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At the Extremes of Exclusion: Dispersal, Detention and Deportation'

Paper prepared for Special Issue of ERS

Dispersal, detention and deportation have formed an occasional part of Britain's migration regime throughout the twentieth century, though they tended to be used in response to particular events or 'crises'. In recent years they have become 'normalised', essential instruments in the ongoing attempt to control or manage immigration to Britain. Proposals to introduce accommodation centres are an extension of the exclusionary logic of these practices. This article argues that these practices do not further the stated aims of the governments that introduce them – the control of entry and settlement, but that they do impede and delay the integration of those who are allowed to remain.

Paper outline: main sections

1. Introduction

2. Use in the 20th century.

- Deportation
- Detention/Internment camps
- Dispersal

Including discussion of why they were used (govt. arguments) and the outcomes of their use where known.

3. Current use and integration in the legal system of:

Detention and now accommodation centres
Deportation
Dispersal

Again, include discussion of why they were used and outcomes of use where known.

In all sections it would be useful to include comparative examples.

4. Conclusion