

Migration Society: Borders of the Future

As humans continue to exist, migration will persist alongside them. People always moved seeking better opportunities. But the population grows and migration evolves into a multifaceted challenge. While it is getting more accessible for some it becomes harder for others. If we deal with migration the right way, it can not only diversify communities but also lead to economical growth and more social equality.

Migration is a long process and includes a variety of different stages, starting prior to the transit with the decision making. People are motivated by a huge range of reasons, mainly economical ones. Other reasons are wars, political persecution, natural disasters and many more. That stage already requires action because it's not only our job to enable migration for those who want to, but also to ensure no one is forced to leave their home, their job and possibly their family as well. Part of it is preventing any further damages due to climate change and working on equal opportunities, enabling children from all around the world to get high level education and fairly paid jobs without the need to move.

The next stage is the transit itself. For some people it's as easy as jumping into a plane and hopping of in their destination. For others, the process involves risking their life in a small boat, walking and thus only taking few of their belongings. Among them are also people holding their breath everytime they get close to a border, afraid all the danger was for nothing and getting deported to their origin. Border control is a significant challenge posed by migration. How can we ensure the freedom of movement and prevent crimes like human trafficking at the same time? Controlled borders ease the search for criminals and possible victims. Some international corporations like the African Union already put programs in place to make the passage of borders easier dealing with those questions.

After entering the country of destination, the journey doesn't end for most migrants. Migrants often face precarious conditions in the country of their destination. If the status of the migration is not completed, working permits are really limited. In addition to the fear of being deported, people without a regular job and regular pay have little to no opportunities to be part of the new country.

Migration and borders lead to conflicts, conflicts about beliefs and identity as well as about property. It's also important to consider the past, especially in countries with colonialistic backgrounds leading to unnatural borders. Considering many different problems connected to borders and the way they are enforced opens the dialog for the development of borders. How will they impact humans in the future?

Now it is our turn to map the future.