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| MA Seminar<br>The Ethics and Politics of Migration<br>Tuesdays, 10-12<br>ONLINE   | Prof. Dr. Robin Celikates<br>Institut für Philosophie<br><br>Email: robin.celikates@fu-berlin.de<br>Office hours: via email / Webex |
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## Introduction

3.11. (synchronous)

Readings: Joseph Carens: An Overview of the Ethics of Immigration; Shelley Wilcox: Immigration and Borders

Background readings: Rainer Bauböck: Migration and Citizenship; Matthew Gibney: Political Theory, Ethics, and Forced Migration

## Beyond Methodological Nationalism

10.11. (asynchronous)

Reading: Alex Sager: Toward a Cosmopolitan Ethics of Mobility, chs. 2, 3, 6

Background reading: Alex Sager: Toward a Cosmopolitan Ethics of Mobility, rest of the book

17.11. (synchronous)

Class discussion

## New Perspectives on Migration

24.11. (asynchronous)

Reading: Nicholas De Genova, Sandro Mezzadra & John Pickles (eds.): New Keywords: Migration and Borders; Nicholas De Genova & Martina Tazzioli (eds.): Europe / Crisis: New Keywords of "the Crisis" in and of "Europe"

Background reading: Peter Nyers et al.: Keywords for Critical Refugee Studies

1.12. (synchronous)

Class discussion

8.12. (asynchronous)

Reading: David Owen: Governing Movement: Towards a Critical Theory of Transnational Migration

Background reading: David Owen: In Loco Civitatis: On the Normative Basis of the Institution of Refugeehood and Responsibilities for Refugees

15.12. (synchronous)

Class Discussion with David Owen (Southampton)

### **Border Struggles**

5.1. (synchronous)

Reading: E. Tendayi Achiume: Migration as Decolonization

Background reading: Robin Celikates: Constituent Power Beyond Exceptionalism: Irregular Migration, Disobedience, and (Re-)Constitution

12.1. (asynchronous)

Readings: Tithi Bhattacharya et al.: What is the Left Case For Open Borders?; Angela Nagle: The Left Case Against Open Borders; Luke de Noronha: There is no such thing as a 'left' case for borders; Lea Ypi: Why the Left Should Unite Behind Open Borders

Background reading: Alex Sager: Against Borders, ch. 7; Viewpoint Magazine: The Border Crossing Us

19.1. (synchronous)

Class discussion

### **The Shifting Border**

26.1. (asynchronous)

Reading: Ayelet Shachar: The Shifting Border: Legal Cartographies of Migration and Mobility

2.2. (synchronous)

Class Discussion with Ayelet Shachar (MPI Göttingen/Toronto) [tbc]

### **Refugees and the Reconfiguration of Democracy**

9.2. (synchronous)

Class Discussion with Dana Schmalz (Columbia Law School)

Reading: Dana Schmalz: Refugees, Democracy and the Law, chs. 3-4

16.2. (synchronous)

Class Discussion with Serhat Karakayali (DeZIM, Berlin)

Reading: Serhat Karakayali: Volunteers: From Solidarity to Integration

Background reading: Serhat Karakayali: The *Flüchtlingskrise* in Germany: Crisis of the Refugees, by the Refugees, for the Refugees

## 23.2. (asynchronous)

### Discussion of ideas for final papers

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#### Assessment:

- Careful study of the assigned readings, active participation in online discussion forums and regular attendance of synchronous meetings (please note that you are expected to communicate absences beforehand).
- For at least 4 sessions of your choice you are expected to make substantial contributions to the discussion forum; these can take a variety of forms including, but not limited to, posting (non-trivial) questions about the readings, answering questions others have posted, commenting on the readings and their strengths and shortcomings, discussing an example related to the readings, making connections etc.
- Final paper (ca. 5000-7500 words, depending on the requirements of the module you are taking; first outline due February 20, final version due March 31, both via email).
- The final grade is based on the paper and forum contributions.

As a member of the campus community you should see yourself as sharing a commitment to academic integrity and fairness. Any form of plagiarism is incompatible with such a commitment, and will result in the student failing the assignment. For some further information, see:

[https://www.geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de/we01/studieren/studium/download/FU-Philosophie\\_Hausarbeiten.pdf](https://www.geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de/we01/studieren/studium/download/FU-Philosophie_Hausarbeiten.pdf)

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#### Online teaching etiquette:

- Mutual respect is particularly important under the conditions of the pandemic. Please let me know if your active participation in the seminar is made difficult or impossible due to other obligations (care for children or other relatives) or concentration and motivation problems and I will be happy to look for flexible solutions.
- I explicitly encourage feedback on the form and content of the seminar and will also create opportunities for this in the meetings.
- I will open the online seminar room at 10:00 and close it at 11:55 pm in order to give all participants the opportunity to resolve any technical difficulties beforehand and to exchange information informally with one another as well as to ask questions concerning the course.
- Please make sure that your cameras are switched on as much as possible (technical and social circumstances permitting) in order to create a more personal seminar atmosphere.
- Please make sure that your microphones are only switched on when you are speaking.
- Please make sure that you behave in a manner appropriate for a seminar even if participating from home (e.g. please refrain from smoking or eating).

