**Collective care and safety beyond state abandonment**

*1. Activism, coalitions, and movements in contemporary and historical perspectives*

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Proposal: State regulations of belonging, rights, representation, subjectivities, and basic needs are shaped by the dual/interconnected processes of control and abandonment. This dynamic is particularly evident in the current European neoliberal turn, marked by the growing influence of neofascist and far-right populist elements. The simultaneous operation of these governing logics – control and abandonment – increasingly defines the conditions for social movements and community organising. This panel brings together reflections on the meaning and radical potential of everyday, local and urban struggles and organising practices in the context of state repression and state abandonment. We welcome presentations that explore strategies and practices that move beyond the double-bind of rights claims and work towards building community, belonging and relations of care through alternative, local and informal avenues rather than (or in addition to) through the formalised avenues of the state and the law. The panel organisers come from the fields of critical border studies, studies of racial capitalism, trans studies, and their crossroads with gender and sexuality studies. In our different strands of work, we have addressed various ways in which people and communities actively resist state repression by creating conditions for livable lives outside of the formalised frameworks of the state. In our dialogue, we have paid attention to the parallels between the ways in which trans communities come together to co-create alternative paths to knowledge sharing, mutual support, healthcare, and liberation and the ways in which irregularised, precarised people on the move across borders share knowledge, support and space that challenge state and border regimes’ attempts to enforce (im)mobility. These practices have been discussed and conceptualised in a range of ways, from bell hooks’ notion of the “home place” through concepts such as “collective care” and “counter-politics of care” to notions of “im/mobile commoning”, “communities of knowledge” and “prefigurative politics”. The aim of the panel is to continue exploring the parallels between trans and border struggles, but also to think across a wider range of different axes of struggles for liveability, community, justice and liberation in order to identify specificities and continuities, and to deepen or understandings of the limitations and paradoxes of state institutions and rights claims