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PREFACE

This book contains the findings of the Cross-Border Welfare State research programme. This programme started in 2006 and created a liaison between the law faculties of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the University of Groningen and University of Leuven. *Regioplan* and the *Bureau Maatschappelijke Participatie* offered contributions. All the researchers who were involved (and some supervisors), have presented their work by means of a short chapter. The first chapter, written by Sarah van Walsum and myself, is longer and contains a overall analysis of the research findings.

The book has been prepared specifically for the *Access Denied Conference* which took place in Amsterdam on 13 and 14 March 2012. The conference commemorated the closing of the Cross-Border Welfare State research project and launched a new international research network centring around the development of alternative policies for the social protection of irregular migrant workers, with the moral support of a number of international organisations and NGOs (www.rechten.vu.nl/accessdenied).

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AGEF	Arbeitsgruppe Entwicklung und Fachkräfte
AME	Association Malienne des Expulsés
ARH	Aide au Retour Humanitaire
ARV	Aide au Retour Volontaire
AVRFC	Assisted Voluntary Returns for Families and Children
AVRIM	Assisted Voluntary Return for Irregular Migrants
BAMF	Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge
BMP	Bevordering Maatschappelijke Participatie
CEFR	Common European Framework of Reference
CESCR	Committee of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CFMW	Commission for Filipino Migrant Workers
CoE	Council of Europe
COS	Centra voor Ontwikkelingssamenwerking
CTHB	Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
DG	Directorate General
DT&V	Dienst Terugkeer & Vertrek
EC	European Commission
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ECMW	European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers
ECSMA	European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EEA	European Economic Area
EEC	European Economic Community
EMN	European Migration Network
ERSO	European Reintegration Support Organisations
ESC	European Social Charter
FRS	Facilitated Return Scheme
GARP	Government Assisted Repatriation Programme
HRT	Herintegratieregeling Terugkeer
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICMW	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
ILO	International Labour Organization

IMO	International Maritime Organization
IOM	International Organization for Migration
ISSA	International Social Security Association
LCN	Latitude Care Network
MBT	Maatwerk bij Terugkeer
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
OCMW	Openbare Centra voor Maatschappelijk Welzijn
OFII	Office Français de l'Immigration et de l'Intégration
OWWA	Overseas Workers Welfare Administration
REAB	Return and Emigration of Asylum-Seekers ex-Belgium
REAG	Reintegration and Emigration Programme for Asylum-Seekers in Germany
REAN	Return and Emigration of Aliens from the Netherlands
SSAE	Service Social d'aide aux Emigrants
UKBA	United Kingdom Border Agency
UN	United Nations
URA	Urban Redevelopment Authority
VARRP	Voluntary Assisted Return and Reintegration Programme
VVD	Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie
WVC	Werkgelegenheid Volksgezondheid en Cultuur