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Where does radicalism go when it disappears? The radical cosmopolitical potential of migrant activism and its re-enacting of the nation-state

Wykład odbędzie się 23 stycznia 2018r. o godz. 15.00 w siedzibie Instytutu Studiów Politycznych PAN, ul. Polna 18/20 w Warszawie (sala konferencyjna).

This presentation addresses a paradox of migrant protests and resistance, such as *Sans Papiers*, *No One Is Illegal*, *No Borders*, marches *A Day Without Us*, migrant protests related to Lampedusa, Calais camps, and others migrant protests from the last decade. Migrants protests are radical both at the level of 'ideational content', such as in the affirmations 'No one is illegal' or 'No borders, no nations', 'Papers for all or not papers at all,' and at the level of morphology of protests: through occupation of public spaces, marches, blockades, hunger strikes, etc., which are actions considered 'illegal' and thus 'impossible', migrants act as if they already have (universal equal) rights. Although migrant activism is radical by contesting the foundations of the current world order of the nation-states, migrants end up requesting rights, admission and citizenship in a concrete nation-state or another. Citizenship is both the regime of exclusion which they are protesting against and the goal which many immigrant protesters are striving to achieve. So the migrant activism is captured by the logic and practices of state sovereignty and end up re-inscribing existing political arrangements. That failure is not of migrant activism itself – its radicalism "disappears" in the methodological nationalism that structures the theoretical and practical approaches of migration. The presentation shows how reluctance to abandon methodological nationalism perpetuates the problems posed by the question of migration and argues that this paradox of migrant activism shows the necessity to bring back the idea of global citizenship and/or world government as a necessary component of a political theory of migration.

Short bio: Dr. Tamara Caraus is a researcher at the Research Institute of the University of Bucharest. Her current area of research includes political theory of cosmopolitanism, global protests and resistance, migrant activism, radical democracy and critical theory of work. Previously, Tamara Caraus has undertaken research projects in political philosophy at the University of Rijeka, Croatia; Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria; University of Uppsala, Sweden; the University of Groningen, The Netherlands; Oxford University, UK; Palacky University of Olomouc, Czech Republic and other institutions. Dr. Caraus was the Principal Investigator within the team research project *Critical Foundations of Contemporary Cosmopolitanism* (2011-2014) at New Europe College, Bucharest. She contributed with articles to various academic journals and edited volumes, published *Tzara mea* (2001), *Ethical Perspectives on the Postmodern Rewriting* (2003), *Traps of Identity* (2011), *The Paper Language* (2017) and coedited *Cosmopolitanism and the Legacy of Dissent* (Routledge, 2014), *Re-Grounding Cosmopolitanism: Towards a Post-Foundational Cosmopolitanism* (Routledge, 2015); *Cosmopolitanism Without Foundations* (Zeta Books, 2015); *Cosmopolitanism and Global Protests: Special Issue of Globalizations* (Taylor & Francis Journal, 2017).