Technologies of Flight. On Recognition, Denial, Capturing and the (Under)Commons of Migration and the European Borderregime

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The presentation deals with the recourse to the body at the border and aims to outline some of the particular problems based on control policies and its further processing as a database-supported identity in the context of European migration policy. In this way, we want to contribute to the politicization of the constitutive instability of an embodied identity. In the first part of the presentation we take up three cases. They have occurred as a result of refugee movements into Europe from 2015 onwards and, for their part - as we will show, not at all rationally justified -, have been conjured up to create scandals and then used as arguments to promote both the social and political acceptance and the desirability of increasing data interoperability and extending the scope of application, as can be seen from the EURODAC amendment that is currently underway. In the second part, we summarize the EURODAC Recast - outlining a new phase of development of the socio-technical assemblage, which is producing an embodied identity of migration in the European development and research institutions of biometric identification and mobility control.