Session Five

International Migration Law: Promoting alternatives to immigration detention

⇒ Introduction: organisers (5’)

⇒ First speaker: James Wilson, Deputy Director, Detention Action

The role of NGOs in advocating and implementing alternatives to detention at national level (20’)

• NGO advocacy work at national level;
• Balance and interplay between strategic litigation and frontline service provision;
• NGO coordination at national level;
• How to achieve change in migration governance practices: the example of UK alternatives to detention programme.

⇒ Second speaker: Silvia Gomez Moradillo, Global Advocacy Coordinator, International Detention Coalition

The role of NGOs in advocating and implementing alternatives to detention at global level (20’)

• NGO advocacy and strategy work at global level;
• Creating linkages between global and national initiatives;
• The pandemic, immigration detention and alternatives to detention: challenges and opportunities ahead.

⇒ Questions and Answers (Q&A) session (40’)

⇒ Closing remarks: organisers (5’)

Further reading:

• International Detention Coalition, There Are Alternatives, 2015
• UNHCR, Compilation of International Human Rights Law and Standards on Immigration Detention, February 2018
• International Detention Coalition, An Overview of Promising ATD in the Era of COVID-19, October 2020
• International Detention Coalition in collaboration with Western Sidney University HADRI, COVID-19 impacts on Immigration Detention: Global Responses, 2020