

RFG Talk:Writing Human Rights Across Borders: Globalized Narratives of Migration and the Legal Formation of Subjects on the Move

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Over the last two decades, the figure of the migrant has become the central imaginary subject of human rights because there has been little universal acknowledgement of migrancy as a human rights issue. During the same time, a global literature of migration, which illustrates how subjects on the move are imagined, has emerged as an important medium. Schneck and Zander argue that migrancy fictions negotiate the contradictions and conflicts inherent in the legal formation of the migrant, and reflect on how literary forms and narrative modes may present and suggest alternative visions of migrant subjectivity and agency.

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