

Boundaries, Limits, Fault Lines

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This paper is built up around three main insights. First, that legal orders can best be understood as a form of joint action in which authorities mediate and uphold who ought to do what, where, and when with a view to realizing the normative point of acting together. Secondly, that behavior can call into question the fourfold legal boundaries that would order it: a-legality. Thirdly, that a-legality reveals boundaries as marking a limit and, to a greater extent, a fault line of the respective legal order. On the one hand, legal boundaries reveal ways of ordering the who, what, where, and when of behavior which has been excluded, yet which remain within the range of practical possibilities accessible to the collective: limits. However, legal boundaries also intimate orders which exceed the range of possibilities accessible to that collective: the fault line of the respective order. The paper closes by exploring the implications of these insights for the notion of legal and political globalization.