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Data (in)justice and the governance of refugees

Workshop

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Workshop schedule

Presentations (11:00-12:00)

1. Introduction to the DATAJUSTICE project (Lina Dencik, DJP)
2. Introduction to systems and tools (Javier Sánchez, DJP)
3. Updates from the Greek Mainland (Philippa Metcalfe, DJP)
4. Experiences in Madrid (Ana Zamora, RSA)
5. Experiences in the southern border (Ana M. Rosado Caro, APDHA).

Discussion (12:00-13:30)

Wrap-up (13:30-13:45)

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Exploring social justice in an age of datafication

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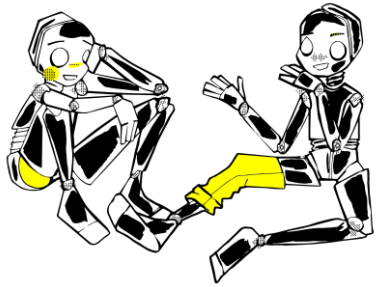

Cate Hopkins

Jess Brand

Harry Warne

Isobel Rorison

Philippa Metcalfe

Fieke Jansen

Javier Sanchez

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Project:

Data Justice: Understanding datafication in relation to social justice (DATAJUSTICE) – ERC Starting Grant 2018-2023

Topics

Border control and migration

Law enforcement and policing

Low-wage work

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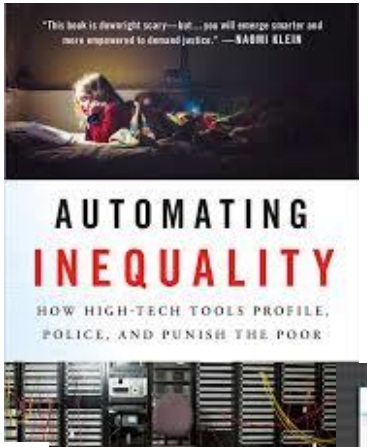
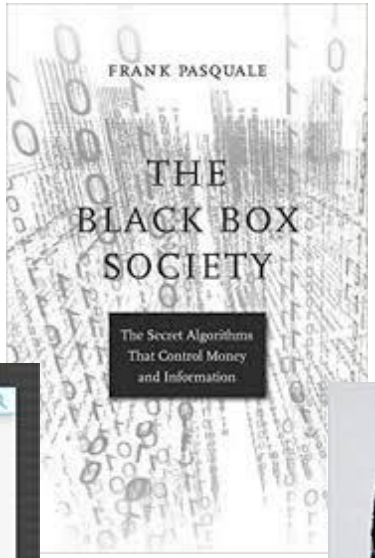
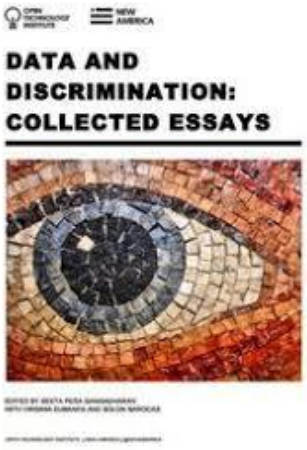
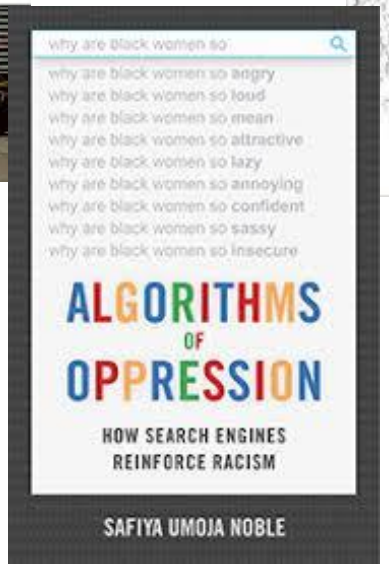
What is at stake?

