

Towards a General Theory of Migration:
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Positive impacts

+ Negative impacts

= Net result

The migration balance sheet

Short term — long term

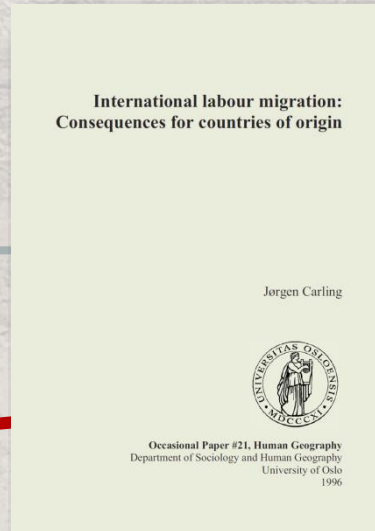
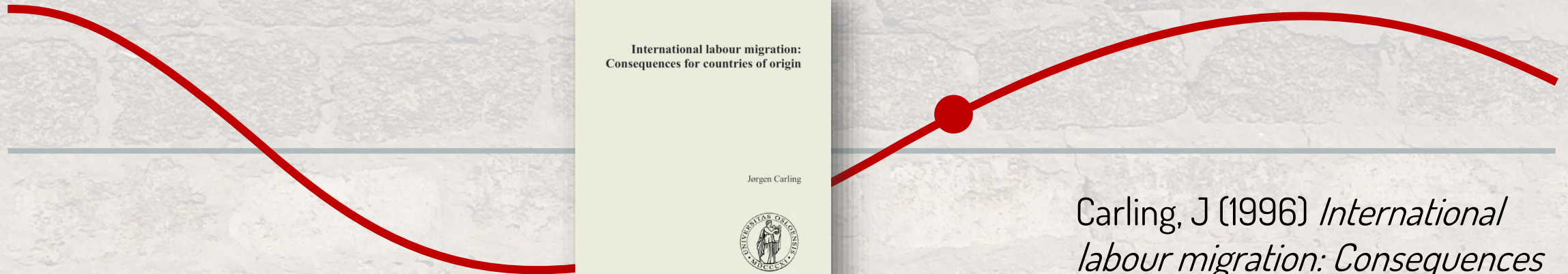
Economic — political — social

Poverty — inequality



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Positive view



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Negative view

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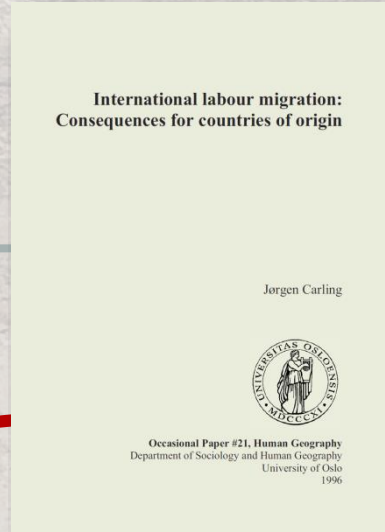
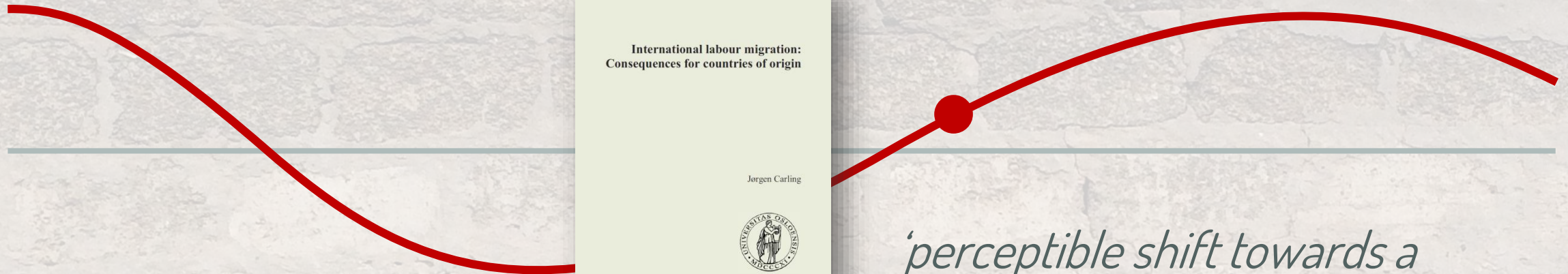
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'perceptible shift towards a more positive view'

