

# Rethinking Colonial Legacies in Philosophies of Migration [EN]

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Philosophies of migration today face the challenge of decolonization. Despite the formal abolition of colonial rule, its historical legacy continues to shape contemporary trends in migration, border control regimes, as well as our conceptual frameworks thinking about them. This history and legacy, however, has gone largely unnoticed by dominant philosophies of migration. In this lecture I explore what it means to take seriously the decolonization challenge in philosophy and to rethink theories of migration, our conception of the migrant and the responsibilities of states, in its light.

## Short bio

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