

# Global Forced Migration and U.S. Resettlement

## Meeting 3

Thursday, December 5, 2024

12 p.m. – 2 p.m. (ET)

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**Meeting Goals:** During this virtual meeting, panel members will have the opportunity to hear from several guests with expertise about data sources on refugee, asylum seekers, and other types of immigrants and immigration processes. These guests will provide information about currently available (and the potential for future) data sources, their strengths and limitations, and their accessibility. This session will help inform the committee's data and measurement recommendations (including for linking survey and administrative data and improving researcher access) and may also provide ideas for data analyses the panel may wish to commission.

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## AGENDA

### Open Session

12 p.m. **Welcome, Introductions, Overview of Study Goals**

- **Mary Waters**, Harvard University; **David FitzGerald**, University of California, San Diego (co-chairs)

12:15 **Presentations by and Open Discussion with Data Experts**

- **Hamutal Bernstein**, Director, Program on Immigration, Urban Institute.  
Dr Bernstein is closely involved in running the Annual Survey of Refugees, and in redesigning how the survey captures indicators of refugee integration (see the [data snapshot](#) released on the 2022 data). Her group also recently wrapped up collection of a national survey of the Operation Allies Welcome Afghan evacuees. Hamutal may also discuss the Wellbeing and Basic Needs survey, a source of data on the safety net and wellbeing/hardship of immigrant families.
- **Julia Gelatt**, Associate Director, U.S. Immigration Policy Program, Migration Policy Institute.  
Julia may discuss the strengths and limitations of State Department's Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System (WRAPS) for analyzing refugees; and use of WRAPS and other data sources on people with "liminal status" - parole, asylum applicants, DACA and TPS holders, etc. - for production of MPI reports such as "How the Rebuilt U.S. System Resettled the Most Refugees in 30 Years" ([www.migrationpolicy.org/article/rebuilt-us-refugee-resettlement-biden](http://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/rebuilt-us-refugee-resettlement-biden)).

- **Marc Rosenblum**, Executive Director of the Office of Homeland Security Statistics, DHS.

Within DHS, Marc leads the Migration Analysis Center, a research hub focusing on the study of migration flows and immigration policy, including the factors that impact migration. Marc will provide an introduction to relevant OHSS data resources for tracking refugees, asylees, and the foreign born more generally, and discuss what types of data may become available in the future.

- **Jens Hainmueller**, panel member, to discuss data accessible at the Stanford Policy Lab (<https://immigrationlab.org/>), which focuses on the design and evaluation of immigration and integration policies and programs. Work the lab has done with OHSS linking data to examine refugee secondary migration and naturalization.

- Q&A and open discussion

2 p.m.    **Adjourn**