Preface

Hope and the experience of improved life in Spain motivated Latin Americans to continuously pursue good life and to identify as citizens, even under circumsta-nces of recession and crisis. And to take the claim for good life serious means to consider everybody's right to choose where to live it. The heydays of the *indignad@s* in which migrants and autochthonous people convened, will always be in intense memory to me. The perspectives of activists, social workers, and migrant associations entered my views to the field and I am deeply grateful for insights provided. This book developed as doctoral thesis within the social infrastructure of the Research Network for Latin America – Ethnicity Citizenship Belonging (funded by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research), which provided an excellent environment for developing thoughts and approaches to fieldwork in the cont4xt of basic research upon the three central concepts, which we focused upon from an examination of space in Bonn. I also thank my colleagues at the Interdiscpilinary Latin America Center (ILZ), the Center for Developement Research (ZEF), and the Department for the Anthropology for the Americas at Bonn University. I am deeply obliged to Prof. Nikolai Grube for being always on my side while critically intriguing my thoughts. I was lucky to attend Prof. Encarnación Gutierrez-Rodriguez inspiring colloquium at Giessen University. Moreover, to share office, cientific discussions, and everyday delightments with Eva Youkhana was highly rewarding. In Madrid, Juan-Carlos Velasco and his colleagues from the Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales of the Centro Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CCHS-CSIC), as well as Michael Janoschka and Liliana Suárez-Navaz from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) intrigued my thoughts and received me warmly. I want to especially thank Floya Anthias for reading and commenting parts of this work in an early stage. I owe to all listeners, readers, and commentators who helped to develop my perspective. I remember fruitful online-debates with Santiago Bastos and the scholars of the Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS) in Guadalajara, Mexico. Moreover, I want to thank Pablo Larrea, Nancy Wence, Marisa Ruiz Trejo, and Marisol Urbano who accompanied me in my fieldwork, and Pablo Larrea and Deborah Nieto Izquierdo for their friendship in Madrid. Moreover, Walter Solon, Ulrike Franke, Emilia Schmidt, Christian Kowalewski Morata and Chrys Amphlett helped with work relevant to the editing of the thesis and book. I most specially

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