Journalists, activists, advocates, lawyers, researchers and critical thinkers unveil the persecution, control, and cultural violence surrounding borders & migration.

BORDERS OF FEAR sheds light on wrongdoing in the context of migration by investigating the reasons for and practice of rising walls and borders, leading to physical and cultural violence and persecution and human rights violations. The conference focuses on the discourse of borders at both a concrete level and as a strategy of cultural violence on the part of right-wing propaganda. We analyse the closure of frontiers, the creation of refugee camps, and escalation of security, as well as how border policing and the datafication of society are affecting the narrative around migrants and refugees in Europe and the west.

Cultural and physical borders frequently become the context for discrimination, violence, human rights abuses, and also justification for pushbacks and detention centers, where people are locked away for years exploited by traffickers.

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