

IRIS International Conference, 4-6 September

BORDERING SOCIETY

understanding and reimagining migration, displacement and diversity in an age of rapid transformations

Wednesday, 4 SEPTEMBER – PHD DAY – Edgbaston Campus

Time		Venue
13.00-13.30	Registration, light refreshments, coffee & tea	Training Room, Main Library (ML)
13.30-13.50	Welcome & introduction by Professor Nicola Gale, Head of Birmingham School of Social Policy and Society, and Professor Nando Sigona, Director of IRIS	Training Room, ML
14.00-15.30	Panel 1 Borders and place making	Training Room, ML
	Panel 2 Asylum, precarity and the state	Room 1150, Muirhead Tower (MT)
	Panel 3 Narratives and networks of solidarity	Zoom Room 112, MT
15.30-16.00	Coffee & tea	Training Room, ML
16.00-17.30	Panel 4-5 Reimagining the border and navigating power	Zoom Training Room, ML
17.30-17.40	Comfort break (no coffee)	
17.40-18.30	Discussion and feedback with Professor Nasar Meer, Professor Jenny Phillimore, Dr Jenny Allsopp, Dr Laurence Lessard Phillips, Prof Claudia Rocha	Training Room, ML
19.00-20.30	Welcome drink reception with light refreshments for conference delegates	Atrium, Alan Walters Building



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Thursday, 5 SEPTEMBER – The Exchange¹, Birmingham

Time		Venue
8.30-9.15	Registration	Atrium, The Exchange
9.15-9.30	Welcome and introduction Prof Nando Sigona, Director of IRIS.	Zoom Assembly
9.30-10.30	Keynote 1: Prof Nasar Meer (University of Glasgow) On leaving 'Omelas' – Asylum and the social production of moral indifference Chair: Prof Jenny Phillimore, University of Birmingham	Zoom Assembly
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	Atrium
11.00-12.30	Panel 6 Migrant experiences of health access and discrimination	Zoom Assembly
	Panel 7 New contours of migrant labour in post-Brexit Britain	Stuart Hall
	Panel 8 Health, mental health and reproductive justice beyond borders	Benjamin Zephaniah
	Panel 9 Integration, irregularity and assimilation in the mobile workforce	Mary Sturge
	Panel 10 Taking root: The role of reception, relationships and community in refugee integration	Dhani Prem
12.30-13.30	Lunch	Atrium
13.30-15.00	Semi-plenary 1: Borders, time and displacement Chair: Dr Jenny Allsopp, University of Birmingham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Lyndsey Stonebridge, University of Birmingham, <i>The times of powerlessness: Statelessness and the human condition</i> Prof Nira Yuval Davis, University of East London, <i>Bordering and necropolitics</i> Dr Melanie Griffiths, University of Birmingham, <i>Riots: Roots and Reflections</i> 	Zoom Assembly
	Semi-plenary 2: Gender violence and forced displacement Chair: Dr Lisa Goodson, University of Birmingham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Jane Freedman, University of Paris 8, <i>The Production of Gendered and Racist Violence at European borders</i> Dr Evgenia Iliadou, Independent Researcher, <i>"Torturing Environments": Violence and Abandonment in Refugee camps on Lesbos, Greece</i> Prof Jenny Phillimore, University of Birmingham, <i>Sexual and gender-based violence, forced migration and structural violence in immigration and asylum systems</i> Alphonsine Kabagabo, Women for Refugee Women, <i>Women for Refugee Women: a space to heal, connect and rebuild</i> 	Zoom Stuart Hall
15.00-15.15	Comfort break (no coffee)	

¹ Room location | **Ground Floor:** Mary Sturge and Dhani Prem; **1st Floor:** Benjamin Zephaniah, Winifred Hackett and Stuart Hall; **2nd Floor:** Assembly; Atrium and Registration Desk.



