

Special Issue of *Population, Space and Place*

**“Researching illegality in labour immigration:
theories, methods, and policy nexus”**

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The purpose of this special issue of PSP is to explore the key issues in the academic analysis of illegality in the immigration and employment of migrant workers in high-income countries. The special issue will include 6 invited papers from authors based in various countries in the EU and North America. Rather than providing country studies, the papers will each cover different analytical themes that are grouped under the three broad headings shown below. The special issue will be multi-disciplinary, with contributions from economics, geography, law and sociology.

Papers and contributors:

Bridget Anderson and Martin Ruhs, University of Oxford (UK)
“Introduction”

A Conceptions, perceptions and dimensions of illegality

1. Giuseppe Sciortino, University of Trento (Italy)
“The evolution of irregular migratory systems”
2. Khalid Koser, Brookings Institution (US, geography)
“Dimensions and dynamics of irregular migration and employment”

B Ethics and methods for researching illegality

3. Franck Düvell, Anna Triandafyllidou and Bastian Vollmer (COMPAS et al)
“Ethics in irregular migration research”
4. Martin Ruhs and Bridget Anderson, COMPAS
“Semi-compliance in the migrant labour market”

C The relationship between research on illegality and government policy

5. Phil Martin, University of California at Davis (US; economics)
“Research on unauthorized migration and US labour migration policy”

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1 st February 2009	Final papers due
1 st March 2009	Introduction and final papers to overall external reader and Alan Findlay
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