Crossroads: The Status and Future of Immigration Policy in 30 Countries Worldwide

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Abstract:
Justin Gest will present a unique study of immigration governance across 30 countries in Europe, the Americas, East Asia, Oceania, and the Middle East. Relying on a database of immigration demographics in the world’s most prominent immigrant destinations, he will present a taxonomy and an analysis of what drives different approaches to immigration policy over space and time. In an era defined by inequality, populism, and fears of international terrorism, he will show how governments are converging toward a “Market Model” that seeks immigrants for short-term labor with fewer outlets to citizenship—an approach that resembles the increasingly contingent nature of labor markets worldwide.