



1st international workshop from the  
**COMPARATIVE NETWORK ON**

# **REFUGEE EXTERNALISATION POLICIES**

Responsibility, Legitimacy and  
Accountability

**14 JUNE 2019**  
**PRATO, ITALY**

Register online:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/StSnCrkWjBXP1fO12>



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## PROGRAM

- 8:30 am Registration
- 9:00 am Welcome to the Workshop  
Azadeh Dastyari and Asher Hirsch
- 9:05 am Introduction to Grant and Opening Address  
Philomena Murray
- 9:15 am Session 1: Externalisation Overview  
Chair: Margherita Matera  
Jeff Crisp – Global Overview  
David Fitzgerald – Refuge Beyond Reach  
Amir Taghinia – The lived experience of externalisation
- 10:15 am Session 2: Forms of Externalisation  
Chair: Marco Borracheti  
Sandra Lavenex – Instruments, methods, mechanisms of externalisation  
Pierluigi Musarò – Communication Campaigns to Deter Irregular Migration  
Nikolas Tan – Danish Institute of Human Rights
- 11:15 am Morning Tea
- 11:30 am Session 3: Interdiction at Sea  
Chair: Maria O’Sullivan  
Savitri Taylor – Australia’s boat turn back policy and ‘enhanced screening  
Efthymios Papastavridis – EU and border control at sea  
Reem Mussa – Médecins Sans Frontières



12:30 pm

Session 4: Extraterritorial Processing

Chair: Amy Nethery

Claire Loughnan – Australia’s Offshore Processing Regime

Singh Bhui – Immigration Detention in Europe

Michael Flynn – Global Detention Project

1:30 pm

Lunch

2:30 pm

Session 5: Containment and Third Country Interception

Chair: Dallal Stevens

Tamirace Fakhoury – Arab States and the EU’s externalisation project

Antje Missbach – Policing and Detention in Indonesia

Mozhgan Moaref – Refugees and Asylum Seekers Information Centre, Indonesia

3:30 pm

Session 6: Fighting Back: Legal and Political Responses to Externalisation

Chair: Antonio Marchesi

Violeta Moreno-Lax – Litigating for Change?

Carmel Lee – Taking the Australian Government to Court

Nikki Sullings – Combating the Rhetoric: Effective Responses to Externalisation

4:30 pm

Closing Comments

4:40 pm

Post Conference Reception

- 6:00 pm





# ABOUT THE CONREP WORKSHOP

**14 June 2018 Prato, Italy**

The Jean Monnet Erasmus+ Network grant The Comparative Network on Refugee Externalisation Policies (CONREP) is an international, interdisciplinary network of experts from six universities in Australia and Europe.

The world is currently experiencing refugee movement on an unprecedented scale. In an attempt to prevent refugees from reaching their territory, many wealthy Western states adopt externalisation policies. These policies exploit power asymmetries to transfer state and regional obligations and responsibility for asylum seekers and refugees to neighbouring states. At their most destructive, externalisation policies can prevent refugees from reaching safety, and breach their human rights.

This international workshop will bring together academics, NGOs and former refugees to investigate the impact and effects of externalisation of asylum policies in two regions: Australia's activities in Southeast Asia and the Pacific; and the European Union and its member states' activities in North Africa.

This workshop will examine the various forms of externalisation, including interception at sea, detention, third country interceptions and border policing and discuss the impact these policies have on refugees' access to safety. The sessions will further explore the effect that externalisation has on notions of responsibility, legitimacy and accountability. As border controls are shifted beyond the frontiers of the state, these issues are more important than ever.

Attendance at the CONREP workshop is free but space is limited. To register visit <https://goo.gl/forms/StSnCrkWjBXP1fO12>

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## SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Mr Amir Taghinia, former refugee detained on Manus Island

Dr Jeff Crisp, University of Oxford

Prof Philomena Murray, University of Melbourne

Prof David FitzGerald, University of California, San Diego

Ms Nikki Sullings, European United Left / Nordic Green Left

Mr Nikolas Feith Tan, The Danish Institute for Human Rights

Ms Reem Mussa, Médecins Sans Frontières

Prof Sandra Lavenex, University of Geneva

Prof Pierluigi Musarò, University of Bologna

Ms Judith Sunderland, Human Rights Watch

Prof Savitri Taylor, La Trobe University

Dr Efthymios Papastavridis, University of Oxford

Dr Claire Loughnan, University of Melbourne

Dr Hindpal Singh Bhui, University of Oxford

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Dr Violeta Moreno-Lax, Queen Mary University of London

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