

Gated Community and the Surrounding Slums: A Critical Review of European Union Policy towards the Southern Neighbourhood

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Abstract

A sociology of law and foreign policy of the European Union with the South is inquired through a critical discourse analysis of the ENP with the Southern partners. A literature review across multidisciplinary research scholarships cross-examines contextual positioning, concepts, antecedents, consequences, and critiques of the relationship. Thematically coded examinations reveal the extent to which EU policies and core values may reproduce inequalities across North and South and within the South and the empirical gaps surrounding the relationship. Concepts such as EU identity in relation to the South, selective entry and barriers in the economic market, conditional humanitarian action towards neighbours traverses across margins of law, society and politics in international relations and human rights terrains to scientifically assess the implications on the policy relationship analysis and interwoven inequalities, racial, gender and ethnic discrimination, and stratification within and across the North and South and the South within the North.

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