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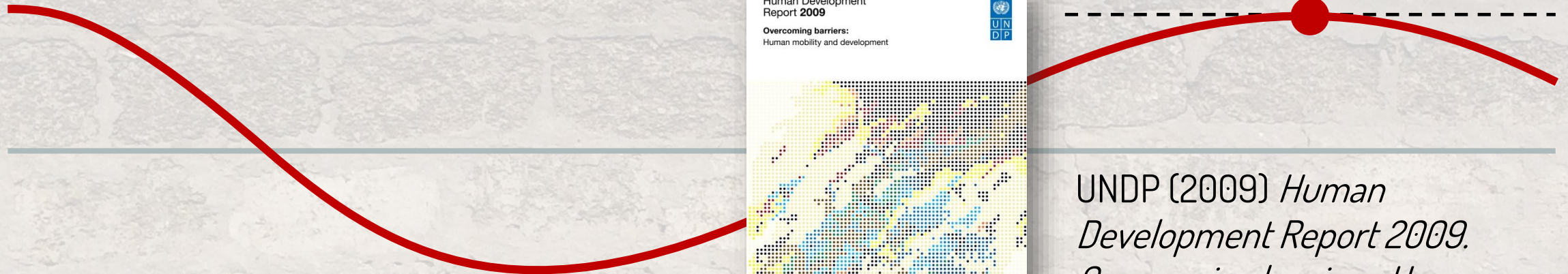
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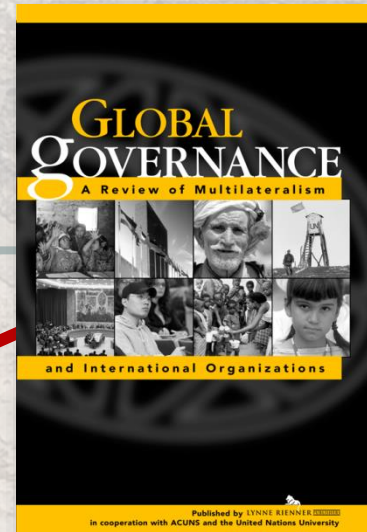
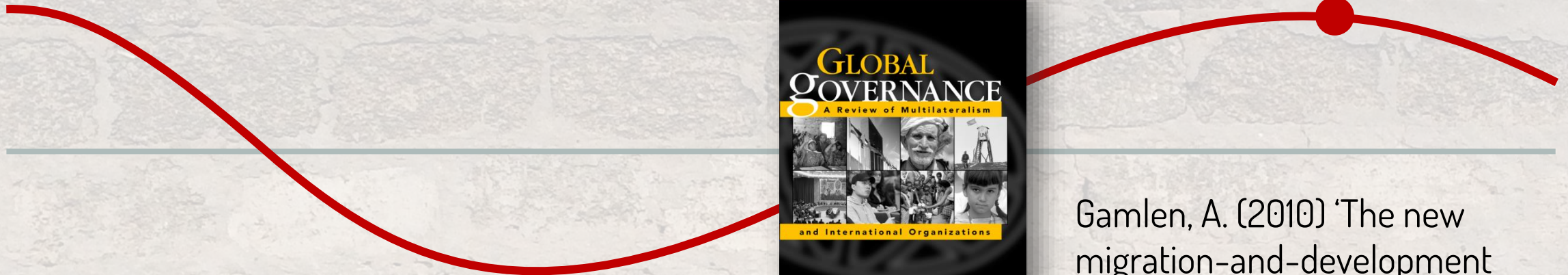
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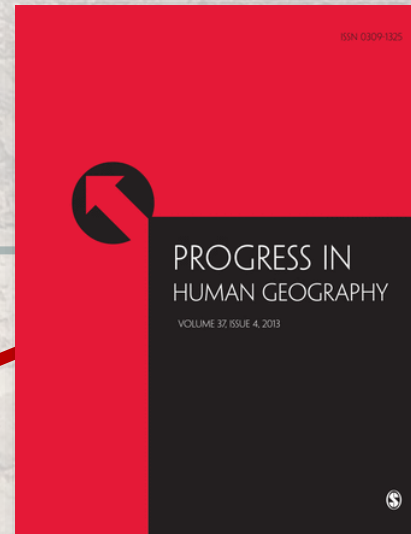
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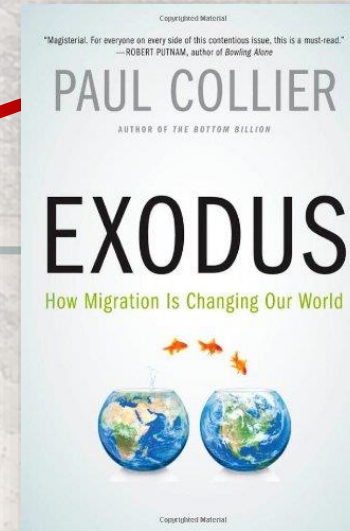
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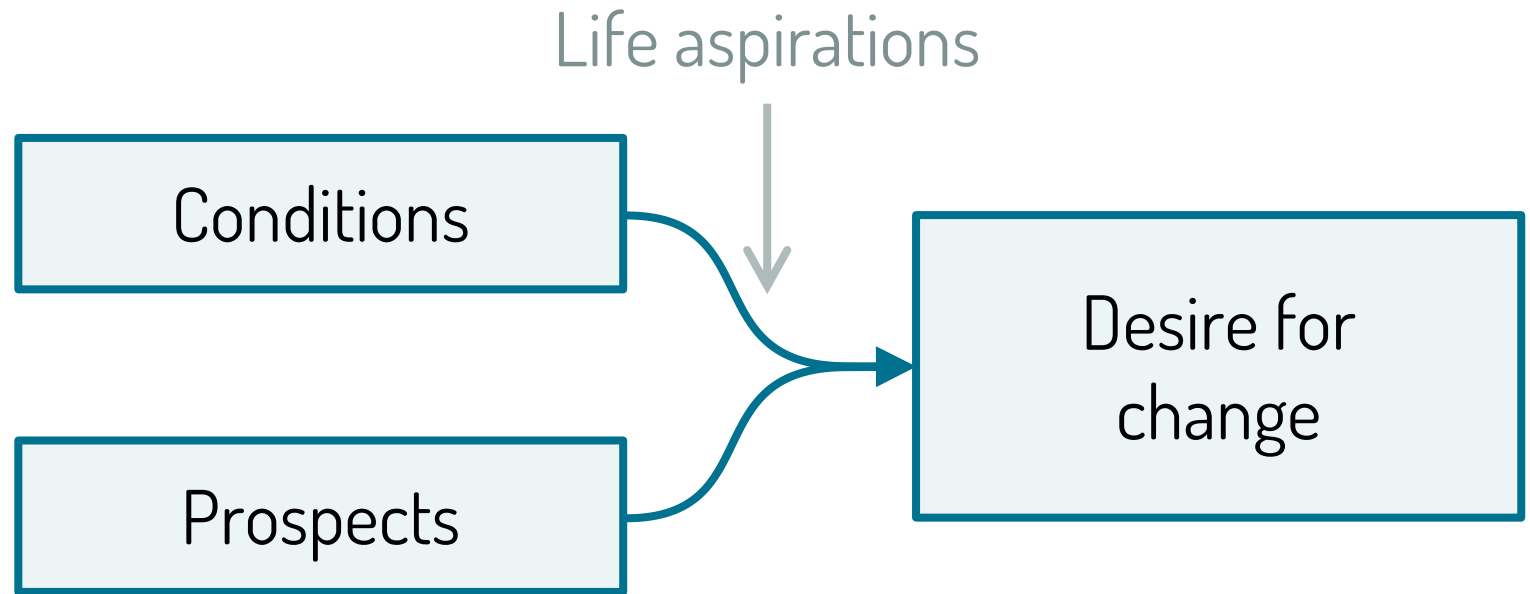
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Mechanisms

