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### **Immigration Debate in Poland: Semiotic Analysis of a Biopolitical Case**

Migration — understood politically — implies that changing one's fate increasingly appears more feasibly or appealing by changing one's geographic location than the governing parties. Migration therefore project the future in terms of a different place. This has not gone unnoticed by European countries, where in the wake of the 2015 "refugee crisis" immigrants perceived as introducing a special threat to the existence of national political bodies. This paper argues for the fruitfulness of approaching contemporary Polish politics under the tutelage of Law and Justice (PiS) as a biopolitical production of political subjects — both those of the unarrived immigrant and those of the Polish citizens. Drawing on Giorgio Agamben's take on biopolitics, this paper asks how do biopolitics and sovereign power materialise in two recent Polish parliamentary debates on EU sanctioned refugee quotas. The paper uses linguistic tropes to operationalise sovereign power and applies them to the analysis. The findings demonstrate the centrality of contingent factors in the ways in which biopolitics materialises in the debates and reveals its radically politicising effects for a contemporary democratic system.