

Race, migration and trajectories of knowledge

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Racialising and minoritising structures historically undermine the types of security attached to citizenship and 'belonging'. These emerge across local and global scales, from immigration infrastructure to everyday racism, extending from localised narratives around collective memory to transnational discourses of 'whiteness' and 'nonwhiteness'. Acknowledging the inextricability of European racism and immigration, there is significance in looking at how race is 'made, remade and unmade discursively and materially in the context of migration and border struggles' (Moffette and Walters, 2018: 102). Racialised pathways of immigration enforcement are entangled with policing practices, policies of population control, and maladapted support systems. Where these have visibly led to unequal health outcomes, residency, and immigration-based dependencies, these structures also raise questions about absences of knowledge around those who have fallen between the gaps, and those who have died or disappeared. Which actors produce what kind of knowledge on dead or disappeared "non-citizens"? How is this produced knowledge used and abused in the regulation of migrant bodies that are (still) alive and moving? How do collective memories and traumas of forced displacement shape contemporary border control practices? Examining the intersection of race, migration, history and security, this panel traces the connections and tensions between local and global infrastructures, prevailing relationships between the dead and alive, and trajectories of knowledge and collective memory that include and exclude the missing and marginalised.

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