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This thesis delves into the transformation of Swedish asylum legislation post-2015, marking a shift towards temporary residence permits as the new norm and intertwining migration policies with labour market dynamics. Through a lens of temporal dispossession and racial capitalism, it examines how dispossession operates *in* and *through* the border regime and, more specifically, through time, and how the latter is weaponized to dispossess people of their life chances.

Drawing on a denationalist approach, the thesis explores how temporal dispossession affects citizens and non-citizens alike, highlighting migrants as subjected to the sharpest end of temporal control. Drawing from four years of ethnographic engagements with people who sought asylum in Sweden after 2015, it scrutinizes the temporal governance of migration bureaucracy, the dynamics within asylum camps and enforcement archipelagos, and the temporal dispossession in and through the labour market. Ultimately, the thesis contributes to understanding how border regimes sustain racial capitalism and exacerbate labour market exploitation through the operation of legal liminality and deportability.

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