

# Global Politics of Non-Knowledge: **Borders, power, technology**

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022

**Location:** King's College London; online

## *About the workshop:*

Critical scholarship on borders, migration, and (in)security has explored the productivity of ignorance, nonknowledge, uncertainty, ambiguity, or unpredictability for practices of governing. In particular, border and migration researchers have started vibrant interdisciplinary conversations with literatures in ignorance studies and epistemologies of ignorance, shedding light on the entanglements of ambiguity, uncertainty, opacity, and ignorance in the management, confinement, and containment of people on the move. This workshop aims to advance these conversations by engaging with several key questions related to 'the other side of knowledge' in border, migration, and (in)security studies: how can we conceptualise the relation between knowledge, ignorance and non-knowledge in practices of border control and migration management? How is 'situated nonknowledge' produced, through which practices, processes and power relations? Finally (and crucially), to what extent can ignorance and non-knowledge be mobilised in struggles against oppression and for justice?

**The workshop will bring together contributions from different countries and disciplines. It will take place over two days (20-21 June) in a hybrid online/in-person format.**

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12:30 – 17:30

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12:30 – 13:00

Welcome & Teas/Coffee

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13:00 – 13:30

**INTRODUCTION**

Claudia Aradau and Lucrezia Canzutti

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13:30 – 14:20

**STEPHAN SCHEEL:** *Lost in translation? Non-knowledge in the (Un)Making of the Deportation Gap*

Discussant: **Lucrezia Canzutti**

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14:20 – 15:10

**MARGIE CHEESMAN:** *How not knowing how blockchain works works in humanitarian aid*

Discussant: **Ana Valdivia**

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15:10 – 15:30

**BREAK**

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15:30 – 16:20

**SARAH PERRET:** *The (in)formal governance of EU borders: The role of R&D fundings*

Discussant: **Emma Mc Cluskey**

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16:20 – 17:10

**KEINA ESPÍÑEIRA GONZÁLEZ:** *Non-asylum at the EU-African land borders? Understanding how border ambiguities affect international protection in the enclave of Ceuta*

Discussant: **Nora Stel**

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17:10 – 17:30

**WRAP UP/END OF DAY 1**

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09:30 – 09:50                      **Welcome Back & Teas/Coffee**

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09:50 – 10:40                      **NORA STEL: *The Convenience of Contingency and the Intractability of Intent – Reflections on Lebanese Refugee Governance and the Agency of Non-Knowledge***

Discussant: **Martina Tazzioli**

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10:40 – 11:00                      **BREAK**

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11:00 – 11:50                      **SIBEL KARADAG: *Powered by secrecy: Governing migration and borders in Turkey***

Discussant: **Margie Cheesman**

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11:50 – 12:40                      **SHAJ MOHAN: *Knowledge and the Obscure***

Discussant: **Claudia Aradau**

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12:40 – 13:40                      **LUNCH**

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13:40 – 14:30                      **PUBLICATION DISCUSSION**

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