

Necropolitics and the migration 'crisis' in Europe and Russia

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講演内容：

This presentation explores the current migration situation in Europe and Russia through the lens of necropolitics. Developing Foucault's ideas around biopolitics Mbeme argues that there is a need to consider the role that governments play in the death, or 'near death', of those living under marginalised conditions. Death here does not, necessarily, mean 'to kill' but to allow the exploitation of workers, to deny health care or to refuse the human rights of certain groups of people. As the presentation discusses, based on long term field work, this can be clearly seen in the treatment of Central Asia labour migrants in Russia. Using examples, from Moscow it will be shown how labour migrants live in fear of the police and are often exploited by employers and government officials. The presentation then turns to examine how currently migration into the EU is constructed as a 'crisis' and how media constructions of migrants and social policy towards them can be seen through the necropolitical lens. To enable this, it will consider current policies towards migrants, demonstrating the variety between EU member states while paying particular attention to the situation in Brexit Britain. The British example is an important one as the country struggles with its relationship to labour, asylum seeking and irregular migrants as it seeks to leave the European Union.



講師略歴：

John Round is a socio-economic geographer whose main research interest is concerned with how people/households develop tactics to cope with marginality in all its forms. His PhD examined how senior citizens survive in the Russian far north east city of Magadan in the face of extreme economic marginalization and hostile climatic conditions. He is currently working on a major long-term project, supported by the Open Society Foundation, to explore the everyday experiences of labour migrants in Moscow and Kazan from Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

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