



“The Shifting Border”

Legal Cartographies of Migration and Mobility

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The border is one of the most important issues of our times. It is also one of the least well understood. We think of a border as a static line, but recent bordering techniques have broken away from the map, as governments have developed legal tools to limit the rights of migrants before and after they enter a country's territory. The detachment of state power from a fixed geographical marker has created a new paradigm: the *shifting border*.

This development upsets our assumptions about waning sovereignty, while also revealing the limits of the push for border-refortification. But while the accelerating mobility of borders cuts against the rights of those who cross them, it also presents a tremendous opportunity to rethink states' responsibilities to migrants. In her Amo Lecture, which is based on her most recent book, Professor Shachar proposes a new approach to human mobility in a world where borders, like people, have the capacity to move.

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