Dominant framing: efficiency / security vs. individual privacy









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Data justice – data as part of integrated social justice agenda

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The role of data in the governance of refugees

- UNHCR
- EU (Eurodac, SIS I&II)
- Member states systems, tools and practices
- Socio-technical spaces: mobile phones, social networks, email…

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UNHCR

- **States have to register** asylum seekers
- **Why register?**
  - To know the population
  - To provide protection
  - To identify specific needs
  - To combat fraud, corruption and crime
  - …

https://www.unhcr.org/registration-guidance/

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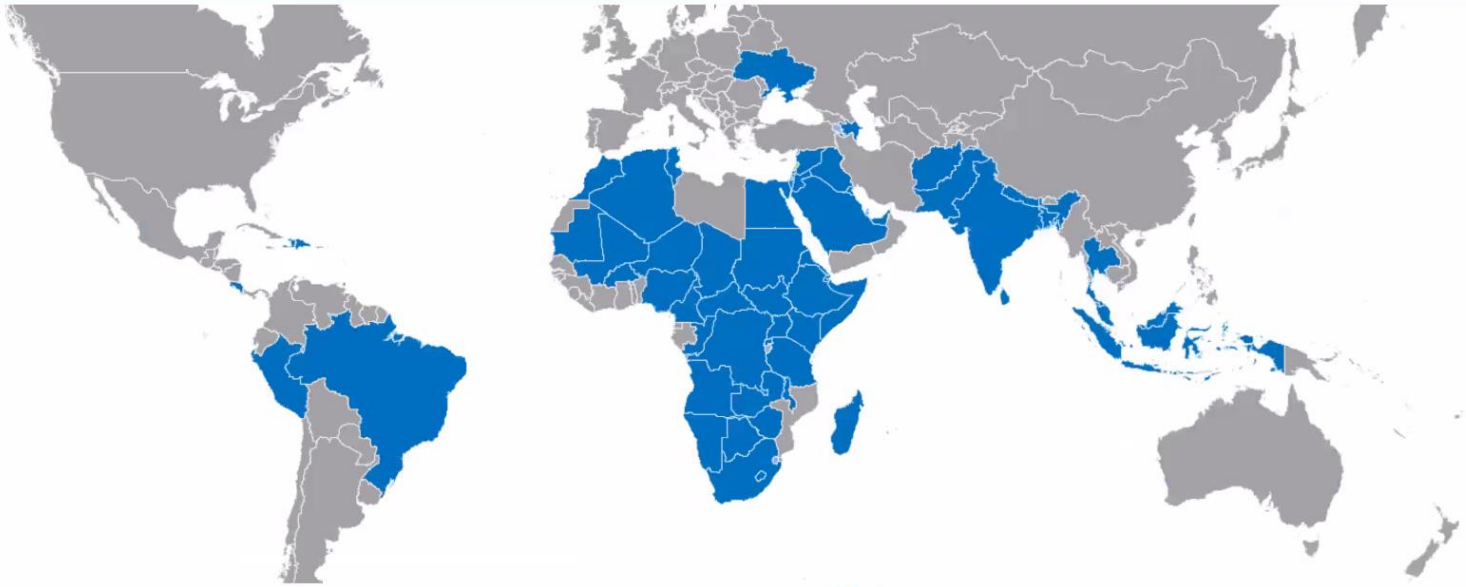
PRIMES: Biometrics

7.2 Million records

63 Operations



UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency | PRIMES Biometrics

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UNHCR PRIMES

(Population Registration and Identity Management EcoSystem)

