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**The Self-Ownership Proviso as the Basis of Voluntary Associations: An Argument in Favor of Open Borders**

There are two prominent libertarian positions towards migration: The assumption of a property-law-based, absolute right to exclude on the one hand and the total rejection of borders as limits to freedom of movement, freedom of association and freedom from coercion on the other. This paper makes a case for open borders based on these seemingly conflicting libertarian core principles. Firstly, it uses the core libertarian idea of the Lockean Proviso (LP) as a starting point to argue that immigration restrictions are problematic on a property-based view. To do so, it discusses Eric Mack’s attempts to reconceptualize the LP as a self-ownership proviso (SOP), according to which the right to private property needs to be compatible with other people’s exertion of “world-interactive powers“, i.e. with people’s ability to “purposively bring their self-owned powers to bear on the extra-personal world” (Mack 2009). Secondly, the paper shows why and how immigration restrictions interfere with people’s capacity to voluntarily interact and associate with others and hence hamper people’s exertion of their world-interactive powers. In summary, it argues that if private property grounds a right to exclude, it also, according to the LP/SOP, emphasizes, supports, and justifies voluntary associations, which in turn is incompatible with immigration restrictions. Thus, Libertarians ought to, on the basis of private property, not despite of it, argue for open borders.