

GUIDE TO THE CONFERENCE

***FOR A WORLD
THAT WILL HOLD
MANY WORLDS.***

***AUGUSTI 30
TO SEPTEMBER 1
MALMÖ,
SWEDEN***

MAPS OF SOLIDARITY

***INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON BORDERS AND JUSTICE***

CONSTRUCTING NEW ROADS FORWARD.



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MAPPING OUT THE FUTURE.

WELCOME!

As states and other political actors are organizing themselves across nation borders to build higher fences, the progressive movements are in need of spaces and ways to organize against repressive and violent politics. Together we are going to try to answer the many questions regarding these issues, and we invite you to join us! Together we will construct new roads into the future and draw maps for uncharted territories.

This is a weekend filled with lectures, workshops and social activities. Maps of Solidarity is a network of activists and the conference is made possible by donations and a collaboration with ABF in Malmö.

INFOPOINT:

If you have any questions or need more information about something visit the infopoint in the café.

VENUE:

The venue, at ABF Mosaiken at Porslingsgatan 3, consists of three floors. Night time social activities will be held at different venues described in the programme. The rooms “Stora salen” and “RåFilm’s room” are located on 3rd floor. The room “Syslöjden” is located on the 2nd floor. The room “Målarsalen”, the café and the open room for meetings are located on 1st floor. There is an elevator that reaches all floors.

FOOD:

Food will be served by Kontra-punkt. Donations after capacity.

LANGUAGES:

Most of the conference will be held in English. Some activities will be translated. More information about languages will be found in the programme!

SATURDAY AUGUST 31

ALL DAY RÅFILM'S ROOM 3RD FLOOR

**Workshop: Asyluminfo.se
with RåFilm**
(in English)

Asyluminfo.se is a platform with information as videotalks. Our plan is to hold a workshop during the whole of the Saturday, where people can drop in and out. Would you be interested to read a text in front of the camera (the text is done)? Have you or your group already done films with information about the asylum process that we can support in distributing? Are you or your group planning to do films that we can collaborate with? Do you have knowledge about some part in the process and would like to do a text about it? Or would you like to join our group? Then we hope to see you!

10:00 - 10:30
Syslöjden
2nd floor

**Information about Asyluminfo.se
by RåFilm** (in English)

Asyluminfo.se has been put together by no border activists and other people who believe in a more open world. We are creating a platform with information and critique of the Swedish asylum and migration procedure in order to make this information more accessible. Our focus is on how different forms of media, primarily videotalks, can be used as a tool to spread and preserve practical and legal knowledge gained from the asylum activism community.

10:00 - 11:30
Stora salen
3rd floor

**The Common European Asylum System
with Nazanin Sepehri** (in English)

This lecture will give an overview of the overall changes in the EU's migration policy over the last five years. Both legislation and externalisation of borders will be touched upon, but also about how the political space is being affected by fascism being on the rise. The lecture seeks to provide a general overview of a large and complex area. Possibility to ask questions.

FRIDAY AUGUST 30

Start off the weekend of conference and meetings during Maps of Solidarity - Conference on Borders and Justice with some music and a chance to socialize with fellow comrades from Malmö and those who traveled far to get here. Performance, poetry, live music and more. Drinks and cheap vegan food will be available. All profits will go to the network Coalition Against Detention Centres.

More information about the event, the artists, performances and everything else can be found on our Facebook page!



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**KARAVAN
BJÖRKGATAN 18
18:00 - 01:00**

10:00 - 11:00 **Watch the Med by Alarmphone** (in English)
Målarsalen
1st floor
Since 2014 Watch the med – Alarmphone are running a 24/7 hotline for people in distress at sea. Until the end of 2018 they have worked on more than 2500 emergency cases in the whole Mediterranean. It is a network with about 200 activists. Now they will come and present the network and how the hotline works.

10:30 - 11:30 **The Asylum Commission with Anna Lundberg** (in English)
Syslöjden
2nd floor
The Asylum Commission is an initiative taken by researchers and other people with extensive knowledge about migration and living conditions of asylum seekers in Sweden. The aim is to review the rule of law for people fleeing, offsets in basic legal principles for refugees and consequences for individuals and institutions. Representatives from the Asylum Commission will participate in the conference and talk about the initiative, connections between academy and activism and how we as a solidarity movement can make use of the project and its results.

12:00 - 13:30 **The criminalization of solidarity with Shahram Khosravi** (in English)
Stora salen
3rd floor
Shahram Khosravi, professor in social anthropology at Stockholm University, is a researcher in the field of critical border studies. He will talk about his autoethnographic work on border crossing, flight and how to think about the role of the smuggler in a context of racist and violent border controls. Khosravi will also discuss the expanding criminalisation of solidarity in the European border regime.