Life aspirations

Capacity to aspire

(Appadurai 2004)

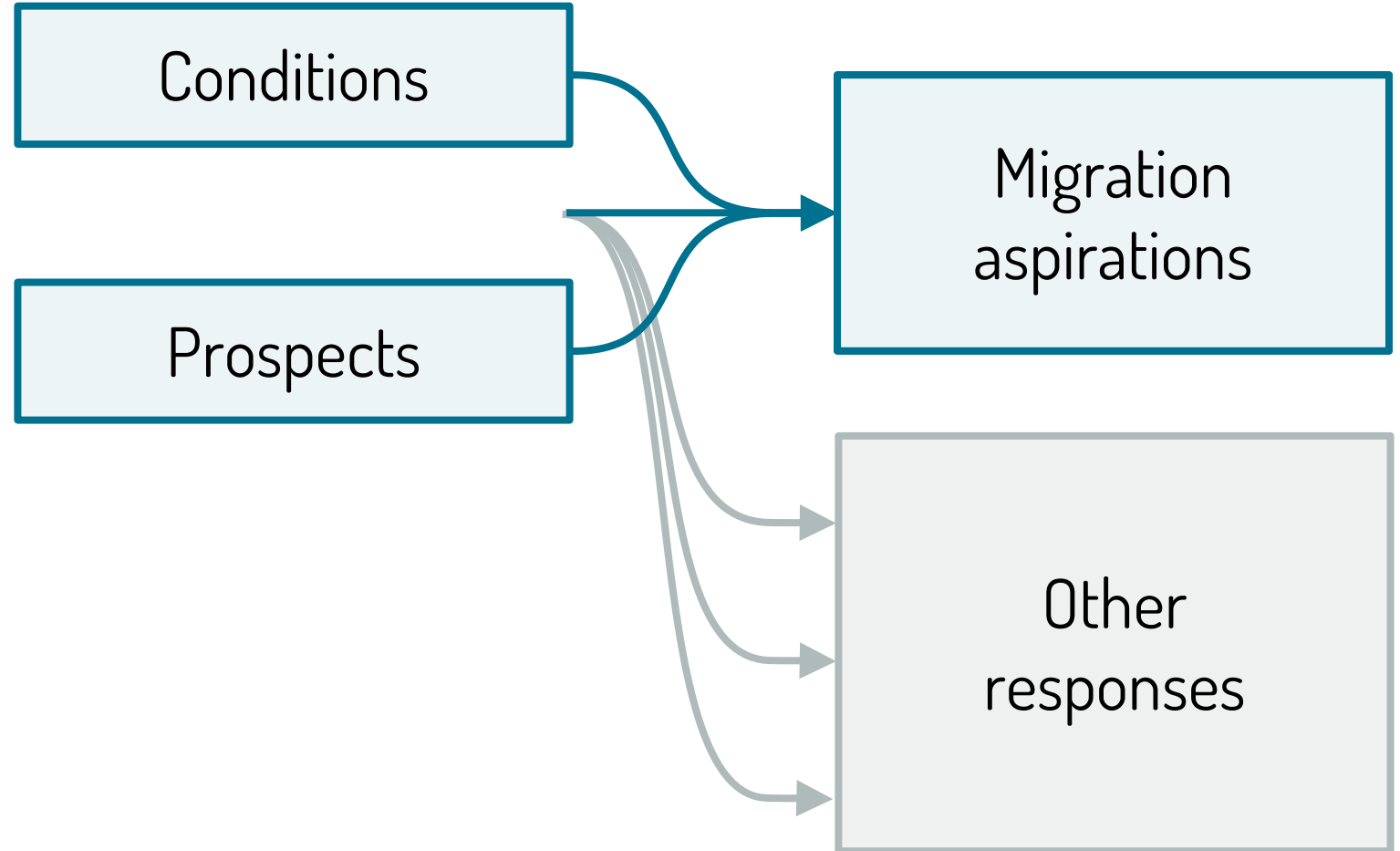


Migration aspirations

Migration desires, wishes or intentions

(cf Carling and Schewel, under review)

