

September 2021

Welcome to Global Refugee Studies' newsletter.

It is pleasing to be able to be present on campus again, and GRS celebrates the start of this post-pandemic semester by relaunching its newsletter. This issue is dedicated to the news and events that have been relevant within GRS since the beginning of 2021, providing an overview of the year and opening the way for the oncoming newsletters that will keep you updated on GRS developments.

We hope you enjoy the reading!

Sincerely,
The staff at GRS

NEWS



01.31.20

NEW PHD FELLOW: AHLAM CHEMLALI

From December 1st 2020, Global Refugees Studies (GRS) has a new PhD Fellow. [Ahlam Chemlali](#)'s research examines the politics and practices of border violence as a key phenomenon in need of scrutiny in contemporary European migration politics. Chemlali explores how the militarisation and externalisation of European border control to North Africa produces the everyday violence of the border and how this shapes gendered experiences. Some of her latest publications include an [article about 'the Tunisian exodus'](#), an [article about the impact of EU's migration control in Tunisia](#), a [report on how migrants bound for Europe use and select information for their journeys](#), and an [article about the Danish government's plans on asylum camps in North Africa](#).



01.01.21

NEW ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR: TAMIRACE FAKHOURY

From January 1st 2021 [Tamirace Fakhoury](#) has been employed as an associate professor at the Department of Politics and Society. Tamirace is affiliated with the research group Global Refugee Studies (GRS). Her core research and publication areas are: migration and refugee governance in conflict areas; international responses to forced migration; norm contestation in the international system; the European Union's external migration policy; and power-sharing and ethno-sectarian conflicts. During the year, she has participated in several events such as the conference on the [70th anniversary of the founding of the UNHCR Office](#), the [ASILE Annual Conference](#), a [webinar at King's College London](#) about Lebanon's protest movement, a roundtable discussion about the [book *Resisting Europe: Practices of Contestation in the Mediterranean Middle East*](#), a [talk with journalist Christoph Reuter](#) about media coverage on the Beirut blasts, a [seminar on refugee externalisation policies](#) and the [launch of *The Oxford Handbook of International Refugee Law: The Middle East*](#).



08.01.21

DER SKER EN SYSTEMATISK UDNYTTELSE AF ARBEJDSMIGRANTER PÅ ET ELLERS GENNEMREGULERET DANSK ARBEJDSMARKED

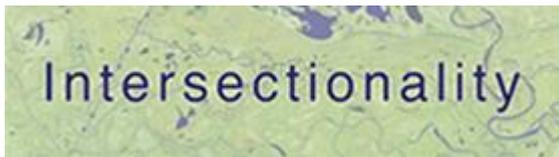
[Marlene Spanger](#) (associate professor at GRS) and Sophia Dörffer Hvalkof published a book titled [Migranternes mobilitet mellem kriminalisering, menneskehandel og udnyttelse på det danske arbejdsmarked](#) (2020) after a [three-year investigation](#) on the conditions of migrant workers in the Danish labor market.



04.05.21

STEFFEN JENSEN HIGHLIGHTS EVERYDAY RESISTANCE STRATEGIES

Together with colleagues from Mathare Social Justice Center in Nairobi, University of Edinburgh and DIGNITY, [Steffen Jensen](#) has engaged in [research on how people in poor and violent neighbourhoods in Nairobi protect themselves against pervasive state violence](#). The project is part of a wider project on protection from below, funded by the British Academy. The project also explores protection in Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Philippines, Brazil and Belarus as well as engages in advocacy at UN bodies.



28.06.21

NEW VOLUME OF STUDENT-DRIVEN JOURNAL PUBLISHED, WITH FOCUS ON "INTERSECTIONALITY"

In June 2021, a new issue of the "Interdisciplinary Journal of International Studies" (IJIS) was published, featuring thought-provoking contributions with an intersectional approach in contexts of conflict, displacement, and migration. Read more [here](#). In addition to that, there is a [new call for abstracts](#) for the next issue, which focuses on Crisis. The abstracts have to be submitted until 10th of October 2021, and the full articles or essays are to be submitted until the 15th of November 2021.



29.06.21

AAU HOSTING AFRICAN VISITING PHD FELLOWS

During the summer of 2021, AAU has hosted five PhD students as part of the [AfricaLics Visiting Fellowship Programme](#). Developed in collaboration with the AfricaLics secretariat in Nairobi, the programme aims at supporting young African researchers to produce high quality research that can help solve developmental challenges in their home countries. It is part of a much larger effort by the AfricaLics network (www.africalics.org) to foster the production and increased up-take of high quality research in Innovation and Development in Africa. In August 2021, the 2020-21 cohort of AfricaLics PhD Visiting fellows also [visited the AAU campus in Aalborg](#). For now, the 2020-21 cohort is the last group to be studying at Aalborg University as the 2022 Visiting Fellows cohort will be hosted by Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST) in Kenya. Feel free to help distribute the Call, which is available [here](#).



09.09.21

CONNECTING STUDENTS TO THE GLOBAL REFUGEE STUDIES RESEARCH GROUP: TWO NEW INTERNS IN 2021

From September 2021, [two new interns have joined the Global Refugee Studies Research Group](#): Maria Sierra Fernandez and Magnus Christensen. Magnus and Maria are currently in the 9th Semester of the MSc in Development and International Relations / Specialization Global Refugee Studies at Aalborg University Copenhagen. During their internship, they will assist in different research projects as well as activities related to the MSc program in GRS.

