



# SustainEUorPlanet Seminar

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## The Afterlife of 2015: Reordering Borders of the EU

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Introductory remarks and Discussant

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Online participation via [Microsoft Teams](#)

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**Abstract:** The 2015 refugee movement marked a critical juncture in EU migration governance, reshaping both Europe's internal and external political and social landscape. In its first episode, migration and border governance was reorganized through an entanglement of security and humanitarian rationales. At the Union's southern external borders—particularly in Spain, Italy, and Greece—practices of containment, deportation and deterrence were framed through the language of rescue and crisis management. After 2020, a second phase became discernible. Humanitarian rhetoric receded, while militarized forms of control and overt practices of exclusion and violence intensified and were increasingly normalized. Drawing on a decade of ethnographic research at Europe's borders, this seminar examines these two phases in the "afterlife of 2015" and reflects on their broader political and normative implications.

**Sibel Karadağ Tatar:** Sibel Karadağ is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Kadir Has University in Istanbul. She is an alumna of the Mercator Stiftung–IPC program and a former Fulbright scholar at Yale University. Her research interest lies mainly in critical border studies, migration and mobility, labour studies, and international political sociology. In addition to numerous international projects and edited books she contributed, her articles have been published in the journals, including *Geopolitics*, *Security Dialogue*, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, *Revista CIDOB d'Afers Internacionals*, *Turkish Studies*, and *Comparative Migration Studies*. She has a decade-long field experience on the Aegean Sea, Evros River, and border/migration policies in Turkey. Karadağ also serves on the Governing Board of EISA (European International Studies Association) and Board of Border Forensics which investigates violence and human rights violations at borders.

**Prof. Annalisa Furia:** Associate Professor of History of Political Thought at the Department of Cultural Heritage of the University of Bologna since 2019. Her research interests include the study of the political thought of the French Revolution (Sieyès), modern and contemporary doctrines of human rights, citizenship and security and feminist political thought (Martha C. Nussbaum, Joan C. Tronto). She has also studied foreign aid, migration intended as a *res politica* and, more recently, the history of the concept of solidarity in French political thought. She was Visiting Professor at the University of Brighton, Leeds and Aix-Marseille. She is member of Board of the PhD Programme "Future earth, climate change and societal challenges" of the University of Bologna. She was the Director of the I-Contact Master's degree and she is currently the Director of the Master Course on "Human Rights, Migration, Intercultural Inclusion". Over the years, she has taken part as expert and/or scientific coordinator in many European projects on human rights, migration and development.

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