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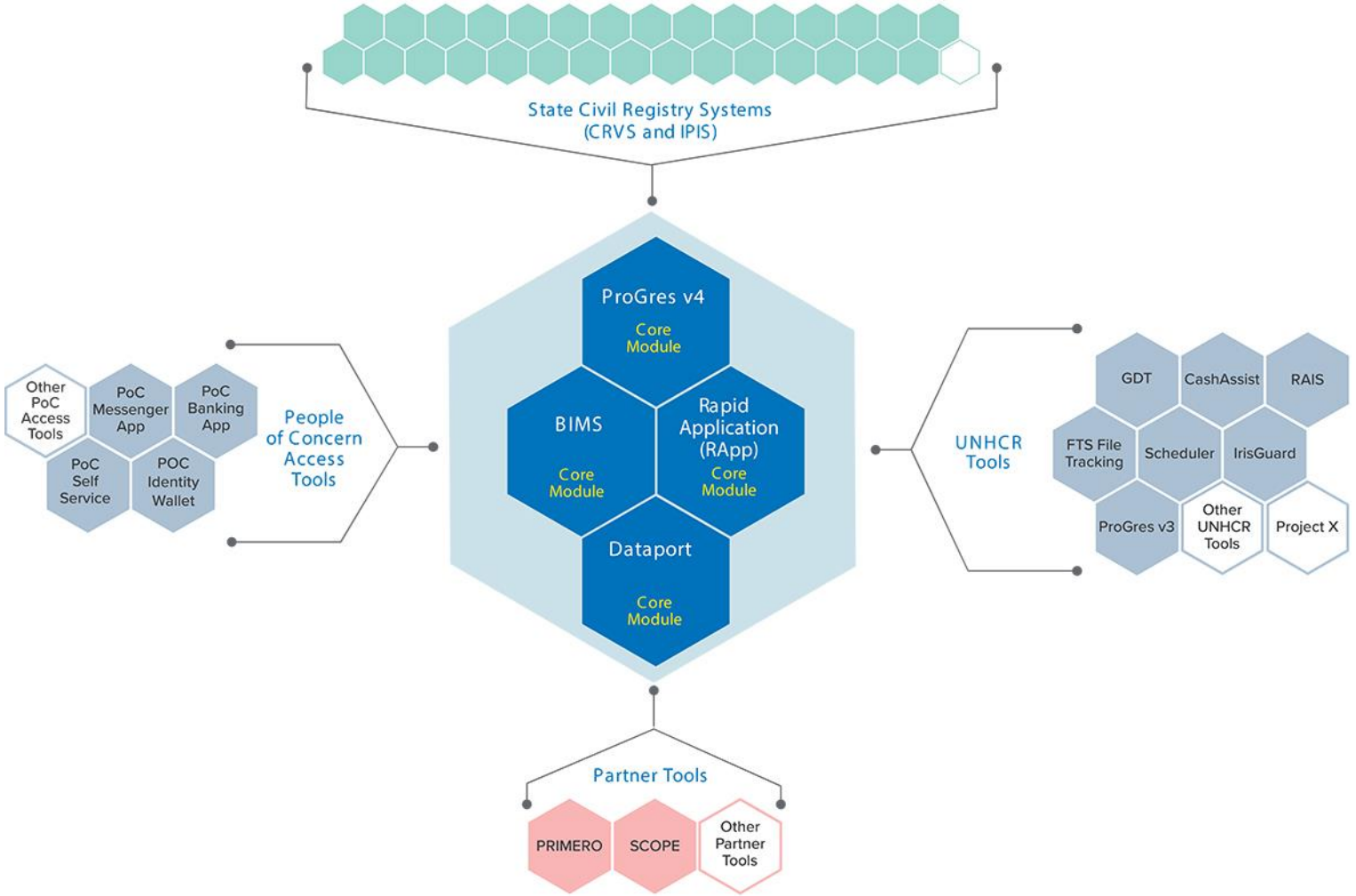

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EURODAC

- EU asylum fingerprint database
- Since 2003
- Implements 'the Dublin Regulation'
- Mandatory register for +14 years old

Repurposing

- It allows Member States' law enforcement authorities and Europol to compare fingerprints linked to criminal investigations

Reinforce proposal (2016):

- the obligation to take fingerprints and an additional biometric identifier
- Lowers mandatory age to 6 years old
- Increases data retention to 5 years

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EURODAC categories

- **Category 1**: asylum seekers;
- **Category 2**: persons apprehended in connection with the irregular crossing of an external border of the “Dublin territory” and were not turned back;
- **Category 3**: persons found illegally present in a Member State

