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Australian Border Security as 'Message in a Bottle' **Total Deterrence, Offshore Detention, and the Political Implications of their Migration to Austria**

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Zum Vortrag

This presentation seeks to open a dialogue on Australian border security as a policy model and 'message in a bottle', as aspects of the Australian 'solution' emigrate back to Austria. I offer the view that the Australian case is legible as a fully enacted fantasy and partially replicable policy model that we can learn from: another unsettling political experiment sitting alongside British penal transportation (1788-1850s), White Australia (1901-1970s), and contemporary multiculturalism (1970s-present). I offer an overview of Australian border security's systemic features and political contradictions to cultivate critical understanding and consider probable Austro-Australian border security futures, should current trajectories of Australian thinking and practice continue to be implemented. How might we think of the Australian model as a 'message in a bottle' for Austria? What becomes of asylum, of the right to escape and seek shelter, once border security's world becomes socially invisible and politically accepted 'national infrastructure' as it has in Australia, transforming the border itself into a 'strategic national asset'? I would like to gather the contradictions raised in offering Australian responses to these key questions together to talk together about our shared border security future, should it arrive, and consider political alternatives, while they still exist.

Zur Person

Peter Chambers has just completed a full-length work that addresses the co-emergence of border security, offshore detention on distant islands, and onshore enclaves in global cities. In the coming year, the implications of this book are being further developed by focusing on the ocean in its immanence, the pervasive use of offshore, and the cultural effects of Australian border security's stabilising social imaginaries. Over the next two years his work is turning to explore the normative implications of border security, offshore, and vulnerable noncitizen life. This seeks concrete ways of thinking about global political justice by regarding our common vulnerability through differential exposure to harm – through citizenship status, work and transport. In order to ground these concerns, he has an empirically grounded focus examining conflict between motorists and cyclists/pedestrians in Melbourne, currently taking shape as a co-authored book and a paper examining the recent urban attacks using the motor car in crowded urban spaces. Peter Chambers is a lecturer in criminology at Deakin University, and his recent teaching has focused on terrorism, criminological theory, surveillance, global crime, and political justice.

