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**Migration and the Rise of Everyday Bordering**

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## Abstract

The paper argues that everyday bordering has become a major technology of control of both social diversity and discourses on diversity, in a way that threatens the convivial co-existence of pluralist societies, especially in metropolitan cities as well as reconstructs everyday citizenship. As such it has replaced multiculturalism as a hegemonic discourse of governing diversity. The paper begins with an outline of a theoretical and methodological framework, which explores bordering, the politics of belonging and a situated intersectional perspective for the study of the everyday. It then analyses the shift in focus of recent UK immigration legislation from the external, territorial border to the internal border, incorporating technologies of everyday bordering in which ordinary citizens are demanded to become either border-guards and/or suspected illegitimate border crossers. The paper uses illustrate examples from the EUBorderscapes fieldwork in the UK and examines everyday bordering encounters from the different situated gazes of different social agents, among them professional border officers, employers and employees, marriage registrars, migrants and locals.

## Curriculum Vitae

Nira Yuval-Davis is Professor Emeritus, Honorary Director of the Research Centre on Migration, Refugees and Belonging (CMRB) at the University of East London. She has been the President of the Research Committee 05 (on Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnic Relations) of the International Sociological Association, a founder member of Women Against Fundamentalism and the international research network on Women In Militarized Conflict Zones. She has acted as a consultant, among others, for UNDP and the UN Special Rapporteurs on Violence Against Women and Cultural Rights, Amnesty International, and the Association for Women's Rights in Development AWID. She has recently been selected to receive the International Sociological Association Award for Excellence in Research and Practice in the next ISA Congress.

Nira Yuval-Davis has written widely on theoretical and empirical aspects of intersected gendered nationalisms, racisms, fundamentalisms, citizenships, identities, belonging/s and everyday bordering in Britain and Europe, Israel and other Settler Societies. Her writings have been translated into more than ten languages.

## Selected Publications

- *Woman – Nation – State*, edited with F. Anthias, MacMillan, 1989.
- *Racialised Boundaries: Race, Nation, Gender, Colour and Class and the Anti-Racist Struggle*, co-authored with F. Anthias, Routledge, 1992.
- *Refusing Holy Orders: Women and Fundamentalism in Britain*, edited with G. Sahgal, Virago Press, 1992.
- *Unsettling Settler Societies: Articulations of Gender, Ethnicity, Race and Class*, edited with D. Stasiulis, Sage, 1995.
- *Gender and Nation*, Sage, 1997.
- *Women, Citizenship and Difference*, edited with P. Werbner, Z Books, 1999.
- “Boundaries, Identities and Borders”, special issue of *Patterns of Prejudice*, vol. 40(3), July 2006, edited with K. Kannabiran & U. Vieten.
- *The Politics of Belonging: Intersectional Contestations*, London: Sage, 2011.
- *Women Against Fundamentalism: Stories of Dissent and Solidarity*, edited with Sukhwant Dhaliwal, London: Lawrence and Wishart, 2014.
- “Racialized Bordering Discourses on European Roma”, special issue of *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, edited with G. Wemyss and K. Cassidy, 2016 (also published as book by Routledge, 2017).
- Forthcoming: *Bordering*, co-authored with G. Wemyss and K. Cassidy, Cambridge: Polity Press, 2018.