

Research on the Criminalisation of Migrant Women

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To be followed by informal drinks for all attendees

Following the implementation of the European Convention on Action against Trafficking by the UK Government in 2009, concerns have been expressed that failures in victim analysis are still resulting in women, who have been moved, held or worked under duress, being criminalised for their resultant actions. This prison based research, by Dr Hales and Professor Gelsthorpe, aims to fill this knowledge gap by gaining a greater understanding of the migrant population in custody, identifying potential victims, and gathering data on the management of their cases by those in the Criminal Justice and Immigration systems, through one to one interviews, court observations and discussions with representatives in the legal and voluntary sectors.

Dr Liz Hales has worked for 23 years in Probation and Prison work. She holds a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology for research with women in Darfur, Sudan and her interests have remained focused on issues of diversity, migration and human rights for those in the criminal justice system in the U.K. She currently holds an 18 month Senior Research Associate post at the Institute of Criminology.

Loraine Gelsthorpe, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the Institute of Criminology, has conducted a number of studies relating to decision-making and discrimination in criminal justice. She is also interested in the links between criminal justice and social justice. She is Editor of *Exercising Discretion: Decision-making in the Criminal Justice System and Beyond* (with Nicky Padfield) and author of *The Detention of Asylum-seekers* (with Leanne Weber). Much of her research revolves around women and criminal justice <http://www.crim.cam.ac.uk/people/acadbioq.html?recordID=27>

All welcome