



# Walls and Fences: The Politics and Ethics of Border Barriers

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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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**Location:**

April 13: ISPS, 77 Prospect St, Room A002

April 14: Macmillan Center, Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Ave., Room 203

Free and open to the public. Due to limited seating registration is required. Please go to the registration section of this website to attend the conference.

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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 Gavrilis— 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 Migratory  
Circuit  
Peter Andreas— Discussant

10.45-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-1.00 Table 5: Borders and Immigration

Rogers Smith— The American 'Attrition through Enforcement' Immigration Restriction  
Movement  
Claudio López-Guerra— Immigration, Population and Borders: On the Right to Invite Outsiders  
Ayelet Shachar— Earned Citizenship: Property Lessons for Immigration Reform  
Seyla Benhabib—Discussant