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Security, Coloniality and the Policing of Mobility II: Borders, Violences and Contestations

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This panel examines the intersections of violence, subjectivities and the migration-citizenship nexus. The persistence of colonial rationalities and violences is evident through the instrumentalisation of law and surveillance strategies that enable the regulation and control of both citizens and non-citizens. The production of the 'other' operates through colonial rationalities that govern practices of control, surveillance and policing in formal and informal spaces. Where epistemic violence persists through the ordering of populations according to colonial notions of race, gender and class, physical violence co-exists with conflict and confinement. It is at the same time necessary to consider practices of contestation that disrupt otherwise singular relations of oppression. Interrogating the migration-citizenship nexus troubles binaries of what is traditionally conceived as local/global, citizen/non-citizen and us/them, as well as challenging concepts of sovereignty and citizenship.

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