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FOREWORD

FÉLIX PUIME GUILLÉN
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International migration is among the most powerful forces of global social change. It is at the intersection of a number of domains: political, legal, social, economic and technological forces that continuously shape the lives of individuals and influence the functions of states and international institutions. Migration, being an old phenomenon, yet it continues to experience new dynamism from climate change impacts to artificial intelligence influence and perception or continuity on ideological frameworks for reception and integration.

This book, *International Migrations and Global Transformations: Legal, Social and Technological Perspectives*, was prepared with the aim of offering a pluralistic view of this complex phenomenon. It originated in an academic forum that brought together researchers from different countries and fields of expertise, whose contributions are compiled here and address the same fundamental question: how can we understand and govern international migration in a context of global transformation?

The book is divided into two parts, which reflect the complementarity and tensions of the subject under analysis.

The first part, entitled *Law, Institutions, and Technology in the Face of Contemporary Migration*, addresses the institutional and legal dimensions of migration and the space provided by new technologies. The first chapter focuses on forced migration due to climate change and its impact on national and international legal mechanisms, demonstrating how regulatory frameworks seek to respond to displacement by questioning traditional categories of international law. This is followed by an analysis of the processes of immigrant integration through law in Europe, highlighting the tension between models of inclusion and control strategies. Subsequent chapters examine the impact of artificial intelligence on migration and the potential, but also the risks, of algorithmic governance tools

and open data applied to climate mobility. This highlights that migration can no longer be understood apart from the technological dynamics that permeate our societies.

The second section, entitled Social Dynamics, Global Challenges, and Migration Discourses, ventures an analysis into the field of social perceptions, political discourse, and narratives that shape the way migrations are understood and managed. First, it investigates the generalization to the case of Europe of the concept of “migration hump”, which challenges simplifications about the link between economic development and migratory mobility. Another chapter investigates social attitudes towards migration and the logic of selective humanitarianism, using a case study of the Greater Poland region and how solidarity with some groups can go hand in hand with the exclusion of others. The reflection continues with an analysis of migration as a theme in more traditional political ideologies, detecting conflicts between conservatism, liberalism, and socialism.

Finally, there is a comparison of the governance of irregular migration at the southern borders of the European Union, the United States, and the United Kingdom, which identifies recurring trends of securitization and externalization, and their social and legal consequences.

Together, the chapters contained in this book enable establishing a cross-cutting strategy, whereby legal, political, sociological, and technological methods are integrated. Every contribution not only contains an examination of the specific cases, but also a broader consideration of the challenges for contemporary societies to adapt to human mobility.

This work is also a proof of the quality of international scholarly debate. The diversity of the backgrounds, geographical and disciplinary, of the authors enriches the debate and adds nuances that can perhaps not be introduced with the same type of homogeneous treatment.

This book does not aim to provide ultimate answers, but rather to pose essential questions. Questions regarding the fairness of regulatory systems, the coherence of migration policies, the way societies construct otherness, and how technology is employed ethically in such a sensitive context. These are in fact questions that apply to all of us, in a world in which mobility is at once an issue and an opportunity.



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