Practices of Hospitality in a Sovereign World

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The concept of hospitality occupies an important place in discussions of ethics, human rights, and social justice. This is especially the case in an increasingly globalized and interconnected world but one that is still characterized by strictly enforced territorial borders. This paper addresses the issue of “unconditional hospitality” as articulated by Jacques Derrida in such a world. I suggest that some instances of pro-migrant activism in the United States approach the kind of hospitality that Derrida speaks of that is free of conditions and that constitutes a radical shift in sensibility away from conventional views on sovereign territoriality. [Article copies available for a fee from The Transformative Studies Institute. E-mail address: journal@transformativestudies.org Website: http://www.transformativestudies.org ©2015 by The Transformative Studies Institute. All rights reserved.]

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