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*The Hunter Human Rights Program Presents*

# ***From Protection to Control: The Merging of Immigration and Asylum in South Africa***



*Lindela Repatriation Centre in Krugersdorp. (Adam Broomberg and Oliver Chanarin, courtesy the Goodman gallery)*

**Wednesday, November 2nd, 1:15 – 2:45pm**

*Roosevelt House, 47-49 E 65th Street (between Park & Madison Avenues), 3rd floor*

**Student Lunch & Dialogue with Human Rights Lawyer Roni Amit**

International migration is increasingly framed as a threat to national and economic security in South Africa, setting the stage for an expanding reliance on detention. This has led to disregard for the law, human rights violations, and an emphasis on control over protection. South Africa's flawed and overburdened Refugee Status Determination (RSD) process has also largely become an attempt to root out so-called economic migrants as opposed to identifying individuals in need of protection. Dr. Roni Amit will join us to discuss the merging of immigration and asylum in South Africa and its implications for human rights.



**Dr. Roni Amit** has been a Senior Researcher with the African Centre for Migration & Society (ACMS) at the University of the Witwatersrand since 2008. With a background in international human rights law, she holds a PhD in political science from the University of Washington and a Law Degree from New York University. Her research focuses on asylum and migrant rights, administrative justice and judicial processes in the immigration and asylum regimes, and legal issues around immigration detention. She recently returned to the US and is working as a pro bono attorney representing detained women and children from Central America.

***Lunch will be served.      RSVP: [hrp@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:hrp@hunter.cuny.edu)***