGHREB
In collaboration with the Danish Arab Partnership Project and Dignity-Danish Institute Against Torture, GRS' Steffen Jensen hosted a conference on Urban Violence and Security in the Maghreb. Among other things, the conference grappled with how to increase the safety of ordinary people in North Africa – ordinary residents, migrants, women and young people. A line up of academics, politicians and NGOs from the region and from abroad discussed how to realize the Sustainable Development Goals around safety, gender and cities while asking questions about how local and
international civil society organization and donors could contribute. You can read the conference report here.

21.12.18
BOOK REVIEW BY MARTIN LEMBERG PEDERSEN

21.12.18
VIBEKE ANDERSSON HAS PARTICIPATED IN A CONFERENCE ON COMPETENCY BUILDING AMONG REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT WOMEN
Vibeke Andersson has participated in the Nordic Intercultural Communication Conference 2018, and has published a paper in relation to the conference alongside Helene Balslev Clausen. Read more here.

04.12.18
PBL AND OUTREACH INITIATIVE: CREATIVE LEARNING LAB
Creative Learning Lab is a new initiative introduced to GRS 9th semester mobility students on the fall semester as a one-week activity where students work with real-life tasks set by an enterprise or organization to bridge knowledge exchange and collaboration between enterprises/organizations and students. Read more about the initiative here.
27.11.18
SEMINAR REPORT: GIVING LABOUR MIGRATION THROUGH ANTI-TRAFFICKING
Global Refugee Studies' associate professor Marlene Spanger hosted an event in collaboration with The Nordic Network - What's law got to do with it? on labour exploitation in a Nordic context. Human trafficking has been primarily linked to the sex industry, and little attention has been paid to other industries such as cleaning and construction. To change this flawed assumption, the seminar examined how labour migrants experience different forms of exploitation in different industries, and investigated concepts such as social dumping and forced labour. One of the main focuses was how the state and other actors such as the Trade Union understand the migrant's work experience, and whether it is possible to govern labour migration through anti-trafficking policies. You can read the seminar report here.

22.11.18
Martin Lemberg Pedersen has written a book review on Mikkel AndersSon & Niels Jespersen's book: 'The experiment that failed - Status of 35 years of Danish asylum policy'. Read the full review here.
01.11.18
MARTIN LEMBERG PEDERSEN HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEBATE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

The debate revolving around climate change and migration has been excessive regarding numbers and root causes for migration, and needs to have a more holistic approach based on reliable, scientific sources. Martin Lemberg-Pedersen has co-written an article for Sydsvenskan alongside Mine Islar and Lisa Eklund on the topic. Read more here.

PUBLICATIONS

08.02.19
NEW PUBLICATION BY MARLENE SPANGER: UNDERSTANDING SEX FOR SALE

Marlene Spanger has edited an anthology exploring the epistemological field of sex for sale alongside May-Len Skilbrei with contributions from authors from a range of different disciplines. Read more about the publication here.

13.12.18
RELAUNCH: NEW ISSUE OF THE STUDENTS-DRIVEN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES FROM AALBORG UNIVERSITY

The Interdisciplinary Journal of International Studies (IJIS) is a student-driven academic journal
within the Department of Culture and Global Studies at Aalborg University in Aalborg and Copenhagen. It combines student publications from the Master Programs of Development and International Relations, European Studies and Global Refugee Studies. Read more and get access to the entire journal here.

05.12.18
NEW PUBLICATION IN NORDIC JOURNAL OF APPLIED ETHICS BY MARTIN LEMBERG PEDERSEN: 'THE "IMIGINARY WORLD" OF NATIONALISTIC ETHICS: FEASIBILITY CONSTRAINTS ON NORDIC DEPORTATION CORRIDORS TARGETING UNACCOMPANIED MINORS'
In his new article, Martin Lemberg Pedersen provides an analysis of the immigration ethics involved in the rise and fall of Nordic deportation corridors and the policy drive to deport unaccompanied Afghan minors. By applying the notion of feasibility constraints, the article problematizes and rejects two nationalistic arguments for such deportations. Read more, and access the entire article here.

GRS in the Media

07.02.19
Martin Lemberg-Pedersen was interviewed by P1 on the EU’s externalization of border control and the inhumane conditions of migrants in Libyan camps. Listen to the broadcast interview here.
>> 06.02.19 Martin Lemberg-Pedersen was interviewed by Danwatch on the increased danger imposed on rejected asylum seekers after deportation from Denmark. Read the interview here

>> 25.01.19 Martin Lemberg Pedersen was interviewed by Radio Catalunya on the European securitization and militarization of border control and its implications for humanitarian action, externalization of border control and refugee and asylum politics. Listen to the interview here

>> 25.01.19 Danny Raymond was part of the steering group arranging the Jewish Film Festival 2019 in Copenhagen from January 27th - February 3rd. Read more about the festival here

>> 15.01.19 GRS' Steffen Jensen works with DIGNITY in a collaboration around youth, migration and violence in Tunis with the local partner L'Art Rue in Tunis. Read more about the local partner here
**07.01.19** Martin Lemberg Pedersen was interviewed by DR on the Danish-Iranian deportation negotiations for Iranian immigrants: "There is a need for more diplomacy - not less”. Read the interview [here](#).

**04.01.19** Martin Lemberg Pedersen was interviewed by Danwatch and Politiken on the European funding of border control equipment in Belarus. Read more [here](#).

**14.10.18** Danny Raymond was interviewed by P1 in the broadcast series "When refugees are Danish" on narratives about being a refugee descendant at the 75 anniversary of the Danish rescue of the 7,000 Jewish refugees. Read more and listen to the entire broadcast [here](#).

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