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ADVOCACY ROUNDTABLE

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9.30 AM - 1.00 PM

"The Externalisation of Borders"

As a global trend, borders are no longer at the edge of a state, but externalised to other countries as well as embedded inside society among ordinary citizens and through greater digitisation of border controls. Borders are now fluid, they are around and among us.

In the UK, immigration controls have been increasingly outsourced to ordinary citizens - turning them into unwilling border agents. Landlords, doctors, teachers, employers and others are required to perform checks on their patients, students, service users, and report their status to the Home Office.

At the same time, the UK's new Rwanda plan signals a shift further from externalisation of border controls to outsourcing responsibilities altogether.

Meanwhile across Europe, the externalisation of borders and the increasing criminalisation of migration and those rescuing or showing solidarity to migrants demean the notion of European values and institutions we claim to uphold.

This round table will focus on issues around borders and engage UK and international perspectives in learning and discussion.



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"THE EXTERNALISATION OF BORDERS"

09:30- 11:30 | Externalisation of Borders: How did we get here?

This panel will look at the development of borders over the last decade in Europe, how the externalisation of borders has evolved and what has been the impact on migrants.

Speakers: **Steve Valdez-Symonds**, Refugee and Migrant Rights Programme Director Amnesty International UK, **Eiri Ohtani**, Director Right to Remain, **Lul Seyoum**, Co-Chair, United Against Inhumanity (UAI) & Director, International Centre for Eritrean Refugees and Asylum Seekers (ICERAS), **Alice Argento**, CLEDU, **Rim Triki**, University of Tunis El Manar

11:30 - 11:45 | Break

11:45- 13:00 | Externalisation of Borders: How do we change this?

What are some of the solutions and tactics employed in different countries to uphold human rights and what does resistance look like? What role can migrants, NGOs, academics, and other ordinary citizens play in this?

Speakers: **Donia Smaali Bouhlila**, University of Tunis El Manar, **Nieves Ortega Perez**, University of Granada, **Nathan Akehurst**, Global Strategic Communications Network, Speakers from Regularise, the Migration Observatory, Migrants Organise, Praxis