12:00 - 13:00 **Trade Union Center for Undocumented Persons with Fackligt center för papperslösa** (in English)
Målarsalen
1st floor
Fackligt center för papperslösa will present their work. Today, we estimate the number of undocumented between 30.000 and 50.000 in Sweden. They are in a very vulnerable position and it is not uncommon for those who are undocumented, even though the salary is far below the collectively agreed, not to get paid at all. Fackligt center för papperslösa is a nonprofit organization formed by LO and TCO with unions in LO, TCO and Saco to assist and support workers without papers on the Swedish labor market. Interactive parts.

12:00 - 13:00 **LGBTQIA+ and migration with SQI** (in English)
Syslöjden
2nd floor
We are a community who has felt unrepresented, invisible, questioned and tokenized by Swedish institutions, civil society organizations and public space. We face racism, sexism, islamophobia and LGBTQIA+phobia on individual, structural and societal levels. Safe spaces where we are represented and where we are accepted are non-existent and threats of deportations, gentrification, violence and alienation are constantly present. This everyday brutality is exhausting but we are resilient. We own our narratives, our struggle and our fight against oppression. We are a group of queer people of color who wants to speak out, to represent and to be there for each other.

14:30 - 16:00 **Watch the Med by Alarmphone Morocco/Libya** (French with English translation)
Stora salen
3rd floor
Watch the Med – Alarmphone Berlin will talk about the situation that migrants face on their way to Europe in Morocco and Libya. If you want to know more about Alarmphone there will be a separate presentation about the network earlier during the day.

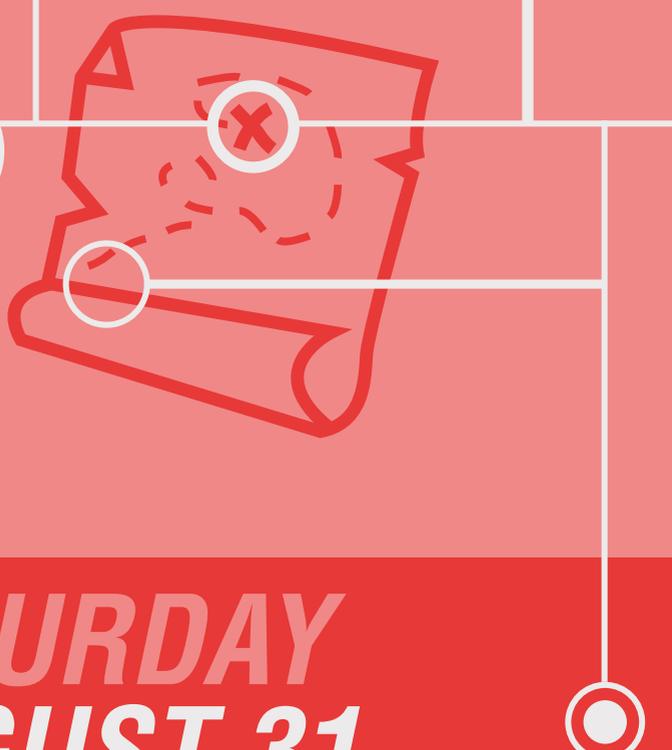
14:30 - 16:00
Målersalen
1st floor
Russian politics and Russians seeking asylum with Valeria Iova & Vitaly Salamantin
(English & Russian with English translation)
Valeria Iova and Vitaly Salamantin are two activists from the Navalny movement in Russia. They will discuss the good and the bad of this movement and the general opposition, and what the Russian oppression looks like today. But mostly they will discuss how it is to be an asylum seeker from Russia in the unfair Swedish system that will not admit the political repression in Russia.

14:30 - 16:00
Syslöjden
2nd floor
Law as a tool and limit with Folkets juristbyrå (English)
Folkets Juristbyrå sees how Swedish regulation of migration is today characterized by homo- and transphobia in the governmental administration. This leads to LGBT persons being made into targets for a state sanctioned gatekeeping that is arbitrary and life threatening towards LGBT persons seeking asylum in Sweden. Silas Aliko and Joakim Lundqvist work, amongst others, with representing LGBT persons in the asylum procedure.

16:30 - 18:00
Stora salen
3rd floor
Seawatch - Solidarity and repression with Seawatch (English)
Since the start in 2015, Sea-Watch's rescue vessels have been involved in rescuing over 35.000 people from drowning in the Mediterranean. Through their rescue mission at sea, they both save lives and shed light upon the humanitarian crisis that hit migrants and refugees at the EU's external borders. They will participate in the conference and talk about their work, how it's being criminalized and about the repression they face.