- If you would like to say something, please post + or \* to the chat. You can also write 'follow up', if you'd like to make a point directly related to what is being said. You can also ask your question via the chat if this is preferable for technical or other reasons.
- I encourage you to establish networks amongst each other and to form discussion groups in addition to the seminar sessions.
- For further thoughts on online teaching please consult the guidelines from the Department of Philosophy on which the above is also based:  
<https://www.geisteswissenschaften.fu-berlin.de/we01/media/AG-Dig-Handreichung-Final.pdf>

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 Bhattacharya, Tithi et al.: What is the Left Case For Open Borders?,  
<https://stateofnatureblog.com/one-question-open-borders/>.  
 Carens, Joseph: An overview of the ethics of immigration, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 17 (2014), 5, 538-559.  
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 De Genova, Nicholas & Martina Tazzioli (eds.): *Europe / Crisis: New Keywords of "the Crisis" in and of "Europe"*, <http://nearfuturesonline.org/europecrisis-new-keywords-of-crisis-in-and-of-europe/>.  
 De Noronha, Luke: There is no such thing as a 'left' case for borders,  
<https://www.redpepper.org.uk/there-is-no-such-thing-as-a-left-case-for-borders/>.  
 Karakayali, Serhat: Volunteers: From Solidarity to Integration, *South Atlantic Quarterly*, 117 (2018), 2, 313-331.  
 Nagle, Angela: <https://americanaffairsjournal.org/2018/11/the-left-case-against-open-borders/>  
 Owen, David: *Governing Movement: Towards a Critical Theory of Transnational Migration*, ms.  
 Sager, Alex: *Toward a Cosmopolitan Ethics of Mobility. The Migrant's-Eye View of the World*, Cham 2018.  
 Schmalz, Dana: *Refugees, Democracy and the Law. Political Rights at the Margins of the State*, London 2020.  
 Shachar, Ayelet: *The Shifting Border: Legal Cartographies of Migration & Mobility*, Manchester 2020.  
 Wilcox, Shelley: Immigration and Borders, in: Andrew Fiala (ed.): *Bloomsbury Companion to Political Philosophy*, London 2015, 183-197.  
 Ypi, Lea, Why the Left should unite behind open borders,  
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#### Background readings:

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 Celikates, Robin: Constituent Power Beyond Exceptionalism: Irregular Migration, Disobedience, and (Re-)Constitution", in: *Journal of International Political Theory*, 15 (2019), 1, 67-81.

Gibney, Matthew: Political Theory, Ethics, and Forced Migration, in: Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh et al. (Hg): The Oxford Handbook of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies. Oxford 2014, 48-59.

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Sager, Alex: *Against Borders: Why the World Needs Free Movement of People*, Rowman & Littlefield 2020.

Viewpoint Magazine, 'The Border Crossing Us', <https://www.viewpointmag.com/2018/11/07/from-what-shore-does-socialism-arrive/>.

#### Recommended readings:

Abizadeh, Arash: Democratic Theory and Border Coercion: No Right to Unilaterally Control Your Own Borders, *Political Theory*, 36 (2018), 1.

Agier, Michel: *Borderlands*, Cambridge 2013.

Anzaldúa, Gloria: *Borderlands/La Frontera*, San Francisco 1992.

Balibar, Étienne: At the Borders of Citizenship, in: *European Journal of Social Theory*, 13 (2010), 315-322.

Balibar, Étienne: *Citizenship*, Cambridge 2015.

Benhabib, Seyla: *The Rights of Others: Aliens, Residents and Citizens*, Cambridge 2004.

Bojadžijev, Manuela/Serhat Karakayali: Recuperating the Sideshows of Capitalism: The Autonomy of Migration Today, in: *e-flux*, #17 (2010).

Cabrera, Luis: *The Practice of Global Citizenship*. Cambridge 2010.

Carens, Joseph: *The Ethics of Immigration*. Oxford 2013.

Castles, Steven/Hein de Haas/Mark Miller: *The Age of Migration*, Basingstoke 2014.

Cole, Phillip: *Philosophies of Exclusion. Liberal Political Theory and Immigration*, Edinburgh 2000.

Cole, Phillip/Wellman, Christopher H.: *Debating the Ethics of Immigration*. Oxford 2011.

De Genova, Nicholas: Migrant "Illegality" and Deportability in Everyday Life, *Annual Review of Anthropology*, 31 (2002), 419-447.

Fine, Sarah/Ypi, Lea (Hg.): *Migration in Political Theory*. Oxford 2015.

Gibney, Matthew: *The Ethics and Politics of Asylum*, Cambridge 2004.

Gündogdu, Ayten: *Rightlessness in the Age of Rights*, New York 2019.

Isin, Engin and Greg Nielsen: *Acts of Citizenship*, New York 2008.

Jansen, Yolande/Celikates, Robin/de Bloois, Joost (eds.): *The Irregularization of Migration in Contemporary Europe*, London 2015.

Longo, Matthew: *The Politics of Borders: Sovereignty and Security after 9/11*. Cambridge 2017.

McNevin, Anne: *Contested Citizenship*, New York 2011.

Mezzadra, Sandro/Neilson, Brett: *Border as Method, or, the Multiplication of Labor*. Durham 2013.

Nail, Thomas: *Theory of the Border*, Oxford 2016.

Samaddar, Ranabir *The Postcolonial Age of Migration*, London 2020.

Shachar, Ayelet: *The birthright lottery: citizenship and global inequality*, Cambridge, MA 2009.

Stierl, Maurice: *Migrant Resistance in Contemporary Europe*, London 2018.