Border deaths and migration policies: state and non-state approaches

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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(convenors: Thomas Spijkerboer and Paolo Cuttitta)

in collaboration with

International Organization for Migration – Médecins Sans Frontières
United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions

Venue: Faculty of Law, Initium Building, de Boelelaan 1077 – 1081 HV Amsterdam
(see map and floorplan)

Thursday 14 June: Welcome
10.00-11.00 Registration & Coffee

Thursday 14 June (Morning): Opening Plenary - Chair: Maarten den Heijer (UvA)
Room: IN-0B60

11.00-11.25 Opening: - Abdullah
11.25-11.40 Opening: - Agnes Callamard (UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions)
11.40-12.40 - Thomas Spijkerboer (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- Leanne Weber (Monash University Melbourne)
12.40-13.00 Responses:
- Mussie Zerai (Agenzia Habeshia)
- Frank Laczko (IOM-GMDAC)
13.00-14.00 Lunch break
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14.00-15.00
- Keane Shum (UNHCR Regional Office for South-East Asia)
- Liza Medrano (Director General for the Protection of the Honduran Migrant – Government of the Republic of Honduras)

15.00-15.20 Responses:
- Vicki Squire (University of Warwick)
- Hassiba Hadj-Sahraoui (MSF Operational Centre Amsterdam)

15.20-15.40 Coffee break

15.40-16.40
- Edda Pando (Milano Senza Frontiere)
- Kouceila Zerguine (Collectif des familles des harragas)
- Kate Morgan-Olsen (No More Deaths)
- Luis Osuna (Armadillos Búsqueda y Rescate)

16.40-17.00 Responses:
- Simon Robins (University of York)
- Matteo Tondini (Defence General Staff - Office of Legal Affairs - Italy)

17.00-18.00 Discussion

18.00-19.30 Drinks

Friday 15 June (Morning): Parallel Workshops
Room numbers will be announced on site

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