

MIGRANTS' AND PRO-MIGRANT MOBILISATION IN THE EU

NEW ACTORS, NEW STRUGGLES, NEW CONCEPTS

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Context: The EU border regime

- Harmonisation of immigration and visa policies
- Corollary to the Schengen Area
- Fortress Europe?
- Borders beyond walls?
- Bordered lives



Actors : Migrants

- A word on words
- Struggles of undocumented workers, asylum seekers, people stuck in border camps along or within the EU frontiers, people with refugee status but no rights, people who have to secure refugee status and their supporters
- Different political biographies but a common experience of borders



French *sans-papiers* protest



Undocumented migrant workers' march (Germany)



Actors: Solidarity

- Diverse forms of solidarity
- Different trajectories and political ideas
- Emergence of new alliances
- Mobilities and borders as new keywords of social and political struggles



Solidarity



Solidarity with the struggle of migrants against borders



Struggles : Accessing the Commons

- Convergence of struggles
 - housing, health, political participation, right to the city...
- Rethinking rights and citizenship?
- Cross-fertilisation between movements



Convergence of Social Struggles!



Dakar World Social Forum

(for a world of solidarity and that respects the rights of migrants)



Global Day of Action against Racism, for the Rights of Migrants, Refugees and Displaced People



Tensions: In/visibilisation

- Tension between « making visible » and « keeping imperceptible » at the heart of these struggles
- Range of public forms of protest
- New repertoires of action



Imperceptible struggles

- Micro political level.
- Need to escape scrutiny.
- Long summer of migration
- Are these acts political?



Lampedusa : symbol of EU border regime and of resistance



Lampedusa in Berlin – No One is Illegal

