

Special Issue

Repelling Asylum-Seekers in Europe? Asylum-Seekers as an “Anomaly” in EU and UK Migration Laws and Policies

Message from the Guest Editor

The aims of this Special Issue are twofold:

- Explore the reconstruction of asylum seekers as an ‘anomaly’ in EU and UK migration laws and policies;
- Ask whether we are witnessing the end of asylum-seeking in Europe.

This Special Issue falls within the scope of *Laws*. It also responds to the journal’s statement that ‘contributions that bridge traditional boundaries and challenge injustices are particularly welcome’. Topics of interest include the following:

- Refugee externalisation laws and policies in Europe;
- Containment laws and policies;
- Push-backs;
- Border violence;
- The illegalisation of asylum seekers;
- Non-entry regimes;
- Off-shoring of asylum procedures;
- Responsibility sharing;
- Safe and legal paths for asylum seekers and refugees;
- Aspects of asylum procedures.

Contributions may focus on the EU, individual EU Member States and/or the UK and use a range of methodological approaches.

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