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# Covid-19 Pandemic and the Spectral Presence of Migrant Workers and Refugees

A Round Table with Ranabir Samaddar, Alex Aleinikoff  
and Roger Zetter

The bordering processes unleashed by the Covid-19 pandemic has revealed the existing fault lines of our present-day societies and deepened the current fissures and dilemmas of global capitalist order, state sovereignty, and governance structures. On the basis of Calcutta Research Group's book, *Borders of an Epidemic: Covid-19 and Migrant Workers*, edited by Prof. Ranabir Samaddar, which highlights the ethical and political implications of the pandemic, this round table addresses the changing landscape of visibility and invisibility of migrant workers, refugees as well as of national borders, which opens further questions about inequalities, public health, and politics of care.

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