

## States of crisis

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Since the beginning of the 2000's, crisis management is becoming prominent in Europe as well as in the US. Expert discourses on world turbulences and the multiplication of crises proliferate and shape policies and representations on crises. Looking at the development of crisis managements structures in the US and in Europe, we argue that what is at stake is a redefinition of the boundaries of the state. The neoliberal context pushes states to reduce their welfare interventions, while affirming their capacity to tackle the social, economic and environmental disruptions - caused by the very own policies they put in place - to maintain their legitimacy.

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