

Liberal States and the Freedom of Movement

Selective Borders, Unequal Mobility

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State borders are seen as institutions that regulate cross-border mobility and determine peoples' chances to travel, work, and study across the globe. This book looks at how global mobility is defined and regulated by the borders of liberal states. The central question is whether borders have become more permissive or more restrictive. In examining border-regime change over the past forty years, the authors find that chances for mobility are increasingly unequal. The new border arrangements define ever greater freedom of mobility for some groups and heavily restrict mobility for others. The authors assess changes in the selectivity of border policies over time and the different means by which such selectivity is enforced.

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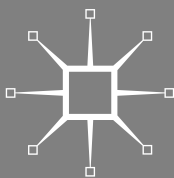
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