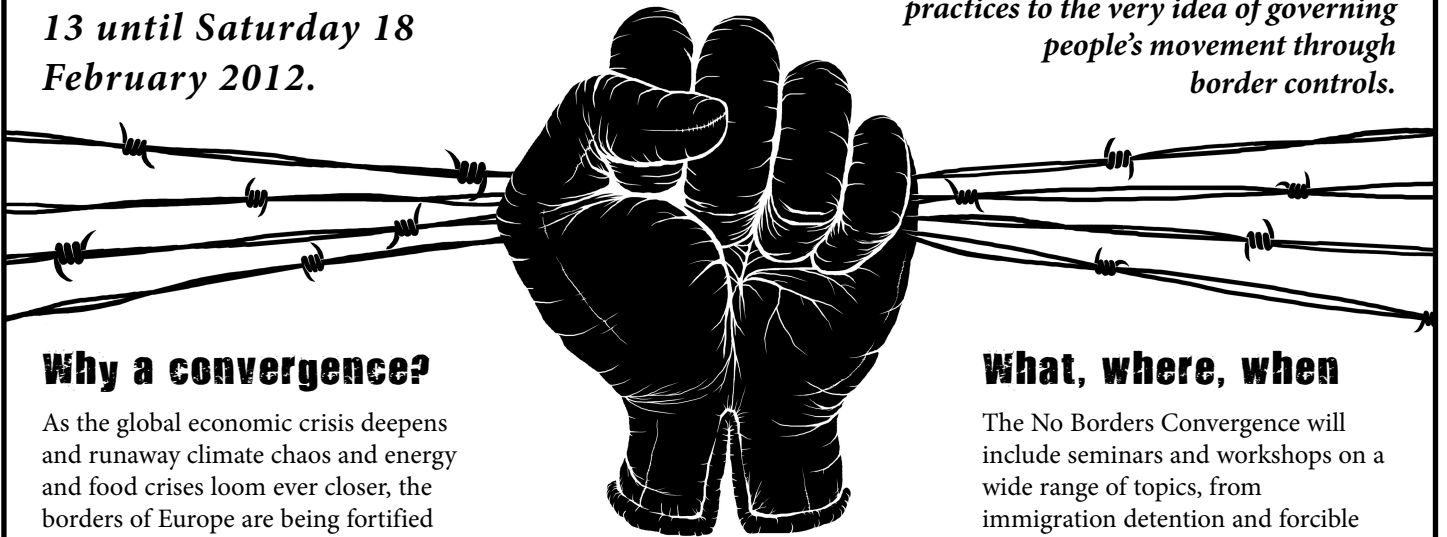


# No Borders convergence 13-18 Feb 2012 London UK

*No Borders London, with Goldsmiths students and others, are organising a week-long convergence to be held in London from Monday 13 until Saturday 18 February 2012.*

*The aim is to share knowledge and experiences of people's freedom of movement and the restrictions on it, and to share skills, network, strategise and take action. We will make a safe space to create counter-narratives and practices to the very idea of governing people's movement through border controls.*



## Why a convergence?

As the global economic crisis deepens and runaway climate chaos and energy and food crises loom ever closer, the borders of Europe are being fortified even further to protect the interests of the privileged few at the expense of the rest of us. A range of worrying developments can be observed: discriminatory point-based visa systems for overseas students and migrant workers, increased use of detention and deportation in inhumane conditions, military-style operations in the Mediterranean sea to intercept migrant boats, often leading to deadly tragedies, high-tech surveillance and intelligence gathering, externalising Europe's borders by bribing neighbouring countries to act as the EU's border police, and so on and so forth. For most migrants from the global south, Europe is increasing looking like a fortress and a labour camp.

At the same time, there has been a wave of grassroots movements around the world demanding radical changes to the current economic and political system that is responsible for the suffering of the majority of the world's population.

From the Arab uprisings, through students' and workers' protests and riots, to anti-capitalist occupations across Western 'democracies', more and more people are realising that this mode is no longer tenable, and are taking things into their own hands. Migrants' struggles are also part of this awakening.

The right of everyone to travel and live where they want is denied for those with the 'wrong' skin colour, passport or bank account.

## What, where, when

The No Borders Convergence will include seminars and workshops on a wide range of topics, from immigration detention and forcible deportations, EU immigration policies and its border agency (Frontex), through institutional racism and social services provision, the exploitation of migrant workers and students, to No Border camps, radical solidarity, direct action and much more. And we hope that during this week people will also get together to plan and take action.

Join us in London from 13 - 18 February 2012. Further info is available online - see below.



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equal rights  
for everyone**



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