16:30 - 17:00
Målersalen
1st floor
Presentation of the documentary Bobalegui with Fallou Fall (French with English translation)
Fallou Fall, activist, will present the documentary project "Bobalegui" and show a short clip from the movie. Bobalegui is a documentary that brings us closer to the life of the thousands of sub-Saharan migrants who are struggling every day to survive somewhere between Africa and Europe. The border between these two continents, generate not only a territorial division but a new psychic state: the state of Limbo. We follow Fallou (who will present it), Sidi, Boussa, Amanina and Pi over a period of 4 years. The movie will have Spanish subtitles, and different spoken languages.

16:30 - 18:00
Syslöjden
2nd floor
LGBTIQ migrants in Turkey with Gonca Sahin (English)
This presentation is aimed to discuss how the LGBTIQ refugees temporarily residing in Turkey negotiate the liminal and precarious circumstances by developing certain forms of attachments and engagements. This presentation will draw a sketch of their networks and scrutinize how they use their networks to access to international protection. The main focus will be on how queer attachments are central to their resilience. This presentation will actively seek to initiate an open space for the possibilities of transnational solidarity for and with the LGBTIQ refugees who are "stucked" in the transit countries across the external borders of the European Union. To this purpose, the lecture is intended to initiate an online contact between the participants of the conference and a few of LGBTIQ refugee activists from Turkey and to discuss together about the possibilities of online transnational solidarity and how we could actively use online media tools to negotiate the immobility of the actors in getting connected to transnational solidarity networks.



SATURDAY AUGUST 31

Together with Svenskt Hbtq Initiativ - SQI Syd (Swedish Queer Initiative), we're hosting a night filled with dancing, music and cheap refreshers at Revolt. What a perfect way to end a day of workshops and lectures. Cheap refreshments. Music and hangout. All profits will go to SQI Syd - cash or Swish only!

The address for the venue is Nobelvägen 17 (behind Burek House). It can be a bit tricky to find so write to us on Facebook if you need help to find the place!

REVOLT
NOBELVÄGEN 17
19:30 - 00:00

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1

10:00 - 11:30 **Panel discussion: Detention centers and deportations**
Stora salen – **How do we create resistance?** (Swedish, English, Arabic with interpretation to English, Dari/Persian, Arabic, Somali and Spanish)
3rd floor

The detention centres are being expanded and people who are detained are subject to abuse of power, legal uncertainty and inhumane treatment. They are denied healthcare and face isolation and violence when being deported. The number of deportations with small chartered planes are rising and making it harder to organise resistance. What does our strategies look like? How can we strengthen and organize the connection between the detained and the ones outside? What inspirational examples do we have from other places? What structures can we build that are lasting and not just quick fixes that stop single deportations, but actually something that challenges the repressive politics?

Welcome to a talk between activists from the anti-deportation movement in Malmö and Copenhagen. The talk will take off in stories that will be presented through audio, text or firsthand from people with experience from detention centres and deportations.

10:00 - 11:00 **Workshop: The sexualisation of solidarity**
Målarsalen with **Tegiye Birey** (in English)
1st floor

This hour-long workshop will focus on the gendered participation aspect of migrants' and solidarity networks, and scrutinize related right-wing attempts to delegitimize solidarity efforts as part of the broader trend of criminalization of migration and migration solidarity. The focus will be on Sweden, but convergences and divergences with other European contexts will also be drawn from. The workshop will consist of a short lecture followed by discussion, and be facilitated by Tegiye Birey who conducted fieldwork in Malmö on gendered politics of migrants' and solidarity networks between 2017 and 2018 as part of her PhD research.

10:00 - 11:30

Syslöjden

2nd floor

Self organizing and practical solidarity

with Kontrapunkt (in English)

We will touch on the topics of organizing and building alternatives. Starting from the work with the transit housing in 2015 we share our experiences and from there collectively explore the possibilities of creating alternatives that can both challenge the current system and sustain us when society lets us down. Kontrapunkt is a self organized cultural space and solidarity center in Malmö. For 10 years we have organized everything from cultural arrangements, creative workshop spaces and meeting places for solidarity work in the form of transit housing for refugees, food banks, peoples kitchens and night open shelters for homeless.

12:00 - 13:30

Stora salen

3rd floor

Workshop: Mapping out the future

(in English)

In this workshop we aim to arrange space for discussions about the subjects that has been touched upon during the weekend. It will give an opportunity for discussing practical solutions and to connect with each other.

14:30 - 15:30

Stora salen

3rd floor

Workshop: Mapping out the future (continuation)

(in English)

Continuation of the above presented workshop, where discussions will continue about practical problems, solutions and resilience.



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