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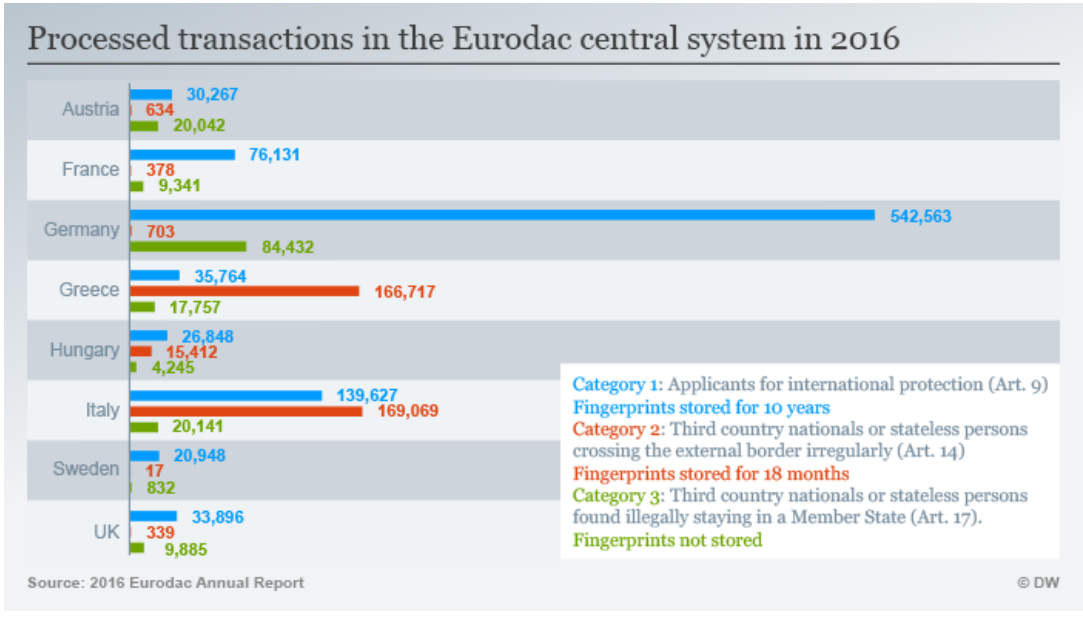
Issues

- UNHCR:
  - **Mandatory registration** of biometric data
  - External auditing warns on **privacy issues**, **information leaks**, **non-authorized access** to governments and partners…
- EURODAC:
  - **Criminalisation** of asylum seekers
  - **Random categorization**
  - False positives



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Updates from the Greek Mainland

Philippa Metcalfe

PhD Candidate, DATAJUSTICE project

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Due to the disproportionate number of third-country nationals applying for asylum in Greece in 2016 and 2017, our reception capacity remains under particular stress. The Greek Authorities are in the process of developing and upgrading reception facilities, therefore we regret, but as at present we cannot guarantee reception for that person. Although we are in the process of developing and upgrading our reception facilities, we, nevertheless, are not in a position to give assurances for adequate reception conditions for the above person, in conformity with Directive 2013/33/EU.

In light of the above, we regret to inform you that your take back request is respectfully denied.

Summary – Incoming procedures

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Incoming requests from Member States[1]	13	49	139	5797	2134	9216	3037	**20385**
Acceptances by Greece[2]	4	19	61	2236	66	232	41	**2659**
Rejections from Greece[3]	0	8	47	2959	1407	8890	3716	**17027**
Transfers to Greece	0	2	16	6	1	18	8	**51**

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Skype Program after 28/01/2019

Hours	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:00 – 09:00	Arabic Athens	Albanian 8:00 – 8:30 Rest of Greece (without Ioannina) 8:30 – 9:00 Ioannina, Leros	Albanian Rest of Greece	Albanian Thessaloniki	Albanian Athens
09:00 – 10:00	Arabic Athens	Kurmandji All of Greece	English-French All of Greece	Pashto All of Greece	Pashto All of Greece
10:00 – 11:00	Dari All of Greece	Dari All of Greece	Farsi All of Greece	Dari Athens	Georgian Athens
11:00 – 12:00	Sorani All of Greece	Arabic Thessaloniki, Rhodes, Leros	11:00 – 11:30 Syria Fast Track 11:30 – 12:00 Arabic - Athens	Arabic All of Greece (without Thess., Rhodes, Leros)	Arabic Athens
12:00 – 13:00	Urdu – Punjabi 12:00 – 12:30 Rest of Greece (without Ioannina) 12:30 – 13:00 Ioannina	Urdu – Punjabi Athens	Sorani All of Greece	Hindi 12:00-12:30 Thessaloniki 12:30-13:00 Athens	Russian – Ukranian All of Greece
13:00 – 14:00	Georgian Rest of Greece	Georgian Rest of Greece	Chinese All of Greece	Bengali Athens	Bengali Rest of Greece

