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Climate Mobilities, Mobility Justice and Mobile Commoning

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Reactionary discourses are driving panic around climate migration and contributing to the recent rise of ethnonationalist and xenophobic border policies across Europe and North America. The theory of mobility justice offers a way to counter some of these discourses. Mobility justice is a way to frame the entanglements of power and social exclusion in the mobilities of humans, things, and ideas. It highlights the differential and unequal access to movement, and the ability to move, as well as to stay in place.

This talk will argue for new policy approaches grounded in mobility justice and placing relational ethical mobilities and its heart. It will also develop the idea of "mobile commoning" as a way to help us recognize our own relationality with others, realize the need to limit excessive energy use and promote greater care for common planetary resources.

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