Conference on Immigration Law and Policy, Border Control and Migrant Deaths
(Draft Programme – Subject to changes)

All times are Central European Summer Time

THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

CEST
9.50 – 10.00  - Conference Opening, Dr. Sam McIntosh (Großbritannien Zentrum, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

10.00 – 11.30  Panel I – Regional Implementation of International Policies and Law
- Implementing the UN Global Compacts for Refugees and Migrants in Times of Pandemic: A View from the EU Member States, Professor Dr. Elspeth Guild, Dr Kathryn Allinson, Nicolette Busuttil (Queen Mary University of London)
- Migration deals seen through the lens of the ICESCR, Dr. Annick Pijnenburg, (Radboud University Nijmegen)
- EU Non-refoulement for Migrants with Mental Healthcare Needs: Exceptionality as Antithetical to Disability Fundamental Rights, Nicolette Busuttil (Queen Mary University of London)

11.30 – 12.00  Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.30  Panel II – The Rise of Immigration Detention
- Hidden detention spaces at the Greek-Turkish border: informal infrastructures, border violence and the European border regime, Dr. Lena Karamanidou (Glasgow Caledonian University) Bernd Kasperek (University of Gottingen) RESPOND
- Enhanced vulnerability through immigration detention as a border securitisation tool, Stephen Phillips, (Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University)
- Ever expanding use of immigration detention under EU law, Dr. Izabella Majcher (European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE))

13.30 – 14.30  LUNCH

14.30 – 16.00  Panel III – Dangerous Journeys
- The Rightlessness of Refugees in Libya, Adel-Naim Reyhani (University of Vienna/ Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Grund- und Menschenrechte)
- Vulnerability as an Indicator of Future Risk in Refugee Law: Examining the “Route Causes” of Irregular Migration, Maja Grundler (Queen Mary, University of London)
- Externalisation under the Biden Administration, Sophie Capicchiano Young (School of Advanced Study, University of London)
16.00 – 16.20  Break

16.20 – 17.20  Workshop for Early Career and PhD Researchers
   - Researching for change: having an impact on policy and practice, Dr Lawrence McNamara (University of York)

FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER 2021

10.00 – 11.30  Panel I – Contentious Death Research
   - Title tbc – Associate Professor, Dr. Rebecca Scott Bray (The University of Sydney)
   - Accountability in the aftermath of police related deaths in the US and England and Wales: Processes and outcomes, Dr. David Baker (The University of Liverpool)
   - Researching death in the context of (European) immigration, Dr. Tamara Last (University of the Witwatersrand / African Centre for Migration and Society (ACMS))

11.30 – 12.00  Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.30  Panel II – Taking Migrant Deaths Seriously - Challenges on the Ground for Campaigners and Practitioners
   - Refugee and Migrant Deaths: State and corporate violence, neglect and impunity. Securing the rights of the bereaved in the search for truth, justice and accountability, Deborah Coles (Executive Director of INQUEST)
   - Who’ll Pay Reparations On My Soul?, Catriona Jarvis and Syd Bolton (Co-Conveners and Founders of the Last Rights Project)
   - The limitations of the inquest process in investigating migrant deaths in the UK, Olivia Annes (Bhatt Murphy Solicitors)

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   - Migrants dying in North African maritime borders: are North African states accountable?, Dr. Younous Arbaoui (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
   - Title tbc – Dr. Jean-Pierre Gauci (British Institute of International Comparative Law)

15.30 – 15.40  Conference Close

The Conference will take place entirely online. To register, please email  events.gbz@hu-berlin.de

Participants will be emailed a Zoom link on the morning of both days of the conference.