

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

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Organizers

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Program

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-Gómez
- 10.30-11.00 Fredy Mora-Gómez - 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 Sílvia 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

09.30-11.15 **Roundtable: How can Science and Technology Studies help to reflect on the political crisis associated with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers? Speakers: Vasilis Galis, Francesco Vacchiano & participants (fishbowl discussion)**¹

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 - Monstrosity and the colonial archive: intersectional perspectives on the construction of Otherness. - 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**

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?