In recent years, some States have been pursuing increasingly restrictive policies and practices in order to deter refugees and asylum seekers from reaching their borders. Authors in this issue’s main feature discuss the emergence of these policies of ‘externalisation’, reflect on the consequences for people’s lives, and explore ways of challenging these developments, particularly where they result in human rights abuses.

In the second feature, authors examine the role of people’s mobility and agency in protracted displacement. Researchers from the Transnational Figurations of Displacement (TRAFIG)* research project present case-studies from a range of countries to show how displaced persons’ mobility and their translocal networks can provide important resources in their search for durable solutions.

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