

Another Perspective for Undocumented Migration: Coloniality, Subaltern Subject, and "Mapeos Migrantes"

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Abstract:

In a context in constant transformation in which dominant theoretical proposals appear to show their limitations, I consider the phenomenon of undocumented migration a central issue in the agenda. Under the postcolonian paradigm, the undocumented migration is constructed as a subaltern subject that justifies the adoption of policies aimed to achieve a greater control and better management, relying on the discourse of human rights. The case of Mexico and the Plan Frontera Sur seems to be paradigmatic example of this kind of application and operation. The article also introduce a methodology proposal based on critical mapping that allows new approaches to a better understanding of the phenomenon and their interactions, and is constructed as a critical tool for undocumented migrants.

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