



## Open Borders: The Case Against Immigration Controls (2nd Revised edition)

By Teresa Hayter

Pluto Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Open Borders: The Case Against Immigration Controls (2nd Revised edition), Teresa Hayter, 'A very impressive achievement.' Ann Dummett, founder, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants 'Teresa Hayter has written a formidably comprehensive book on the history, mechanisms, and debates surrounding immigration controls in Britain. The crux of Hayter's argument is that immigration controls do not, will not, & should not work .essential reading.' Red Pepper In this new edition of Open Borders, Teresa Hayter assesses the impact of the increasing severity of border controls since they were first introduced and makes the controversial case for their abolition. Hayter focuses on postwar immigration controls, especially the use of such controls against the peoples of former European colonies and East Europeans, and their effects on asylum seekers. She examines the recent history of European coordination of border controls and the notion of 'Fortress Europe'. Hayter argues that the existence of controls leads to great suffering and abuse of human rights, and that immigration controls are racist and help legitimate racism. She demonstrates that immigration controls have actually had a limited impact on controlling numbers. To illustrate her arguments, she draws on empirical material,...



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