

SUMMER SCHOOL 9-14 August 2021 (online)

Imagining Europe: Migration, Borders and the (Re)Making of 'Europe'



Europe has a long and complex history of migration and an increasingly polarised contemporary politics of migration. In public, political, discourse the multiple histories of migration to, from, within, and in service of 'Europe'/European states are becoming flash points for debate. For some commentators and policy-makers, Europe, and a European 'way of life', are 'under siege', threatened, at risk of being 'overwhelmed' by a seemingly unstoppable 'wave' of migrants seeking to exploit the benefits that Europe has to offer. For others, that 'way of life' was only made possible by past colonial projects (and their associated migrations) and present neocolonial economic policies, which Europe has failed both to address and redress.

But what, and where, is 'Europe'? In this Summer School we will critically reflect on this question from a number of different perspectives – including those of migrants, citizens, policy-makers, and security officials – and explore the role that migration (and responses to it) has played, and continues to play, in building or imagining 'Europe' – historically, geographically, socially, economically, politically, and culturally. The Summer School will be organised around the following themes, addressing a range of questions including:

- Histories and Cultures of Migration
- 'European' Borders and Bordering Practices
- Intersectional Understandings and Approaches to Migration
- Human Rights and Security

Speakers will include activists, professionals and academics from several disciplines including anthropology, politics, law, international relations and history. Our curriculum will comprise of life lectures, paper presentations, student debates, structured group discussions around carefully selected readings and case-studies, as well as film presentations.

The Europaeum Summer School is aimed at advanced graduate students from the universities within the [Europaeum network](#). We welcome applications from students who wish to either just join the discussions, or present a paper. Applications should include the Europaeum application form, a brief CV, a statement of purpose (up to 500 words), and a reference letter by their supervisor or academic advisor. Those who wish to submit a paper should also add a short abstract of the proposed paper (up to 500 words).

More information about how to apply:

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The deadline for submission of applications is

15 June 2021. All enquiries to euroinfo@europaeum.ox.ac.uk

