There is a new trend in border politics: the building of separation barriers. The most conspicuous of these now loom between Israel and the Occupied Territories and between the United States and Mexico. But other walls, barriers, fences, and reinforcements are being built or planned around the world. Why are these walls being built? What do border barriers divide? Do they serve their purpose? What precisely is the moral problem, if any, with border walls and border fences?

This conference will bring together legal scholars, geographers, political scientists, political theorists, historians, and philosophers to tackle related questions regarding territorial rights, boundaries, and jurisdiction.

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Friday 13 ISPS, 77 Prospect St, Room A002
9:30-10:00 Opening Remarks, Paulina Ochoa Espejo

10:00-12:00 Panel 1: Making Borders
Stuart Elden—Technologies of Bordering: Drawing Lines, Calculating Space
Matthew Longo—Trends in Bordering: Unpacking New Border Security Initiatives
Keith Darden—Cutting the Gordian Knot: A Consequentialist Theory of Border Settlement
Lea Brilmayer—Discussant

1:00-3:00 Panel 2: Normative Perspectives
David Miller—Borders and Human Rights
Paulina Ochoa Espejo—What’s wrong about Border Fences?
Avery Kolers—Borders, Barriers and the Territories they Demarcate: Some Questions
Daniel Viehoff—Discussant

3:00-3:30 Coffee Break

3:30-5:30 Panel 3: Borders in Africa and Central Asia
George Capriles—State builders, Border Guards & Barriers: Central Asia’s Border Woes
Alexander Diener—The New Silk Road: Mobilities and Barrier Borders in Central Eurasia
Hein Geomans—African Boundaries
Erin Pineda—Discussant

Saturday 14 Macmillan Center, Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, Room 202
8:45-10:45 Table 4: Borders Old and New
Joshua Hagen—Borders, territory, and territoriality in the ancient world
Rachel St. John—Boundary Markers, Cleared Spaces, and Border Fences: A Historical Overview of Early Spatial Demarcation on the Western U.S.-Mexico Border
Alicia Schmidt Camacho—Gender Violence and Social Death on the North American Migrant Circuit
Peter Andreas—Discussant

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-1:00 Table 5: Borders and Immigration
Rogers Smith—The American Attraction through Enforcement: Immigration Restriction Movement
Claudio López-Guerra—Immigration, Population and Borders: On the Right to Invite Outsiders
Ayelet Stadlan—Earned Citizenship: Property Lessons for Immigration Reform
Seyla Benhabib—Discussant