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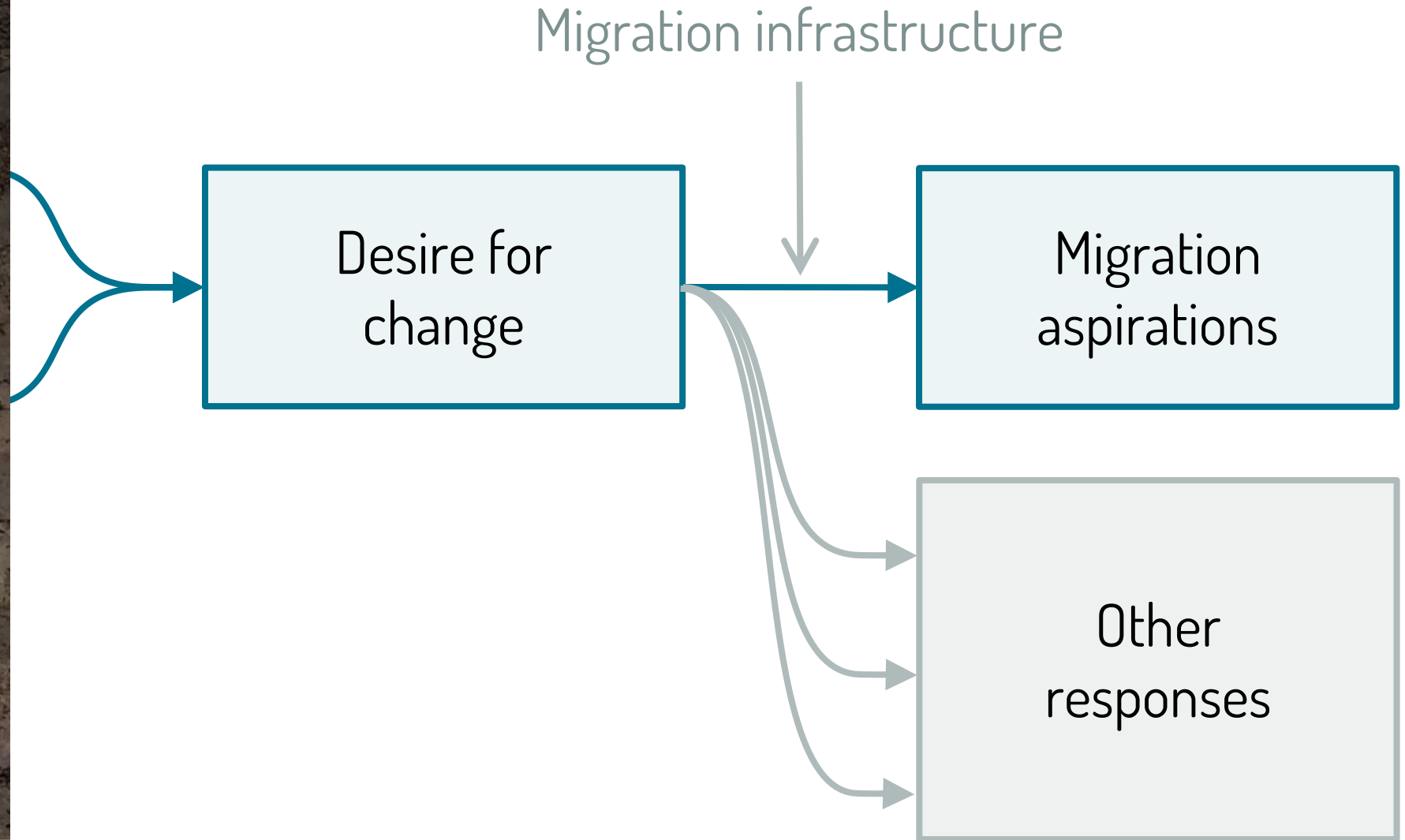


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(Xiang and Lindquist 2014)

