

July/August 2019 Newsletter

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OUR LATEST PUBLICATIONS



Immigration Detention in Cyprus: Reception Challenges in Europe's New Gateway

Although the Republic of Cyprus is one of only a small number of EU member states that have yet to join the Schengen visa-free zone, the country is quickly becoming an important gateway for migrants and refugees as other routes into the EU have been blocked. With a small population of less than a million inhabitants, the country now has the highest number of asylum applications per capita in the region. The situation is leading to increasing tensions with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus, as well as growing concerns about a possible reception “crisis” and the use of detention measures in asylum cases.

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Immigration Detention in Ireland: Can You Detain “Better” Without Detaining More?

Compared to other EU countries, Ireland does not detain large numbers of migrants and asylum seekers—typically less than a dozen people at any given moment. However, the country's use of prisons and police stations for immigration purposes has spurred widespread criticism for years. Human rights watchdogs, including from the Council of Europe and the United Nations, have repeatedly urged Ireland to fix this problem by establishing a specialised detention facility. However, opening such a facility, which after years of delays is slated to open in 2019, raises questions about whether this may lead to more people being detained.

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The Contours of Crimmigration Control in India: GDP Working Paper No.25 - by Sujata Ramachandran

The criminalisation of irregular migration through escalated enforcement of toughened immigration laws is often referred to as *crimmigration* or *immcarceration*. Detention and deportation are important aspects of such enforcement across the globe. While these processes have received much scrutiny in the Global North, far less attention has been given to them in the context of South-South migration. This Global Detention Project Working Paper, by **Sujata Ramachandran**, helps address this gap by identifying distinctive aspects of crimmigration control in India and its connections with the governance of migration in wealthier countries.

[Read the full Working Paper](#)

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



Au Revoir Mariette Grange!

At the end of June, Mariette Grange, the GDP's long-time advisor and senior researcher, retired after a distinguished decades-long career as a Geneva-based human rights advocate specialising in the rights of migrants and refugees. Mariette has been a part of the GDP team since its inception: first as an advisor to and then member of a research team at the Graduate Institute of International Studies that founded the GDP as a student-led academic research project in 2005; later as senior researcher after the GDP became an independent non-profit research centre in 2014.

Among her many achievements at the GDP, Mariette was responsible for developing and growing the GDP's engagement with the UN human rights system, spearheading our submissions project and helping ensure that immigration detention remained on the agenda during relevant debates, meetings, hearings, and sessions of UN treaty bodies and special mechanisms. Among her final activities with the GDP was Mariette's co-authorship, with GDP colleagues Michael Flynn and Izabella Majcher, of the book *Immigration Detention in the European Union: In the Shadow of the "Crisis"* (Springer, forthcoming)

Mariette's achievements before joining the GDP included co-establishing the Amnesty International office to the UN in Geneva and providing leadership to Human Rights Watch during the institution-building years of the UN Human Rights Council. She also worked on migrant and refugee operations at the World Council of Churches and the International Catholic Migration Commission and on emerging issues at the International Council on Human Rights Policy.

Anyone who has had the pleasure of working with Mariette will immediately recognise the patent impossibility of filling her shoes. She will be greatly missed—though we are delighted that she has agreed to continue on as an informal external advisor. We still have

Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

On 13 August, the GDP participated in a WGAD meeting with civil society partners held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The meeting was intended to give NGOs the opportunity to comment on the Working Group's recent work, discuss its upcoming agenda, and urge action in critical areas of concern to the Working Group, including with respect to immigration detention, which has been at the centre of several [recent opinions](#) (on cases in Canada and Australia) adopted by the WGAD. [More information is available here.](#)

Committee on Migrant Workers

On 2-11 September the UN Committee on Migrant Workers will hold its 31st session in Geneva, during which it will consider reports on Argentina, Colombia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The GDP participated in a CMW-organised meeting with NGOs and civil society on 2 September and will be attending the meeting with governments on 4 September. [More information about the session is available here.](#)

***Internazionale a Ferrara*: Debate on Immigration Detention**

On 5 October, the GDP's Executive Director Michael Flynn will participate in a public debate organised by Medecins Sans Frontières (MSF) concerning immigration detention policies around the world. The debate, part of the Italian news weekly *Internazionale's* annual arts and social affairs festival in the city of Ferrara, will include a representative from MSF and a member of the Italian parliament. [More information about the festival is available here.](#)

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