Why gender and sexuality matter in European migration and border management

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Questions of gender and sexuality are generally not treated as important concerns in the literature on migration and border management, with the exceptions of gender and sexuality as grounds for asylum, and gender and sexuality in political anti-immigration discourses. However, drawing among others on Foucault to highlight the biopolitical dimension of migration and border management, the talk will present historical and contemporary examples of how gender and sexuality can matter, both in the regulation of migration and in the lifeworlds of migrants and their social networks.