

RESEARCH CLINIC

General information

Supervisor:	Dr Maria Pichou
Title of clinic:	Immigration Detention and Human Rights
Number of students:	2-4
Major (<i>if applicable and approved by the Major Convener</i>):	Elective Space or International Justice
(Pre)requisites (<i>if applicable</i>):	2nd year or higher; Strongly Recommended: International Migration and Refugee Law & Security and Rights; Recommended: Legal Methods or Research Design (IJ)

Research context

The detention of migrants and refugees is a growing and disconcerting practice of many national migration policies across the world. In Europe, the way states have handled emergency situations at their borders has had a considerable toll on the respect of human rights. The migrant and refugee crisis obliged states to establish extemporaneous facilities, reception centres and other installations to detain people arriving in their territory irregularly and to use detention as a border control policy and deterrent. Aside from the crisis, however, worldwide the power of states to control their borders constitutes one of the most prominent manifestation of their sovereignty, which is reflected in their power to detain non-nationals, whose entry and presence in their territory is 'criminalised'.

This research clinic will assist Dr Pichou with her research project on Immigration Detention under International law, in particular with conducting research on the right to liberty of non-nationals - migrants and refugees - under International Human Rights Law.

Students' tasks and activities

Please specify the tasks and activities, timeline, the learning aims and how they are assessed, i.e. what the deliverables will be.

The research clinic will run during Blocks 1 and 2 of academic year 2019/20, with Block 1 mostly focusing on instructing students how to conduct academic legal (doctrinal) research and most of the meetings held during Block 2. Students will gain a more advanced knowledge in Human Rights Law and the specific topic of immigration detention, in a comparative perspective, and will develop further research skills.

The main activities for students will consist of research and editing tasks, and students may assist with the drafting of Dr Pichou's contribution/book chapter ("Crimmigration" and human rights: Immigration Detention at the European Court of Human Rights', for the edited volume: 'Criminal and Quasi-criminal Enforcement Mechanisms in Europe: Origins, Concepts, Future', Hart Publishing, 2019).

Students are expected to:

- Identify case-law on the substantive content of the right to personal liberty of non-nationals
- Review and provide summaries of relevant cases from international and regional human rights courts and commissions;
- Identify new literature on the topic;
- provide and present summaries of these works;
- copy/edit draft chapter
- discuss legal issues

As per all research clinics, students are expected to keep a log of their activities, detailing hours spent on the project and what they have accomplished.

Assessment

Participation during research clinic meetings

Weekly assignments

Keeping a research log

Students who wish to be considered for this Research Clinic should submit a letter of interest to: course.administration@luc.leidenuniv.nl.