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We must effect an **exodus** from the category of the nation-state citizen, and the territory of the sovereign state. The **refugee** is a good model for the political subject in this new politics. More, it is an already emerging vanguard: there a growing number of people who have no desire to be assimilated in their new State and no desire to return to their original State. People who do not belong to and have no place in the international system of nation-states, a system founded on the identity between citizen and human, and between birth and citizenship. States think of these people as being in a temporary condition, but they are, it is increasingly clear, a permanent feature of the landscape. They are **sacred** in the sense of being those with only bare life, those who do not have political life, which is to say a life that is protected by the sovereign; they exist outside the walls of the *polis*, they have only naked life in the state of nature, which is to say, for Hobbes, they are people condemned to death. These are the citizens of the coming community. These are those who can revitalize the concept of **people** (instead of nation and citizen). **Cities** could again become extraterritorial, cities of the world at large. Only when the spaces of the State have been perforated and twisted, only when citizens recognize that they too are refugees, that we all are refugees, only then is our political survival possible.