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**Internal Borders: Navigating Inclusion and Exclusion in Italy and Germany**

*with Enrico Gargiulo*

**Commentary: Daniel Manwire**

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There will be a short reception and the possibility to see parts of the *Voices from the Balduintreppe* exhibition after the event.

Registration promotes emancipation: by acquiring a legal identity, a person becomes a formal member of a community and obtains rights. However, registration also enables and reproduces hierarchies and subordinate inclusion, especially when it becomes a selective device. Drawing on research on municipal registration in Italy, this talk reveals the ambiguities of registration as an internal border: in particular, how recognition, or conversely the lack of it, is used to exclude or “omit” people, thus preventing them from being fully autonomous in a legal and material sense.

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