Paper Workshop

How can Science and Technology Studies help to reflect on the political crisis associated with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers?

26 - 28 September 2018, University of Coimbra, Portugal

Location: Ces Alta, Room 1

Organizers

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**Wednesday 26th September**

09.30-10.30  Registration & Welcome coffee

10.30-11.00  Getting started: Aims of the workshop & Introductions

11.00-11:30  Sensitizing inspirations for what could be STS approaches to the political crisis associated with refugees and asylum seekers? (Input Conveners)

**Session 1: Data-infrastructures and the ontological transformation of borders**
Chair: Elsa Lechner

11.30-12.00  Vasilis Vlassis - Trajectories of databases: Intricacies in the use of biometric databases in the EU’s migration regime - Discussant: Silvan Pollozek

12.00-12.30  Silvan Pollozek - Drawing things together at Moria Registration and Identification Center. On organizing and modes of infrastructures of European Migration and Border Management - Discussant: Bruno Magalhães

12.30-13.00  Bruno Magalhães - A body of evidence: dataveillance and the internationalisation of biometric bordering in Brazil - Discussant: Vasilis Vlassis

**13.00-14.30  Lunch**

14.30-15.45  **Keynote 1: Martina Tazzioli - Can data speak? Financial-humanitarianism and the antinomies between autonomy and freedom**
Chair: Gaia Giuliani

15.45-16.30  **Break**

**Session 2: Managing Migration as International Migration Techno-politics and Techno-bureaucracies**
Chair: Nina Amelung

16.30-17.00  Martin Lemberg-Pedersen and Eman Haioty - Re-assembling the surveillable refugee body in the era of data-craving - Discussant: Timm Sureau

17.00-17.30  Timm Sureau - Technological and bureaucratic responses managing South Sudanese Discussant: Martin Lemberg-Pedersen and Eman Haioty

17.30-18.00  Francesca Esposito - Immigration detention in Portugal: Data from the field - Discussant: Gaia Giuliani

**20.00  Social dinner**
Thursday 27th September

Session 3: Technologies of solidarity and resistance - alternative infrastructures to complement and counter migration and border regimes  
Chair: Silvia Leiria Viegas

10.00-10.30  Luciana Sotero, Maria Dias and Joana Sousa Ribeiro - The role of ICTs and social networks in the “migrants’ integration”: A study proposal in the Portuguese context  
- Discussant: Fredy Mora-Gámez

10.30-11.00  Fredy Mora-Gámez - Gatecrashing the borders: on alternative infrastructures of solidarity - Discussants: Luciana Sotero, Maria Dias and Joana Sousa Ribeiro

11.00-11.30  Break

Session 4: Technologies of solidarity and resistance - alternative infrastructures to complement and counter migration and border regimes II  
Chair: Cristiano Gianolla

11.30-12.00  Vasilis Galis & Vasiliki Makrygianni - Undoing the borders of fortress Europe through ICTs: moving populations and digital resistance in the Greek territory - Discussant: Tim Schütz

12.00-12.30  Tim Schütz - Hacking the shelter? Alternative mesh networks and STS research in times of forced migration - Discussant: Silvia Leiria Viegas

12.30-13.00  Silvia Leiria Viegas - Housing for refugees in today’s Lisbon? An analysis through the radical lens of the Right to the City. - Discussants: Vasilis Galis and Vasiliki Makrygianni

13.00-14.30  Lunch

14.30-16.00  Keynote 2: Christina Boswell: The Invention of Illegal Immigration: Constructing Immigration Control as a Social Problem in France and the UK  
Chair: Joana Sousa Ribeiro

17.00-19.00  Science Café: “Science and Technology: empowering migrants and refugees in Portugal” at TAGV

20.00  Social dinner
Friday 28th September


Chair: Nina Amelung

11.15-11.30  **Break**

**Session 5: Technologies of migration governance and politics of constructing classifications**

Chair: Joana Sousa Ribeiro

11.30-12.00  Margarita Lipatova - On crisis terms. Representational practices in the 'hotspots' of the European border - Discussant: Laura Lambert

12.00-12.30  Gaia Giuliani - Mobility, Monstrosity, Postcoloniality: Containment and Resistance. - Discussant: Francesca Esposito

12.30-13.00  Laura Lambert - Channeling Migrants away from Europe, or, the Multiplication of Migration (Control) Infrastructures in Niger - Discussant: Margarita Lipatova

13.00-14.30  **Lunch**

**Session 6: Epistemic orders in asylum politics**

Chair: Cristiano Gianolla

14.30-15.00  Odessa Gonzalez Benson - Experts according to whom? Legitimate for whom?: (Non)expert knowledge and (il)legitimacy of refugee-run organizations upon resettlement - Discussant: Nina Amelung

15.00-15.30  Nina Amelung - De-politicization and re-politicization of policy instruments in asylum policies of the EU: EURODAC and the epistemic construction of political order - Discussant: Odessa Gonzalez Benson

15.30-16.00  **Taking stock and ways forward: Scientific and political stand points, publications, projects, networking**

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1 For the *roundtable* we apply the *fishbowl method* which invites all participants who are interested to contribute more actively. Please see here more about the method: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fishbowl_(conversation)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fishbowl_(conversation))

Besides the two invited speakers we offer a 3rd and 4th chair for persons to join the panel, everyone who wants to engage in the discussion. What is different from a usual panel discussion is that there is no or less frontal and partially hierarchized communication. People who join the discussion do not need to leave the panel after just raising one question or comment, instead they can stay for a bit longer to intensify the discussion. Questions for the discussion are: 1. How STS can help to reflect on the current political crisis related to refugees? What topics, what conceptual/methodological approaches help to explore and create relevant new insights? 2. Considering the multi/interdisciplinary research on the topic already out there, what would be possibly interesting partnerships of STS with other research traditions to explore the topic further? 3. How political or apolitical is or should be STS in that regards?