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Hard and Soft Borders: The Politics of European Border Enforcement

Matt Carr

Journalist and author of Fortress Europe: Dispatches from a Gate Continent (2012)

This seminar will take place in
EB.G.18, Docklands Campus, University of East London, E16 2RD, nearest tube: Cyprus DLR
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4-6pm, Monday 4th November 2013

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Abstract: In the last two decades, borders have acquired an unprecedented international visibility. In Europe this phenomenon has produced a seemingly contradictory dynamic. On the one hand European governments have dissolved national border controls that once seemed permanent and irreversible, while simultaneously expanding the EU's external borders to absorb new states. At the same time the EU has conducted the most extensive border enforcement program in history, based on a constant escalation of exclusionary measures and controls that extend both inside and outside its territorial frontiers - a process that is largely intended to prevent the entry of undocumented Third World migrants. Matt Carr discusses the politics of Europe's 'hard' and 'soft' borders, based on his recent book Fortress Europe: Dispatches from a Gate Continent (2012).

Matt Carr is an author and journalist. His books include The Infernal Machine: A History of Terrorism (2011) and Blood and Faith: the Purging of Muslim Spain (2011). His latest book is the result of more than two years research in the 'hot zones at Europe's external and internal borders’. He blogs at www.infernalmachine.co.uk

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