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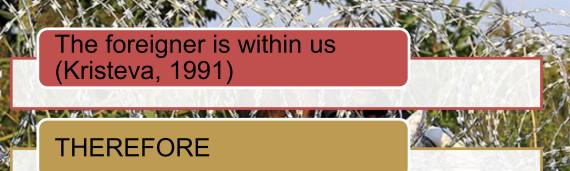


OUTLINE

Women's bodies as foreign bodies
Legislating on women's bodies
Abortion care
Enforced mobilities and diasporic subjectivities
Research as Praxis







TO ALL ME DO MARKED

If I am a foreigner there are no foreigners (Kristeva, 1991)



Migrants as a uniform, genderless and threatening body Their differences are melted into a subject named a Body without Organs (BwO) (Deleuze and Guattari, 1987)

Migrants as the multitude (Hardt and Negri (2000)

The multitude as a global biopolitical subject of absolute democracy, or rather "the living alternative that grows within Empire" (Hardt and Negri, 2004:xiii).



Women's Bodies





N.Ireland, Isle of Man, Poland, & Italy - the Law

- N.Ireland did not adopt the Abortion Act in 1967 so abortion is mostly illegal under Offences Against Persons Act 1861.
- Isle of Man did not adopt 1967 Act. Legislation to change very restrictive laws is processing through House of Keys & Legislative Council at this time.
- **Poland** Some of the most restrictive laws in Europe implemented by an Ordinance in 1990.
- **Italy** Legalised in1978 but due to majority of Drs being antiabortion and allowed to refuse as 'conscientious objectors' abortion is very hard to access.



Enforced mobilities – diasporic subjectivities

- N.I approx. 2000 women a year travel to England for terminations. Numbers reduced since abortion pills now available on line.
- Isle of Man. approx. 100 women a year travel to England.
- Poland An estimated 80,000 Polish women a year go to Germany, Czech Republic, UK or Ukraine or seek illegal abortions at home.
- Italy Due to Drs refusing to carry out abortions women have to go from town-to-town searching for someone who will carry out one. Unknown numbers also travel to UK, Spain and Netherlands.



Sameness/Difference – Distance/Proximity

- Enforced Travel/Mobilities
- Shame/Stigma
- Debt
- Risking Health/Unsafe actions
- Criminalisation



• Disproportionately affects woman with insufficient access to resources, support networks and the means to travel.



Scholarship - Research as Praxis

- What discursive, narrative and theoretical resources criminologists might draw on in addressing contexts and meanings pertaining to the criminalisation of abortion ?
- As scholars we need to embrace and support activism it plays a powerful role in influencing policy debates and social change



Any Questions ?

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