15.15-16.45	Panel 11 Methodology Matters: Situating Agency and Ethical Responsibilities in Migration Studies	Assembly
	Panel 12 Time and the Other revisited: temporality, control and resistance in contexts of displacement in postcolonial Middle East and Europe	Stuart Hall
	Panel 13 Comparative Analysis of Logics, Practices, and Transfer Mechanisms in Migration Research	Zoom Dhani Prem
	Panel 14 Bordering and Debordering in the Americas: Located knowledge, global discussions	Mary Sturge
	Panel 15 Immigration Detention: Investigating the Persistence of a Failed Project	Zoom Benjamin Zephaniah
16.45-17.15	Coffee break	Atrium
17.15-18.45	Panel 16 Coloniality of migration and citizenship	Assembly
	Panel 17 Queering the UK Border	Zoom Stuart Hall
	Panel 18 'Migrantizations' in an Aging Demographic Context: Intersectional Perspectives on the Social Construction of Migrants	Mary Sturge
	Panel 19 Narrating migration, writing journeys, mobilising identities	Dhani Prem
	Panel 20 Civil society actors and actions in SD neighbourhoods and arrival areas: inclusion and integration in conditions of superdiversity and socioeconomic marginalization	Benjamin Zephaniah
	Panel 21 Climate security, human mobility and the coloniality of humanitarianism	Zoom Winifred Hackett
20.00-22.30	Conference Dinner at Austin Court	80 Cambridge Street, B1 2NP Birmingham



Friday, 6 SEPTEMBER – The Exchange, Birmingham

Time		Venue
8.30-9.00	Registration	Atrium
9.00-10.30	Panel 22 Spaces of Resistance: Migration and Solidarity	Assembly
	Panel 23 Migration and racialisation: intergenerational dynamics	Stuart Hall
	Panel 24 Intersectionality, gender, family, and youth	Mary Sturge
	Panel 25 Situating racialization and othering	Benjamin Zephaniah
	Panel 26 Everyday negotiations between borders and place, self-governance and leisure in the asylum system	Zoom Dhani Prem
	Panel 27 Connected migration histories: Brazilian colonial and post-colonial projects and legacies shaping contemporary migration journeys	Zoom Winifred Hackett
10.30-11.00	Coffee break	
11.00-12.30	Semi-plenary 3: Irregularised migration and irregularised migrants Chair: Dr Laurence Lessard-Phillips, University of Birmingham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ilse van Liempt, Utrecht University (co-authored with Minke Hajer (UU), Maria Bruquetas and Anna Ensing (Fairwork) <i>Exclusion as Default: The legal and policy dynamics around the production of irregular migration in the Netherlands</i> • Dr Miryam Cherti, University of Oxford, <i>Cities as sites of bordering and un-bordering for irregular migrants</i> • Dr Blanca Garcés Mascareñas, CIDOB, <i>Contradictions behind the moral economy of irregularity in Europe</i> • Prof Nando Sigona, University of Birmingham, <i>Times and temporalities of irregular migration</i> 	Zoom Assembly
	Semi-plenary 4: Thinking borders and mobility with Stuart Hall Chair: Dr Angelo Martins Jr, University of Birmingham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Sanjay Sharma, Warwick University, <i>Techno-Surveillance and Production of Identity</i> • Dr Nick Beech, University of Birmingham, <i>Voices of the Future: Registering cosmopolitanism from below in Stuart Hall's archive</i> • Dr Nirmal Puwar, Goldsmiths, University of London, <i>Soundz of Stuart Hall: an aurality of border crossings.</i> 	Zoom Stuart Hall
12.30-1.15	Lunch	Atrium
13.15-14.15	Keynote 2: Prof Nandita Sharma (University of Hawai'i) Border Abolition is a Freedom Struggle Chair: Prof Nando Sigona, University of Birmingham	Zoom Assembly
14.15-14.45	Coffee break	Atrium



14.45-15.45	Workshop 1 Podcasting amidst the politics of migration	Assembly
	Workshop 2 Understanding and reimagining migration through its asynchronous, conflicting and contested times and temporalities	Zoom Stuart Hall
	Workshop 3 A critical exploration of migrant students, carceral borders and universities in the Global North	Zoom Mary Sturge
	Workshop 4 Methodological perspectives on researching difference and belonging in the European South	Benjamin Zephaniah
	Workshop 5 Enabling support for refugees	Dhani Prem
15.45-16.00	Comfort break	
16.00-17.30	Panel 28 Channel Crossings: Criminalised Mobility, Racism and Imperial Fantasies in Postcolonial Britain	Assembly
	Panel 29 Security utopias and resistance	Stuart Hall
	Panel 30 Epistemic and Pedagogical Approaches to Border and Migration Studies	Zoom Mary Sturge
	Panel 31 Emergent bordering practices and everyday imaginaries as horizons	Benjamin Zephaniah
	Panel 32 Thinking Through 'Pathways': Exploring the Everyday Navigation of Migration and Integration Bordering Regimes in Belgium	Dhani Prem
	Panel 33 Asylum, identity and bureaucratic hurdles	Winifred Hackett
17.40-18.00	Wrap up	Assembly

Full Programme is available here:

