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DEBATE: LABOURING IN THE SHADOWS, 21 OCT DE BALIE A'DAM

In the run-up to the local elections of March next year we discuss the living situation of undocumented inhabitants of Amsterdam and possible solutions with the people involved and with local councillors from the three main political parties.

On this evening some undocumented migrants themselves will enter into discussions with politicians in order to step out of the shadow, literally and figuratively.

You can reserve a ticket through the [Balie's website](#). More information on the [programme page](#).

BASIC RIGHTS

Court of Appeal: status holder retains the right to stay in AZC shelter in spite of not having registered three times

Asylum seekers are obliged to register weekly at the AZC where they live. This Syrian refugee had been granted a status but had no living accommodation yet. He had failed to register three times at the AZC, for which reason the COA wanted to evict him from the shelter and to discontinue his financial benefit. However, the Court is of the opinion that it cannot come to that. The Haqbin ruling obliges The Netherlands to offer asylum seekers shelter. The measure by the COA must be reversed. You will find more information [here](#).

ADMISSION POLICY

Court of Appeal: de-registration GBA [Municipal Personal Records Database] insufficient for ruling residence outside of The Netherlands

When holders of a residence permit stay outside of The Netherlands for a long time, their right of residence can be discontinued as a result. In this case the alien had not been registered in the GBA for a long time, for which reason his permit was revoked.

The Court is of the opinion that the de-registration from the GBA in itself is not enough reason to conclude that someone has left The Netherlands. Other information has to be taken into consideration as well, in this case letters from the priest and the imam from Venlo. Moreover, the alien himself has to be given the opportunity to tell his story. The IND has to reconsider its decision. You will find more information [here](#).

Court of Appeal: issuing facilitating visa for Moroccan mother with Dutch child in Morocco

A facilitating visa is an entry visa for foreigners who have right of residence in The Netherlands on the basis of EU legislation. This Moroccan mother still lives in Morocco with her Dutch child, but wants to live in The Netherlands. The Court is of the opinion that The Netherlands should issue a facilitating visa so that the IND in The Netherlands can investigate whether they have right of residence on the basis of the Chavez ruling. You will find more information [here](#).

CHECK AND DETENTION

ACVZ: because of corona 38% fewer people in detention

The ACVZ [Adviescommissie VreemdelingenZaken – Advisory Committee Immigration] produced a survey of the lessons that can be learnt from the Covid-19 pandemic with respect to migration. One of the conclusions is that working from home will diminish the necessity for knowledge migrants.

The pandemic has also affected travel opportunities. Fewer asylum seekers and foreign students have arrived. Many eviction flights had to be cancelled as well and many people had to be released from the immigration detention centres. The number of voluntary returnees remained the same. You will find more information [here](#).

ACTIVITIES

Kick-off meeting project SELF-DETERMINATION and RIGHT OF RESIDENCE 29 November 14:30-17:30

In October 2019 the network UN Women's Treaty together with the Platform Self-Determination and Right of Residence organised a [meeting](#) 'Women, Right of Residence and International Treaties' and published [a survey](#) about the question whether the five-year-dependent residence permit is consistent with international treaties such as the UN Women's Treaty and the Istanbul Treaty.

Subsequent to this the Platform has launched the project 'Self-Determination and Right of Residence' about the consequences of the dependent right of residence for the emancipation, integration and safety of women.

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Job vacancy secretariat Network UN Women's Treaty

Because the current acting secretary for the Network is going abroad, there is a vacancy for this function. You will find more information about the tasks, the requirements and the volunteer's allowance available here: [vacaturetekst in pdf](#).

Responses (a brief motivation and curriculum vitae) at the latest 20 October to schaduwrapportage@gmail.com.

Campaign for National Coordinating Body Violence against Women

The Dutch Women's Council is committed to the implementation and observance of the Istanbul Convention, a treaty of the Council of Europe to end all forms of violence against women and girls. The [Baseline report by GREVIO](#) (the expert committee that supervises the implementation of the Istanbul Convention) has appealed to The Netherlands to establish a coordinating body with clear competences that coordinates and implements policies and measures to combat and prevent violence against women. The Dutch Women's Council works towards a broad coalition of civil society organisation, policy makers and members of Parliament who underline the necessity of a National Coordinating Body 'Violence Against Women' and who call out to establishing such a Body. [Share and sign the petition now!](#) You will find more information on the [website of the Dutch Women's Council](#).