



Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers

invites you to hear
Frances Webber and
Harmit Athwal on

Borderline Justice: the fight for refugee and migrant rights

Borderline Justice is written by Frances Webber and published by Pluto Press, with a foreword by Gareth Peirce.

Barrister **Frances Webber** provides a unique insight into how the law has been applied to migrants, refugees and other “unpopular minorities”. The book records some of the key legal struggles of the past thirty years which have sought to preserve values of universality in human rights – and the importance of continuing to fight for those values, inside and outside the courtroom.

Harmit Athwal will speak on the deaths of asylum seekers (in detention, in the community and during removal) and what can be done to highlight such deaths.

Frances Webber has been a legal practitioner in the field of migrants’ rights for over 30 years. She is an honorary Vice-President of the Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers, Vice-Chair of the Institute of Race Relations and a visiting lecturer at Birkbeck College, University of London.

Harmit Athwal has worked for the Institute of Race Relations for 15 years, edits and manages *IRR News*, the IRR’s online news service and carries out research into deaths in custody, during deportation and related to racial violence in the UK. Recent reports include *Driven to desperate measures*, *Racial violence: the buried issue* and *Asylum deaths: what to do next*. In her outreach role, she has variously worked with groups such as United Families and Friends Campaign, Medical Justice and Corporate Watch.

Helen Bamber OBE: “Frances Webber writes with the authority of a legal expert who for thirty years has represented migrants and asylum seekers. The book raises questions for all concerned with the preservation of a truly democratic and humane society”.

Liz Fekete, Executive Director Institute for Race Relations: “On every page of this book the cold, inhuman and racially-determined logic of Home Office decision-making is laid bare by a campaigning lawyer passionate in the belief that the fight to preserve refugee and migrant rights in the UK is central to the larger fight for racial justice internationally”.

Wednesday 26 June 2013

6.30pm – 8.30pm, admission free
at Garden Court Chambers
57–60 Lincoln’s Inn Fields
London WC2A 3LJ

Further information from www.haldane.org

No need to reserve in advance

Copies of *Borderline Justice* will be on sale