Join us March 5!

Mar. 5: 12:30-1:45pm, Alan and Debbie Gold Auditorium

Lucy Mayblin: Senior Lecturer in Sociology, University of Sheffield:
"Asylum After Empire: Colonial Legacies in the Politics of Asylum Seeking."

Asylum seekers are not welcome in Europe. But why is that the case? For many scholars, the policies have become more restrictive over recent decades because the asylum seekers have changed. This talk, based on Mayblin's book Asylum After Empire, draws on theoretical insights from Third World Approaches to International Law, post- and decolonial studies, and presents archival research on the colonial context to the Geneva Convention negotiations. Policies which address asylum seekers must, the book argues, be understood not only as part of a global hypermobile present, but within the context of colonial histories.

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