Thinking Global Podcast – Natasha Saunders

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On this week's episode, Natasha Saunders speaks with the *Thinking Global* team about the 'slow violence' of asylum and digital border technologies. Dr. Saunders chats with Kieran (@kieranjomeara) about the distinction between refugee status and asylum, the 'slow violence' of the latter, digital border technologies, current UK policy towards asylum seekers and refugees, and the manner in which resistance manifests to these.

Natasha's research sits at the intersection of global politics and political theory, focusing on contemporary social and political thought as a framework for analysing pressing global issues. She has a particular interest in issues of forced migration, human rights, and digital border control practices, and in conceptualisations of, and questions about, political responsibility, social justice, political subjectivity, and agency. Dr Saunders is currently in the early stages of a new research project exploing the Ethics of Border Controls in a Digital Age.

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