

## CALL FOR PAPERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS: THE BALKAN CORRIDOR, 10 YEARS LATER

Migration has been a constant part of history, yet since the 20<sup>th</sup> century onwards, it has been a key symptom of the capitalist political-economic regime. As such, it works as a boomerang, stemming from the colonial practices of Western hegemony and its current neocolonialist power structure, based on the division between centre and periphery. Its exploitation of cheap migrant labour is an essential return effect for the functioning of late capitalism. It is also a boomerang in the sense that migration seems to function like an abject of the contemporary political regime which tries to suppress the investment of power relations into the field of migration, the effects of which - precisely because of this suppression - cannot keep coming back and influence the political sphere; it is a part of the whole of hegemonic power relations yet that part which also enables it in its current concrete ties and as much represents the whole itself. Let's look at the changes within the past 10 years since the closure of the Balkan corridor in 2016. We can observe a reconfiguration of the "society that defends", the establishment of new borders, the re-use of violent and manifold strategies of the European border regime, and the EU's reshaping into an explicit security apparatus. Migration is also at the centre of new political alliances and realignments, while migrants are used as a geopolitical tool. As we have seen in the case of Turkey and Belorussia, one may understand it as a new form of biological weapon.

Because these effects are multiple and also depend on different localities; because the nature of borders is hard, yet nevertheless plastic; but most of all because the borders' effects are known only through the struggle and there are struggles for the autonomy of migration still going on, **this issue of ČKZ co-edited with Infokolpa will be focusing on the changes within the last 10 years since the opening and most of all closure of the Balkan corridor.** What has changed since then? Where are we positioned concerning migration struggles? What are some changes in the experience of the struggles for the autonomy of migration? What do these past 10 years signify for migration today compared to before? What is the global state of migration? As the content of contributing papers is quite open so is the form, so **we welcome scientific articles, poetry, essays, maps, political and geopolitical analysis, etc.**

**This issue aims to gather different experiences and elaborations in one place to understand better the overall picture of changing times and border regimes, to condense different aspects and through the momentum of condensation try to push the struggles forward, or at least to create a signpost of where we are so we can perhaps see easier to where we should go.** A signpost that would give more chances to intervene in catching that boomerang, but also create an archive, which would serve as a message in a bottle for future struggles.

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