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Securing Miami International: The Airport as Borderland

The final part of our presentation will focus on the various forms of security controls within the airport. These security subjects include but are not limited to: gate security officers, immigration officers and corporate employers of airport service workers. Specifically, it will focus on the Miami International Airport, given that Miami is a borderlands region in the same ways that the U.S.-Mexico region is thought of as a borderland. This paper will explore how these security subjects within the airport make Miami, as a region, a safe haven for investment. If the tourist is the subject position analyzed to gauge the “safety” of a local space, how do security officers act as the disciplinary mechanism of “securing” both tourist and capital? How do these various functions “secure” neoliberal markets between the U.S. and Latin America?