

# RETHINKING THE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN MIGRATION, BORDERS AND SOVEREIGNTY: WHAT POLITICAL THEORY TELLS US?

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# PROGRAMME

The ethics of migration has considerably evolved since its first instantiations in the 1980s; yet it remains insular to a certain extent. The normative work that has been done about the argument of self-determination, the legitimacy of border control or the value of freedom of movement, has not fully reached other fields, either for institutional or methodological reasons. The result is not only an incomplete assessment of the contribution of political theory to the study of migration, but also a lacking oversight by theory of institutional and political constraints. This panel aims to explore more systematically the interactions between migration, borders and sovereignty in order to bridge the gap between normative, legal and empirical work. The papers will expand the methodological framework of the political theories of migration, and explore the normative scaffolding inherent to the study of migration, in order to propose a theoretical approach of migration that would better contribute to other disciplines. Two perspectives will be developed. The first one will highlight the limits opposed to the state power in defining and controlling their borders, considering the implications of migrants' individual agency as well as the heteronomous obligations constituting a normative corpus of migration justice states have to respect toward foreigners. The second perspective will examine the boundaries of the community, both by studying the methods of exclusion from citizenship and the development of fictions of non-entrée.

### Sovereignty in Matters of Membership and Migration: State versus Individual Sovereignty

Eva-Maria Schäfferle, Goethe University Frankfurt

Migration Justice and the Relational Conception of the Sovereign State Juliette Monvoisin, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Institut Convergences migrations

How Democratic Theory Deals with Citizenship Exclusion of Migrants? Jules Lepoutre, Professor of Law, University Côte d'Azur

Filtering, Sorting, Excluding: The New Screening Procedure at The Union's External Borders and the Reconfiguration of European Sovereignties **Denis Duez,** Professor of Political Science, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles

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