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Race, migration and trajectories of knowledge: Governance and practices of securitisation

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Racialising and minoritising structures historically undermine the types of security attached to citizenship and 'belonging' that are configured conventionally within state borders. These emerge across local and global scales, from immigration infrastructure to everyday racism; localised narratives around collective memory to transnational discourses of 'whiteness' and 'nonwhiteness', and reflecting violences within the political economy of migration and border-making. 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).

With the intersection of race and migration as our lens, this workshop addresses practices of bordering and governance both within and beyond the state. We are interested in the types of conflict and cooperation that guide bordering practices, and that guide lived and felt responses to these practices.

We ask what, and who, is present and absent, and we consider how absences may reflect forms of contestation where they are the result of security seeking, and where slipping through the gaps can be an active strategy to mitigate the effects of cooperation in immigration governance. Situated at the intersections of race, migration, history, political economy and security, this workshop brings together the connections and tensions, the cooperation and conflict, between and among local and global infrastructures. We attend to the prevailing relationships between the dead and alive, and the trajectories of knowledge and collective memory that include and exclude the missing and marginalised.

In this workshop we invite participants seeking to explore:

- Questions surrounding the production of knowledges of race, migration, citizenship and security within and beyond the state.
- How are racialised and securitised knowledges on "non-citizens" (re)produced, by whom, and what are their effects?
- How are these knowledges used and/or abused in the regulation of migrant bodies?
- How do collective memories and traumas of forced displacement shape contemporary border control practices?
- How do types of cooperation and practices of humanitarianism, while enabling aid, also foster vulnerability and insecurity, and for whom?
- What forms of localised conflict emerge around border cooperation (such as in the European deals with Libya and Turkey)?
- How do emerging solidarities counteract forms of oppression, violences and conflicts by state and non-state actors?
- How do forms of conflict and antagonism counteract the strength of cooperation amongst immigration-enforcement bodies locally, nationally, regionally, and globally?