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Abstract

In 2005, in the wake of the Cornelia Rau scandal, a citizen's inquiry was established to bear witness to events in Australia's immigration-detention facilities. Until then, the federal government had refused to conduct a broad-ranging investigation into immigration detention, and the operations within detention centres had been largely shrouded in official secrecy. The People's Inquiry into Detention (as it came to be called) heard heartbreaking evidence about asylum-seekers' journeys to Australia, their refugee determination process, and their life in and after detention. In total, around 200 people testified to the inquiry, and a similar number of written submissions were received. Human Rights Overboard draws together, for the first time, the oral testimony and written submissions from the inquiry in a powerful and vital book that stands as an indictment of Australia's refugee policy. Clearly and comprehensively presented, the book is a haunting journey guided by voices from every side of the fence: former and current immigration detainees, refugee advocates, lawyers, doctors, psychiatrists, and former detention and immigration staff. Taken together, their stories record a humanitarian disaster that sounds a warning to current and future policy makers, both here and overseas. With a foreword by prominent humanitarian lawyer Julian Burnside, Human Rights Overboard is an essential book that will resonate for years to come.

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Removing Australia from Australia's Migration Zone! This means that anyone who arrives anywhere in Australian territory without a visa no longer has any ability to claim protection from Australia. This seems to be a legal loophole to allow the Government to sidestep the Refugee Convention to which Australia is a party and by which we have committed to provide protection to all genuine refugees who cross our borders and request asylum. Seeking asylum is a human right. It is the mechanism that millions of refugees have used to find safety and today continues to be the only hope for more than 99% Request PDF on ResearchGate | On Nov 27, 2009, T. Penovic and others published Human Rights Overboard: Seeking Asylum in Australia. By Linda Briskman, Susie Latham and Chris Goddard. The practice of transferring asylum seekers attempting to reach Australia by boat to neighbouring countries in the Asia Pacific has been a key feature of Australian asylum seekers policy for the past 13 years. My paper will examine the evolution of offshore processing of asylum seekers pursuant to bilateral arrangements with neighbouring countries. These countries are generally not well positioned [Show full abstract] to manage asylum seekers and determine their status in accordance with basic human rights standards. SN - 9781921372407. BT - Human Rights Overboard: Seeking Asylum in Australia. PB - Scribe Publications. CY - Melbourne VIC Australia. ER -. Briskman LR, Latham S, Goddard CR. Human Rights Overboard: Seeking Asylum in Australia. Melbourne VIC Australia: Scribe Publications, 2008. 448 p.