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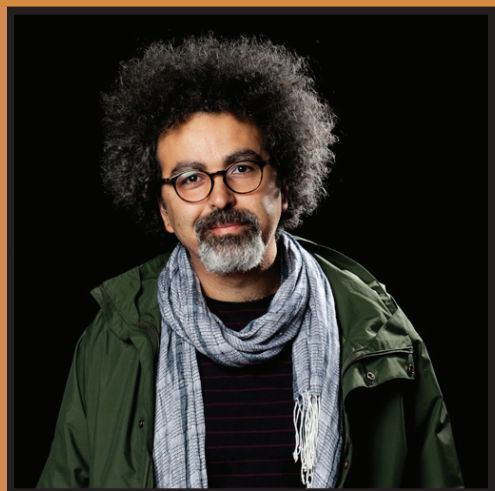
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THE INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH INTO SUPERDIVERSITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM (UK)

**Monday, September 26**  
**12:00-1:00PM**

Asian American Cultural Center  
1210 W. Nevada, Urbana



### THE “REFUGEE CRISIS” AND THE PRODUCTION OF “ILLEGALITY” IN THE EU

The paper will explore the nexus between policy responses to the so-called ‘refugee crisis’ in the EU and the production of illegalized subjects. It addresses the ‘crisis’ as agonistic terrain where competing political agendas are articulated and highlights ways they impact on boat migrants who crossed the Mediterranean irregularly to reach the EU’s southern shores.

Following the presentation commentary about the production of migrant illegality in the United States will be given by Latina/Latino Studies professors Jonathan Inda, Gilberto Rosas (joint with Anthropology) and Edna Viruell-Fuentes.

Nando Sigona is Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director of the Institute of Research into Superdiversity at the University of Birmingham. His research interests include: statelessness, diasporas and the state; Romani politics and anti-Gypsyism; ‘illegality’ and the everyday experiences of undocumented migrant children and young people; and crisis, governance and governmentality of forced migration in the EU. He is the author and editor of a number of books, including *The Oxford Handbook on Refugee and Forced Migration Studies* (with Fiddian Qasmiyeh, Loescher and Long, 2014), *Sans Papiers: The Social and Economic Lives of Undocumented Migrants* (with Bloch and Zetter, 2014) and *Diasporas Reimagined* (with Gamlen, Liberatore and Neveu Kringelbach, 2015).

