

# A SPACE OF INTERROGATION: A FEMINIST GEO-LEGAL ANALYSIS OF ASYLUM ADJUDICATION

In this talk, Dr. Jacobsen explores the spatial and procedural aspects of asylum adjudication in the Danish system. Asylum seekers in Denmark undergo interviews by the Immigration Service, which is the primary means for the state to collect evidence, assess credibility, and decide on asylum claims. Drawing on feminist political geography and legal theory, Dr. Jacobsen views the asylum interview as a quasi-legal space with uneven and uncertain power dynamics. She highlights connections between the interview, other geographical sites, policing practices, and various temporal and spatial scales. Contrary to the perception of impartiality, Dr. Jacobsen argues that the asylum interview resembles the quasi-legal dynamics of police interrogations.



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