Undocumented: The Architecture of Migrant Detention

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No One Is Illegal — Toronto & the End Immigration Detention Network, Canada

Since 2006, over 100,000 people have been jailed indefinitely in Canada, without charge or trial. This is the reality of immigration detention in Canada, a reality that is highly invisibilized. Migrants are incarcerated largely because they are undocumented. Likewise, there is little trace to be found of these sites of detention — drawings and photos are classified; access is extremely limited. The detention centres, too, are undocumented. This presentation will draw from the graphic novel, Undocumented: The Architecture of Migrant Detention (2014), which visualizes the spaces of confinement and questions the role of architecture in the control of migrant bodies. The banality and violence of these sites are contrasted with the stories of daily resistance among immigration detainees. This work is grounded in grassroots organizing in solidarity with immigration detainees through No One Is Illegal — Toronto and the End Immigration Detention Network.

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