



Seminar

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Governance After the End of Borders

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ABOUT PETER MANCINA

Peter Mancina is Research Associate at the Centre for Criminology at the University of Oxford. He received his Ph.D. in Anthropology from Vanderbilt University in 2016 following the completion of ethnographic fieldwork and archival analysis examining how “sanctuary city” policies in the United States empower local law enforcement agents to help deport individuals convicted of crimes.

Mancina is the author of “Investigating and (Not) Disciplining Violations of Sanctuary Laws” in the *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal* (2019); “Sanctuary Cities and Sanctuary Power” in the book *Open Borders: In Defense of Free Movement* (University of Georgia Press, 2019); “The Birth of a Sanctuary City: A History of Governmental Sanctuary in San Francisco” in the book *Sanctuary Practices in International Perspectives: Migration, Citizenship, and Social Movements* (Routledge, 2012); and “Crisis-Management: Tzeltal-Maya Transnational Migration and the Foucauldian Apparatus” in the journal *Dialectical Anthropology* (2011). He has recently authored a public policy implementation report - *Turning the Golden State into a Sanctuary State: A Report on the Impact and Implementation of the California Values Act (SB54)* – that describes how local law enforcement in California is continuing to assist in deportations despite the new state sanctuary law’s extensive prohibitions on such activities.

At SCAS, Mancina will work on his book *Sanctuary City in the Age of Mass Deportation* examining three decades of governmental experiments with sanctuary city protocols in San Francisco, California. He will additionally examine how sanctuary cities provide a model of governance that does not rely on national citizenship to operate and which therefore may survive in possible futures that include increased undocumented mobility, the collapse of nation states, or the end of national borders.

ABSTRACT

Since 2017, demands for the end of national borders and border control agencies such as #AbolishICE have arisen in the United States in response to the intensified dragnet immigration enforcement efforts of the Trump Administration. These aspirational demands have not, however, been accompanied by proposed models for how territories and populations would be governed after the end of national borders and border control. To think through hypothetical outcomes resulting from the abolition of national borders, this lecture will examine one existing governmental model – the “sanctuary city” – as it has developed in San Francisco, California over the past thirty-five years. A sanctuary city is a municipal regulatory regime that legally prohibits government employees from using government resources to enforce immigration laws, patrol borders, or condition the provision of government benefits and services on the basis of immigration status and national citizenship.