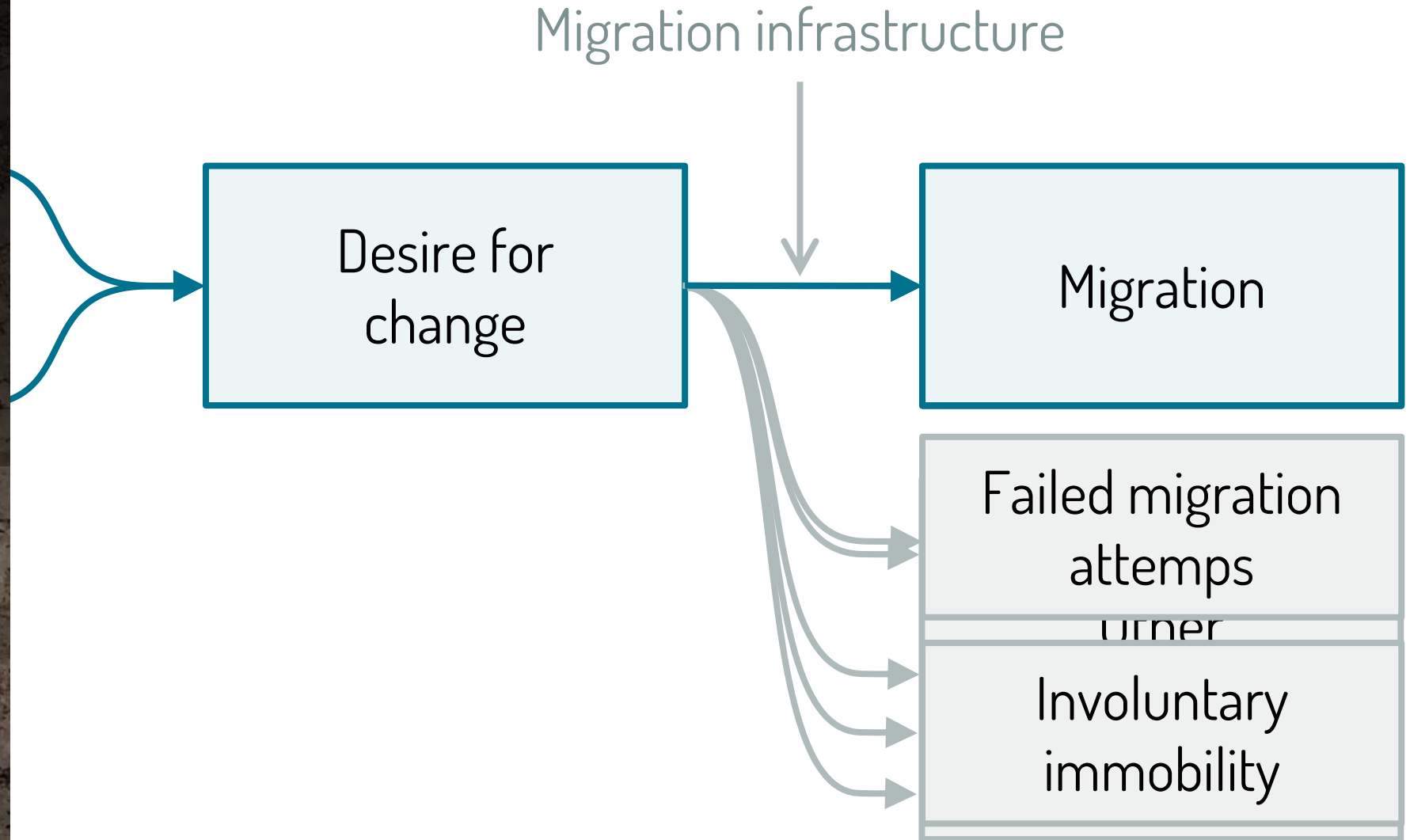


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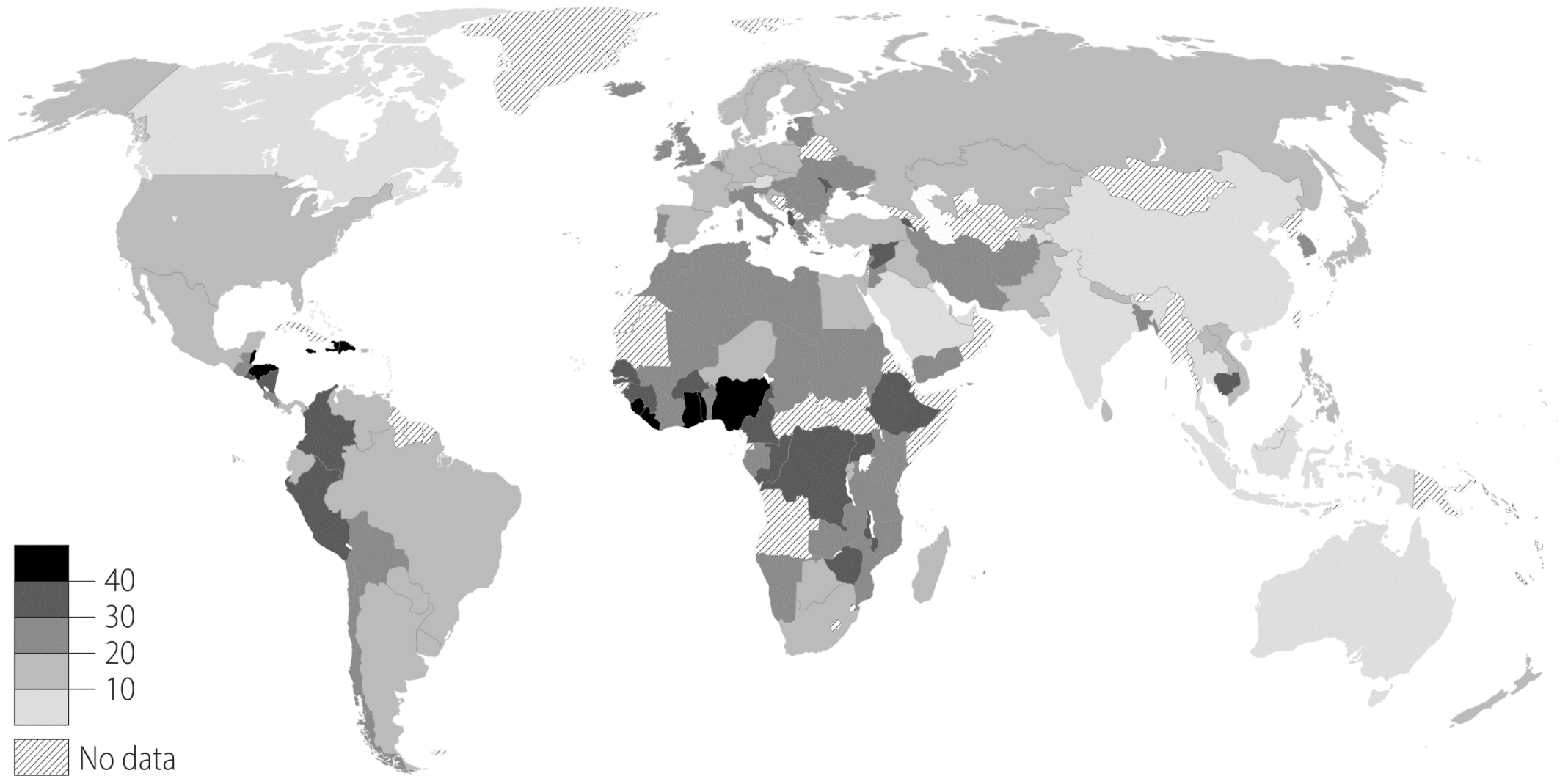
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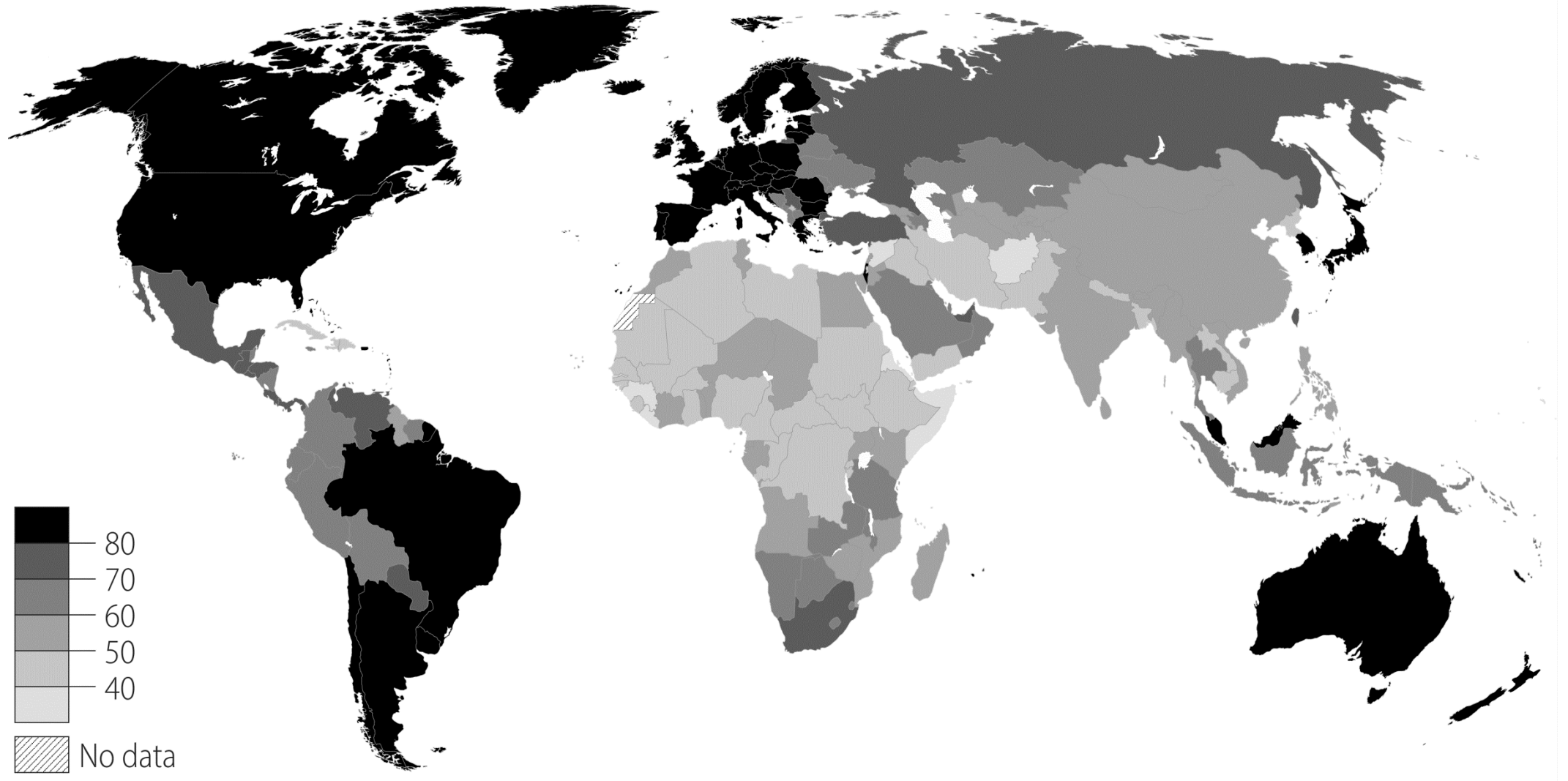
Wanting to migrate



Migration aspirations illustrated by the proportion of Gallup World Poll respondents who would prefer to move permanently to another country. Based on data reported in OECD (2015) for the period 2007-2013.

Carling and
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Being able to migrate



Migration ability illustrated through a travel freedom index estimating the percentage of countries that a citizen of each country would be able to travel to, based on visa requirements and acceptance rates.

Carling and
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'toxic context of high emotion and little knowledge'



Challenge

- Voters want tough restrictions on immigration
- Voters rally around migrants with whom they sympathize





