

# Towards a Novel Mobility Regime? The Legacies of the COVID-19 Regarding the Governance of Human Movement

## Project Page



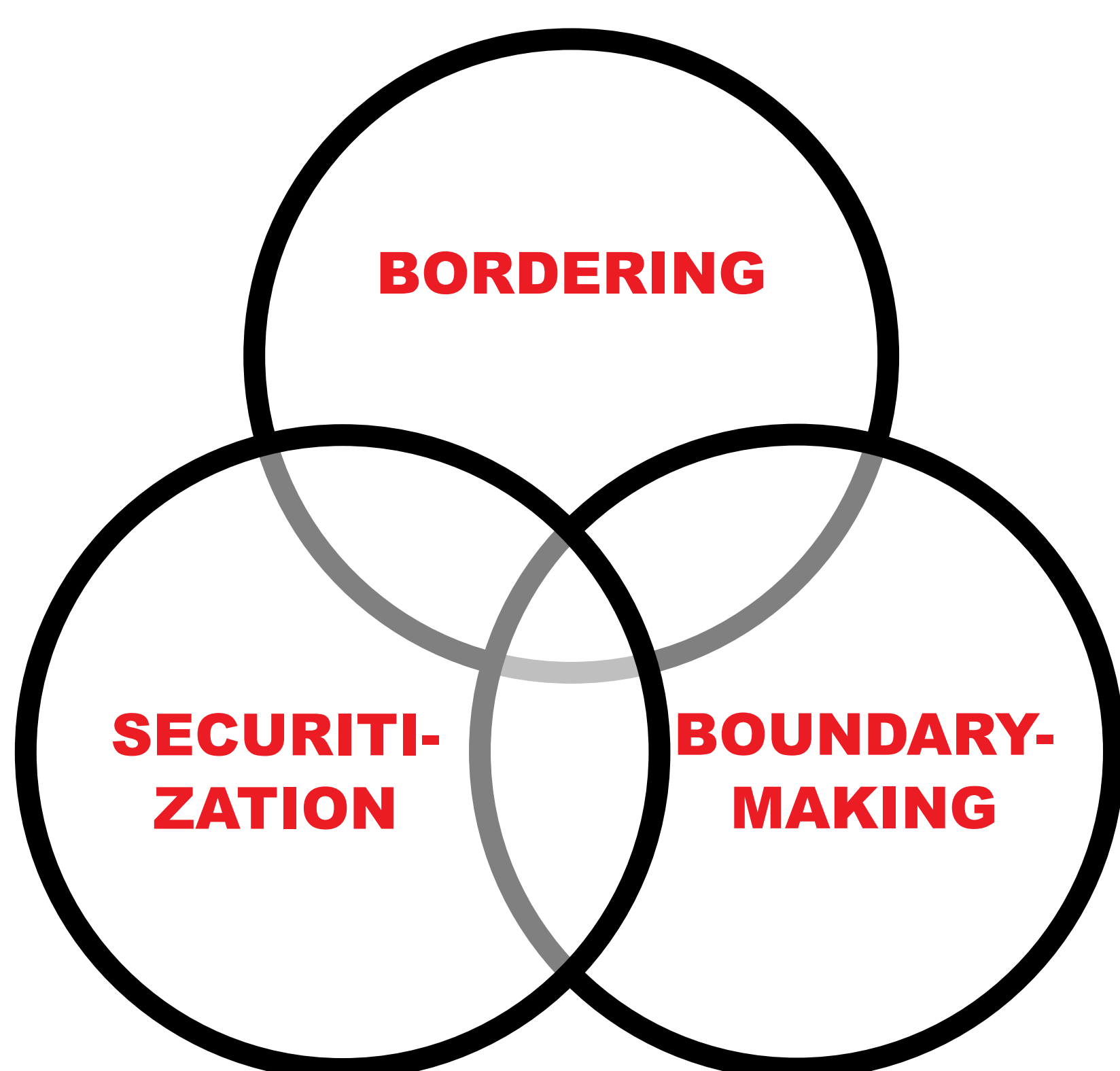
## Workshop



## Research Questions

What are the legacies of the extraordinary measures introduced in response to COVID-19 regarding how the governance of human movement is being conceived, implemented, technologically mediated, and lived after the outbreak of the pandemic?

### Conceptual Framework:



## Case Studies

### Crises and the Swiss Asylum Regime, Sélim Clerc

#### Research question

- What do the governing of COVID-19, other 'crises' and their legacies reveal about the underlying logics at play in the Swiss asylum regime?

#### Methodology

- Observations, interviews, socio-historic approach

#### First findings

- COVID-19 as one 'crisis' within a continuum of crises. Policy response to these crises often relies on an alteration of the infrastructure of the asylum system.

### Categorising Key Workers, United Kingdom, Eloise Thompson

#### Research question

- How and to what effect has the categorisation of key workers since the outbreak of COVID-19 been entangled with socio-spatial dynamics of care work in the UK?

#### Methodology

- Mapping, expert interviews, document analysis (qual + quant)

#### First findings

- Category of *key worker* bounded by and produced through COVID mobility regime. Through mobility, it acts ambivalently - as both a challenge to and reinforcer of inequalities and privileges.

## Project Team

### Project Leaders

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### Fellows

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## Planned Outputs

**International Workshop** „Mobilities and Movements: Analyzing and theorizing legacies“, 30-31 May 2024, Neuchâtel.

**Special Issue** on „Legacies,“ featuring contributions from highly reputed scholars.

## Achievements

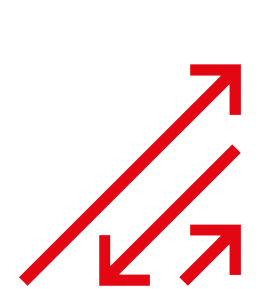
### Conferences:

- Panel, 20th Annual IMISCOE Conference 2023, 'Towards a Novel Mobility Regime?'
- Presentation, IMISCOE Spring Conference 2024, 'Governing the mobility of key workers'

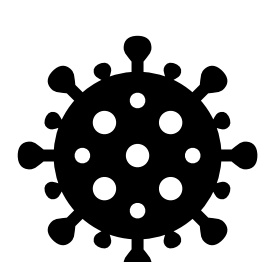
### Publications:

- NCCR Blog series, "Legacies of COVID-19", Autumn 2023
- DAHINDEN, J. (2021). Genderaspekte: Verschärfte Ungleichheiten. In F. Rühli & A. Thier (Eds.), *Weissbuch Corona. Die Schweiz nach der Pandemie. Befunde – Erkenntnisse – Perspektiven* (pp. 37-45). NZZ Libro.
- KLAUSER F., PAUSCHINGER D. (2022) Searching for the right balance between openness and closure: Spatial logics of crisis management and control in the policy response to pandemic disease such as COVID-19, *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*, 9: 32-40.

## Contributions to NCCR



**Hierarchical approach** to the Migration-Mobility Nexus: we study the construction and governance of mobility regimes during and since the COVID-19 pandemic, and examine the ways in which the policy response to the pandemic affects, in the long run, the ways of governing, framing and interrelating differing types of movement.



**Crises as social constructions based on objectifiable events:** we look at what the framing of the COVID-19 pandemic as a "crisis" enables, in terms of representations, practices, experiences and governance of mobilities of people. We consider the legacies of crises both as empirically objectifiable 'socio-historical' processes and as processes of narrative construction.