# Acknowledgments

Like the intellectual terrain that this volume covers, this book has transnational origins. It started during the deep months of the COVID-19 pandemic with a Zoom call between Seyla Benhabib and Ayelet Shachar, the editors of this collection of essays, who passionately discussed their shared interest in the new reconfiguration of territory, rights, and jurisdiction that is taking place, often rendered invisible by everyday politics surrounding the transnational movement of peoples. We had both just published independent works on these topics and were eager to further explore their implications for democratic governance, human rights, and contemporary debates on justice. And thus, in that spaceless virtual moment, emerged the idea of bringing together an interdisciplinary group of participants to shed light on the various legal, political, philosophical, and critical dimensions of these pressing developments.

The essays collected in this volume are the result of this initiative and two formative conferences convened by Professors Seyla Benhabib and Ayelet Shachar. In spring 2021, our first conference was held virtually under the joint auspices of Columbia University Law School and the Harney Program in Ethnic, Immigration and Pluralism Studies at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto. A year later, from June 30 to July 1, 2022, the group convened in person in Frankfurt for a two-day workshop that was organized by the Transformations of Citizenship Leibniz Prize Research Group, generously funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). Directed by Ayelet Shachar, this research group is housed at the Normative Orders Research Centre in the elegant Westend Campus of Goethe University Frankfurt. For many of us, this was our first in-person academic meeting since the lifting of pandemic-era border restrictions. The discussions were, accordingly, intense, engaging, and thought-provoking. We hope that our readers, too, find the essays illuminating and important as we seek to navigate some of the

most burning issues of our time that have given rise to populist anger against migrants and refugees.

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