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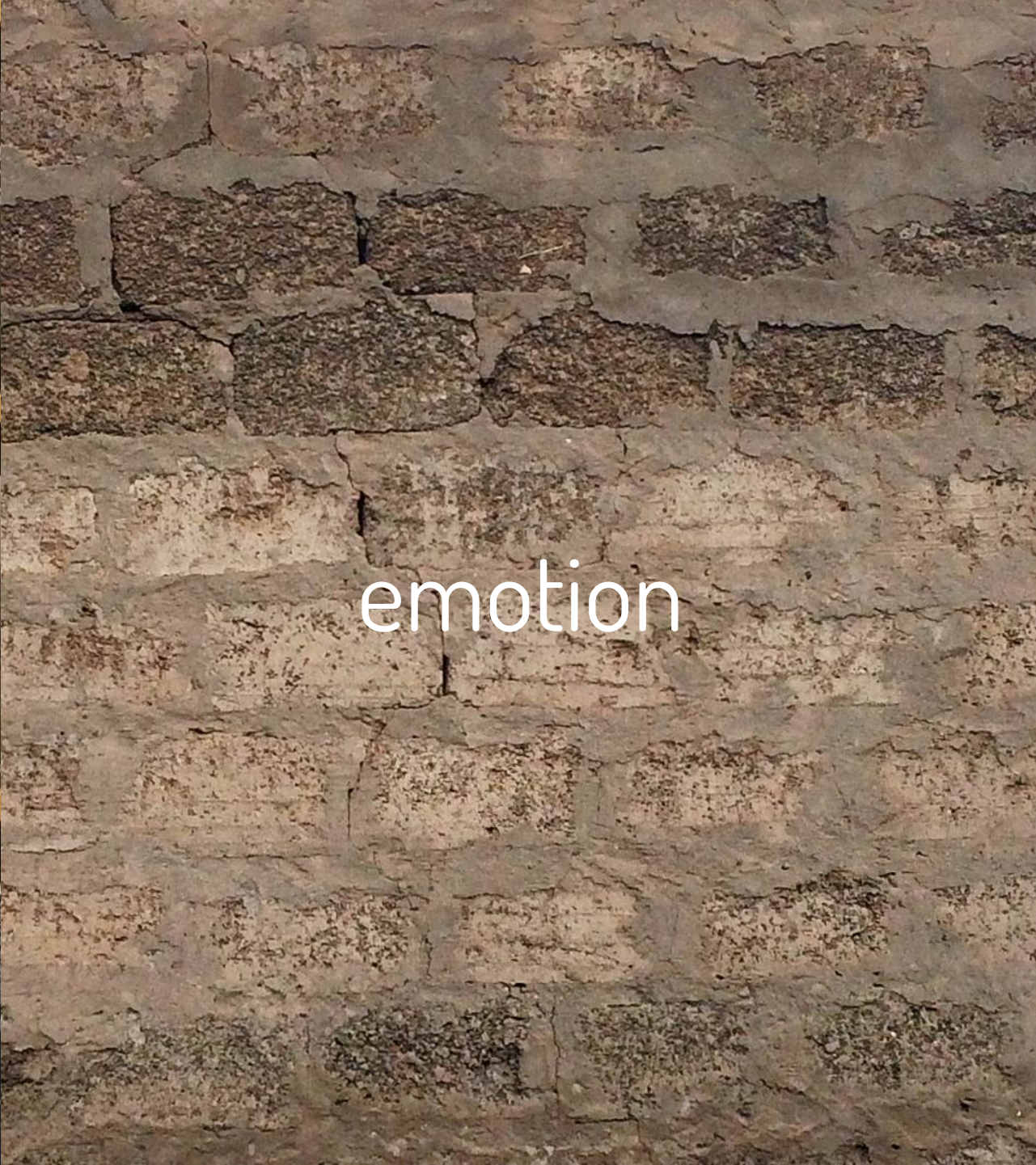
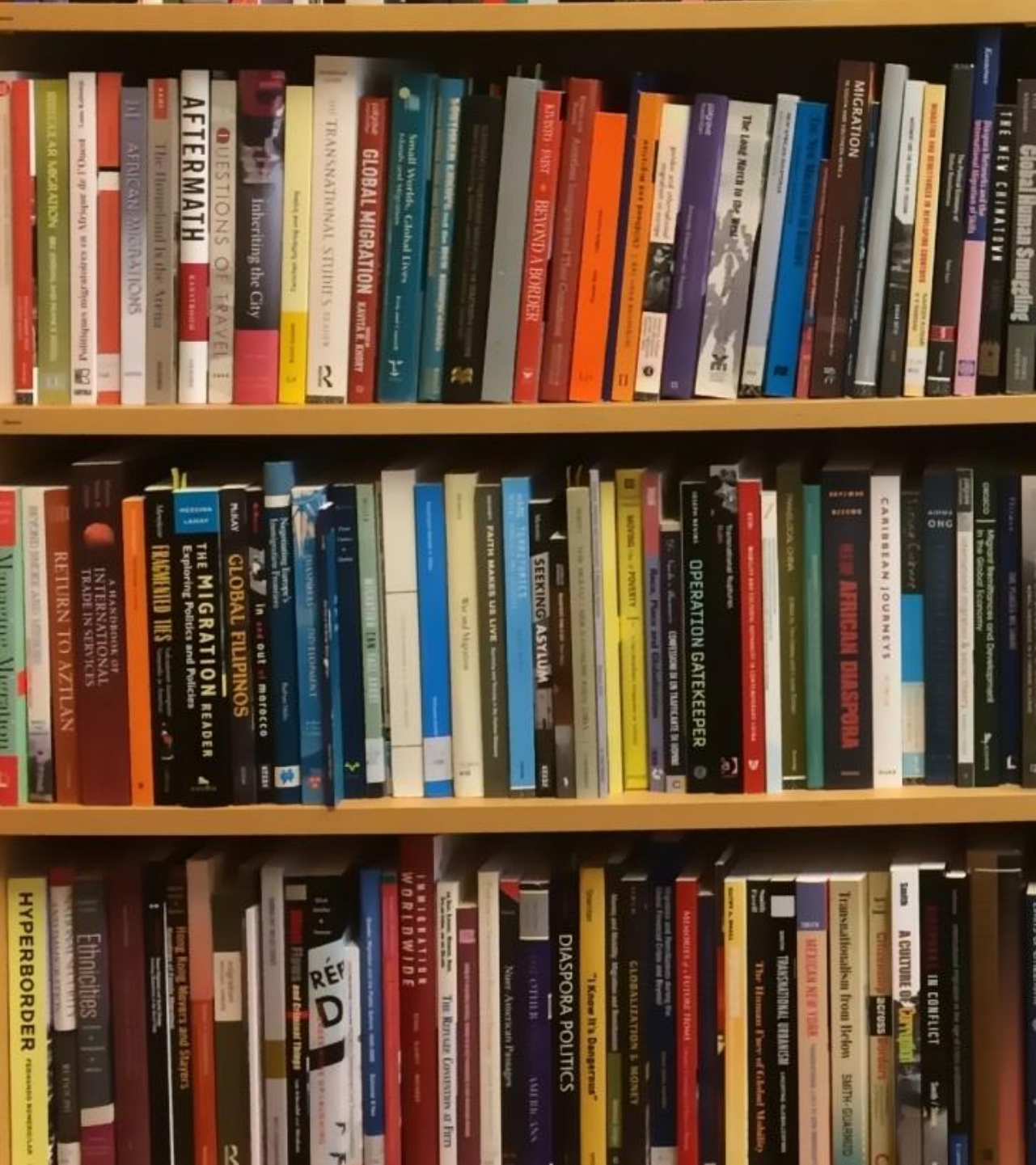
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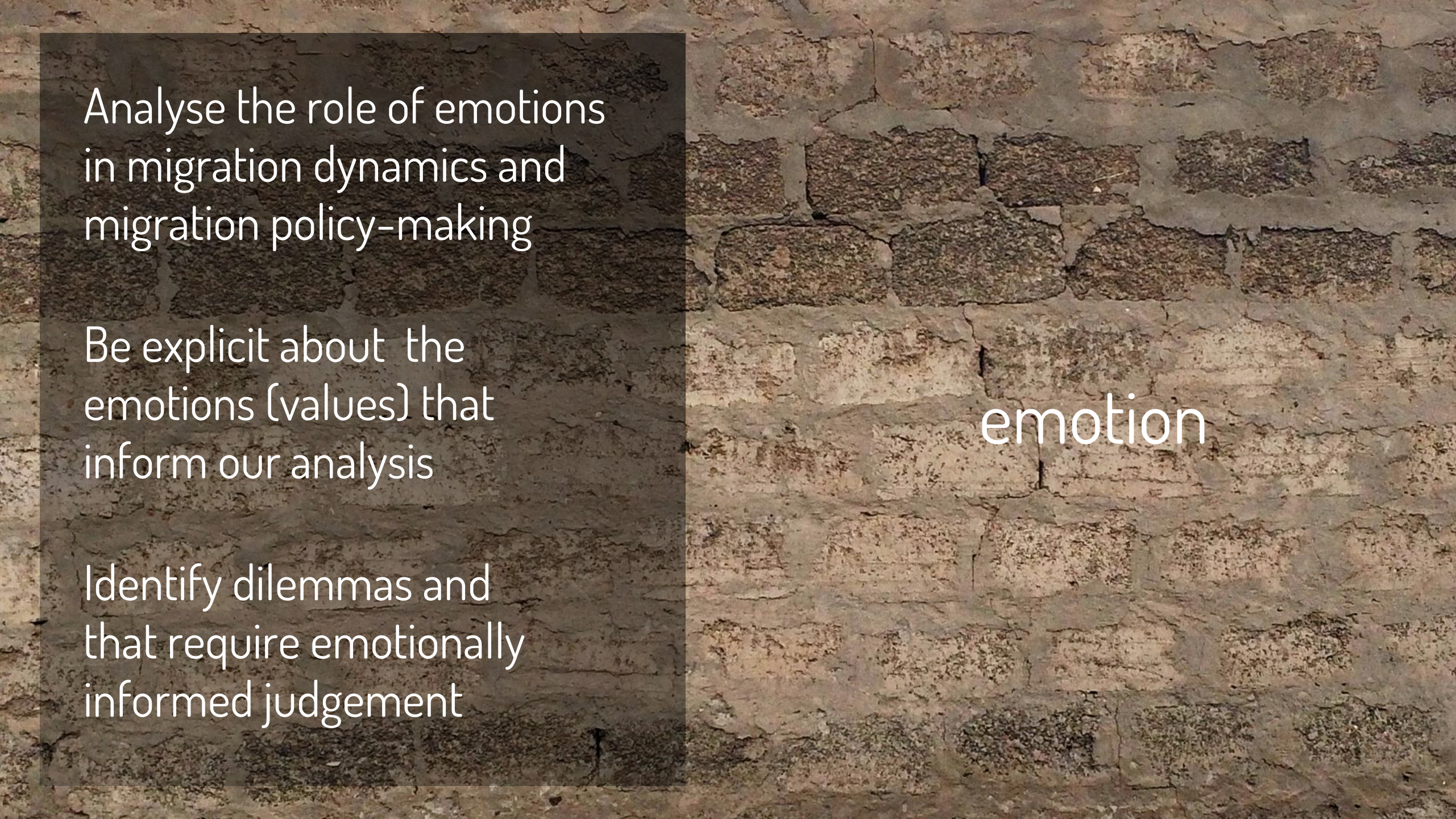
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emotion



Analyse the role of emotions
in migration dynamics and
migration policy-making

Be explicit about the
emotions (values) that
inform our analysis

Identify dilemmas and
that require emotionally
informed judgement

emotion



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