



From Control to Governance

Rethinking the U.S. – Mexico Border

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“Public debates often portray the U.S.-Mexico border as a problem of control. This lecture argues that it is more productively understood as a challenge of governance. Drawing on ongoing research, it examines how institutions, policies, and actors interact in a complex border environment where competing objectives frequently undermine coherent administration.”

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