

SEMINAR READINGS

PLEASE READ these two short readings

- ❑ CANNING V (2016) : Immigration detention: what's the problem with privatisation?

Available: <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/people-politics-law/immigration-detention-whats-the-problem-privatisation>

- ❑ DETENTION ACTION (2017) Indefinite detention after Shaw:

<https://detentionaction.org.uk/publications/indefinite-detention-after-shaw/>



To be viewed in the seminar: Mary Bosworth on UK Immigration
Detention (5mins)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oM7CL_-JshE

FILM 1: QUESTIONS on the film & set readings

1. What factors cause mass migration?
2. Which political party widened the use of detention centres in Britain?
3. How many bed spaces are there & where?
4. What is the big difference between UK immigration Removal Centres and those in Europe?

To be viewed in the SEMINAR

Mary Bosworth: On Yarl's Wood IRC
for women

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hl-RzzMPZtk> (5mins)

FILM 2: QUESTIONS on the film & set readings

1. Describe conditions in Yarl's Wood IRC which aggravate well-being?
2. According to Mary Bosworth, which 2 characteristics need to change?
3. According to Victoria Canning, why does the UK support privatisation?
4. State run or privatised IRCs – which is better and say why?

DISCUSSION POINT – Covid 19



On Monday, the government said it was urging charities and other groups to make contact with people worried about their immigration status who are not registered with a GP to urge them to seek a vaccination. People were also reassured that if they do seek a vaccination there will be no checks on their right to live in the country, and there will not be any fee.

However, the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI) said its research showed 43% of migrants would be fearful of seeking healthcare for fear of having their status tested, or being charged. Of those with refugee status, 56% would be wary of accessing healthcare because of fears about data-sharing between the NHS and Home Office, rising to 81% for those with no official status.

What do you think?

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/feb/08/undocumented-uk-migrants-to-be-offered-covid-vaccine-without-any-checks>

ACTIVITY

Having listened to the lecture, watched the films and followed the readings, answer the following question:

Imagine you are appearing before the Parliamentary Set Committee, what is your main argument for closing down IRCs? It may be a political, moral, economic, or social one or all of the above.