

HUMANITARIANISMS: MIGRATIONS AND CARE THROUGH THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Teaching Module for 1 Class Unit

Refugees and First Nations Sovereignty

In 2010, Australian Aboriginal elders and activists began to issue First Nation passports to refugees and asylum seekers detained and deterred under the terms of Australian border security. How might this gesture of welcome be read in light of contending sovereignties at stake? In this talk Anne McNevin reflects on the epistemic conditions that shape the reception of this gesture. Building out from this example, she draws on Indigenous articulations of sovereignty, responsibility and care as sources of theory about hospitality. Examining some of the limits to engaging those ideas in abstraction, she works towards a notion of epistemic hospitality as a way of approaching an exchange of knowledges about hospitality between putative hosts and guests, and across the putative terrain of the Global North and South.

Webinar:

Anne McNevin, "Sovereignty, Welcome, and Epistemic Hospitality." ▸ Watch [here](#).

Short Description:

In this webinar, Anne McNevin discusses First Nations Sovereignty and refugees detained under the terms of Australian border security as a way to rethink gestures of welcome, responsibility, and care to decolonize humanitarianism.

Readings:

- McNevin, A. (2007). Irregular Migrants, Neoliberal Geographies and Spatial Frontiers of 'The Political'. *Review of International Studies*, 33(4), 655-674. Retrieved January 23, 2021.
- McNevin, A (2018). Hospitality as a Horizon of Aspiration (or, What the International Refugee Regime Can Learn from Acehese Fishermen)." *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 31(3) (co-authored with Antje Missbach).

**Optional Readings can be added here.*

Assignments:

1. Fill out the study guide.
2. Write two discussion questions on the discussion board.
3. Write a 2-page response paper using the following prompt: "In what ways does Anne McNevin's work contribute to decolonizing humanitarianism?"