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The Politics of Migration Memory in
Prime Time Crime”**

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The media play a decisive role in framing the movement of people past and present. Some movements are deemed troublesome and challenging. They are remembered as “migrations” and cast in racist visual stereotypes. Other movements might have constituted severe challenges when they occurred but are (mis)remembered as ‘homecomings,’ ‘expulsions,’ or ‘liberations.’ The different registers for the memory of people on the move allow contemporary Western societies to cast self-images of settled stability against perceptions of alien threats. Prime-time crime is a key arena for deploying and re-negotiating these collective symbols as a closer look at the TV-series *Tatort* (Germany) and *Law & Order* (US) illustrates.

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