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Welcome to Global Refugee Studies' newsletter.

In this newsletter, we share new publications from the GRS staff. We have also started this newsletter to keep in touch and share events held at GRS, staff-related news and other relevant developments within Global Refugee Studies.

We hope you enjoy the reading!

Sincerely,
The staff at GRS

NEWS



18.10.21

STEFFEN JENSEN EXPLORES THE INTIMACIES OF DRUG DEALING IN NICARAGUA AND SOUTH AFRICA

[Steffen Jensen](#) has co-written an [article](#) with Dennis Rodgers comparing drug dealing in South Africa and Nicaragua. It explores drug dealing through the concept of intimacy.

“We often think of drug dealing as part of a rational economic enterprise involving institutional forms of gangs, drug dealing organizations and cartels. However, when we look closer we see that drug dealing is often premised on very intimate connections that drawn in families, neighbours and kinship networks. Gender also emerges as important in new ways when we focus on intimacy rather than rational-institutional forms of organization. This is important knowledge if we are to combat drug dealing and mitigate its consequences”.

The article is part of a larger research project comparing gangs in South Africa, Nicaragua and France.



05.11.21

MIGRATION POLICY LAB CO-HOSTED BY GRS AND LGBT ASYLUM

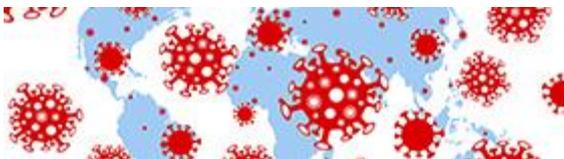
The Migration Policy Lab was held at Aalborg University (Copenhagen) on 18 October 2021. It was co-hosted by GRS and the organization [LGBT Asylum](#), and it was funded by CISU (Civil Society in Development). The aim of the workshop was to invite students from different disciplines and universities to develop innovative strategies that would help to enhance the protection of LGBTQ+ people on the run outside of Europe and present them to a panel of experts.



09.11.21

REPORT PUBLISHED BY DELMI UNDER THE SWEDISH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND HYBRID SEMINAR

On 9 November 2021 (from 9 am to 11 am), Sandra Lavenex and Tamirace Fakhoury presented their [report titled "Trade Agreements as a Venue for Migration Governance? Potential and challenges for the European Union"](#) during an [online hybrid seminar](#). The report addresses a literature gap on the nexus between migration and trade policies in EU's external relations. The report analyses the multilateral and bilateral EU preferential trade agreements and explores the so-called 'compacts' concluded with Jordan and Lebanon that aim at granting trade concessions and deploying "positive incentives" in exchange for cooperation on the challenge of forced migration. The results of the report show that even if recent trade policy instruments address aspects related to migrants' rights, economic mobility, the fight against irregular migration (including readmission), as well as the hosting and protection of refugee populations, the agreements can only achieve its full potential if they are used as a complement - not a substitute - to a dedicated migration policy.



16.11.21

TAMIRACE FAKHOURY PRESENTS HER RESEARCH ON BORDER GOVERNANCE IN PANDEMIC TIMES

The research network "[Rights for Time](#)" hosted a webinar on Monday, 22 November 2021, from 1 pm to 2 pm (CET), in which Tamirace Fakhoury presented her new research. In her research, she examines the interconnection of "pandemic borderscapes" and governance. The focus is placed on the interaction between governance in pandemic times, mobility and people's rights. In addition to that, the research explores the intersection of politics of governing the pandemic and the emergence of blurry borders and boundaries that make new forms of stuckness and precarity visible.



14.12.21

NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOK BY TAMIRACE FAKHOURY EXPLORING LEBANON'S QUEER MOVEMENTS

[Associate Professor Tamirace Fakhoury](#) (Aalborg University) and Professor John Nagle (Queen's University, Belfast) have written a book providing an insight into the politics of feminist and LGBTQ activism in the context of Lebanon's postwar sectarian system. The authors argue that LGBTQ and feminist social movements are powerful agents of political and social transformation in Lebanon. There will be a book launch event in Belfast in spring 2022. Here, at Aalborg University, Tamirace Fakhoury has answered some questions about her [newly published book](#).



14.12.21

STUDENTS FROM AARHUS UNIVERSITY VISIT AALBORG UNIVERSITY IN COPENHAGEN

Accompanied by [Associate Professor Morten Valbjørn](#), 22 students from Aarhus University visited Aalborg University on 7 December 2021, in order to attend a lecture on Lebanese politics by [Associate Professor Tamirace Fakhoury](#). The students were part of the Department of Politics at Aarhus University and were visiting various places in Copenhagen such as Aalborg University and the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) in the framework of a course on the Middle East from the MA program in International Studies. In the framework of this visit, Associate Professor Morten Valbjørn offered the possibility for students from Aalborg University to visit Aarhus University in the near future.

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