

## *Workshop proposal nr.21*

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### **Configurations of migration control**

State borders can no longer, if they ever could, be studied only as the geographical demarcation line of a specific territory. Moving towards an understanding of borders as situational and performed, state borders can occur everywhere, including at healthcare clinics, at working-places, and in people's homes. This decentralized and dematerialized approach to borders has implications for how we understand and examine migration control. Migration control here implies a different sense of materiality, management and agency than control over physical border barriers, and there are different ways of understanding control: as coercive or as disciplinary, as practiced by state actors, but also by non-state actors. In this panel we invite papers that ethnographically explore what migration control might mean today and what various forms it takes in the complex landscape of deterritorialized state borders. How has migration control become embedded in everyday life and sociocultural processes? Which actors have become part of migration control, sometimes being unaware of this new position themselves, and which unintended consequences may occur from this? What new perspectives can an ethnographic focus on control and what control is provide us with? Detailed ethnographic case studies of various forms of migration control and responses thereof are invited to cast light on this phenomenon's social complexity, and sometimes contradictory character.

We plan to edit an anthology or Special Issue retrospectively and thus expect paper presenters to send papers in progress in advance (approx. 6 000 words).

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