

The policies of immigration detention

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The session will focus on the analysis of the practices of detention of irregular migrants in sites of confinement (especially, in detention facilities) that have proliferated in the last two decades or so all throughout the European Union, as well as in other countries of the Global North. The session aims thereby to elaborate a socio-legal analysis of these sites of confinement for migrants. More precisely, the debate will delve into the political and sovereign goals of these facilities, the violation of human rights that their operation entails, their governance and the involvement of NGOs and structures of the civil society in their management and their conflictual relation with the deportation regime, amongst other critical points of analysis.

Therefore, the session will consider contributions reflecting on the policies and practices of immigration detention.