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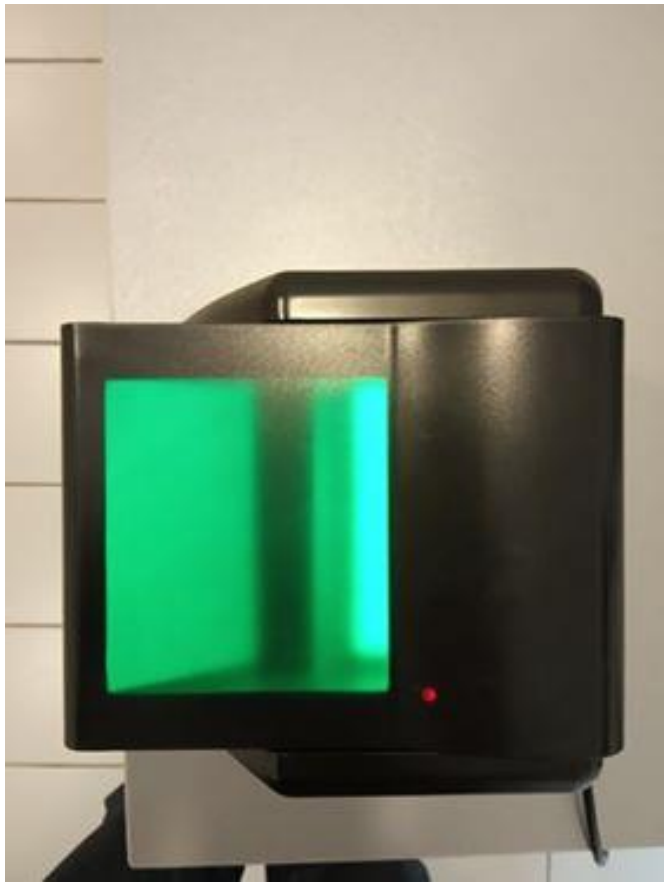

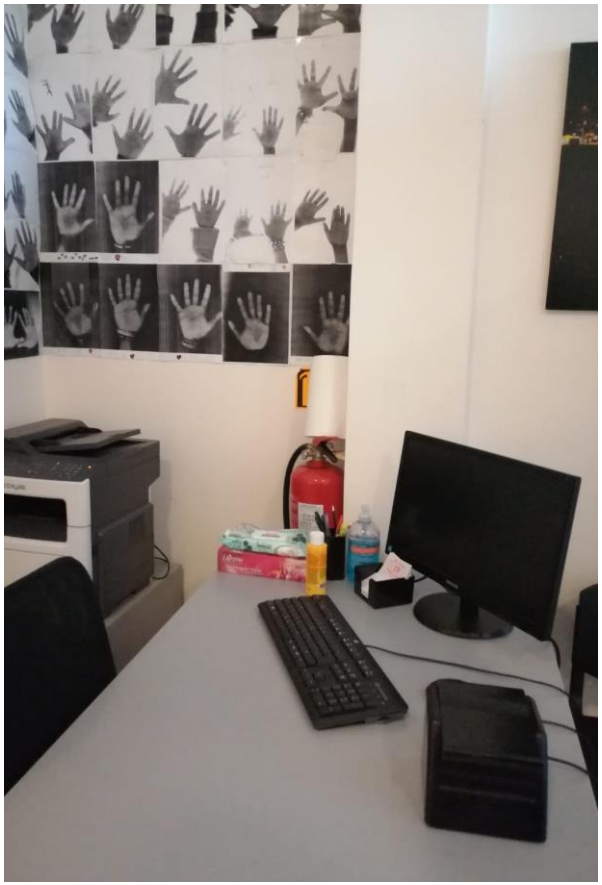

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