

Security, Coloniality and the Policing of Mobility

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This panel examines the intersections of colonialism and the migration-security nexus. Contemporary migration scholarship explores this intersection through its instruments, practices, and impact on populations in a hypersecuritised context. Less discussed is the role of everyday colonial practices, discourses and lived experiences that affect this relationship. With this objective, this panel further explores the migration-security nexus, and examines how the 'afterlife' of Empire prevails through the creation of transience, insecurity and precarity. First, colonial rationalities govern racialised practices of control, surveillance and policing with an increasing trend toward the blending of institutions, infrastructures, and public and private organisations. Second, hierarchies of migrant and citizen populations continue to be ordered according to colonial rationalities that govern practices of control, surveillance and policing in formal and informal spaces. Third, colonial renderings of the migration-security nexus trouble 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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