

Global Forced Migration and U.S. Resettlement

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Mary C. Waters is the John L. Loeb professor of sociology at Harvard University, where she has taught since 1986. A sociologist and demographer, her work has focused on the integration of immigrants and their children, immigration policy, the social determinants of health, disasters and their aftermath, and the measurement and meaning of racial and ethnic identity. Dr. waters is an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the National Academy of Sciences. She is also the recipient of the Distinguished Lifetime Career Award from the International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association. Dr. Waters holds a B.A. degree in philosophy from Johns Hopkins University, and M.A. degrees in sociology and demography, and a Ph.D. in sociology, all from the University of California, Berkeley. She chaired the 2015 NAS consensus study on The Integration of Immigrants into American Society. Dr. Waters was named a Margaret Olivia Sage Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation.

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Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes is professor of economics at University of California, Merced, a Research Fellow at CReAM, FEDEA, GLO and IZA, and an Advisory committee member of the Americas Center Advisory Council at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Her areas of interest include labor economics, international migration, immigration policy and remittances. Her work has been funded by the Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA), the Hewlett Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, among other agencies. She was the 2013-2014 Border Fulbright García-Robles Scholar, Department Chair at San Diego State University between 2015 and 2018, President of the American Society of Hispanic Economists (ASHE) in 2014, and has held visiting positions at the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, the Center for Human Resource at Ohio State University, the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and at the Public Policy Institute of California. She graduated from the University of Seville, Spain, and holds a MA and PhD in Applied Economics from Western Michigan University and a Juris Doctor degree from U.N.E.D., Madrid, Spain.

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Katharine M. Donato holds the Donald G. Herzberg Chair in International Migration and former Director of the Institute for the Study of International Migration in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Her research addresses many questions related to global migration. Among her most recent work are several forthcoming articles on the use of organic big data to predict forced migration (co-authored with Lisa Singh, Ali Arab, Elizabeth Jacobs, Nathan Wycoff and Helge Marahrens); and volumes about U.S. legal migration and refugee integration in Canada, Europe and the United States. Her books include (with Elizabeth Ferris) *Refugees, Migration and Global Governance: Negotiating the Global Compacts*, and (with Donna Gabaccia) *Gender and International Migration: From the Slavery Era to the Global Age*. She is the Principal Investigator on a project about the integration and mobility experiences of U.S. immigrant adults who entered as unaccompanied children (funded by the Russell Sage Foundation). She is also co-Principal Investigator on a project that examines how environmental conditions affect out-migration from communities in southwestern Bangladesh (funded by the National Science Foundation). In 2017-18, Professor Donato was a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation. Prior to joining the Georgetown faculty, she was on the faculty of Vanderbilt and Rice Universities.

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Jens Hainmueller is the Kimberly Glenn Professor in Political Science and Director of Graduate Studies of the Department of Political Science at Stanford University. He is also the Faculty Co-Director of the Stanford Immigration Policy Lab, an interdisciplinary social science lab that partners with governments and NGOs around the world on the design and evaluation of immigration and integration policies and programs. Previously, he was on the faculty at MIT. His expertise includes statistical methods, causal inference, immigration, and political economy. He has published over 65 articles across various fields. His statistical methods are widely used by organizations for causal inferences. Hainmueller has collaborated globally on studies to design and evaluate policies for immigrants and refugees. Hainmueller's honors include the Gosnell Prize for Excellence in Political Methodology, the Warren Miller Prize, the Robert H. Durr Award, and the Emerging Scholar Award by the Society of Political Methodology. He was selected as an Andrew Carnegie Fellow, inducted as a Fellow of the Society of Political Methodology, and received an honorary degree from the European University Institute (EUI). He earned his PhD from Harvard University and studied at the London School of Economics, Brown University, and the University of Tuebingen.

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Gunisha Kaur is a practicing physician, medical anthropologist, and refugee health researcher at Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Kaur has used her extensive background in neuroscience research as an analytical framework to advance the study of human rights through rigorous scientific methodology. This has involved clinical research with refugees on issues such as cardiovascular disease related to deportation stress, treatment of chronic somatic pain after torture, and the use of cutting-edge digital tools and artificial intelligence for early diagnosis of hypertension in pregnant refugee women. Her research is funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Academy of Medicine, and Cornell University. She is a Stephen M. Kellen Term Member at the Council on Foreign Relations and an Emerging Leader in Health and Medicine at the National Academy of Medicine. She is the Founding Director of the Human Rights Impact Lab and is a Medical Director of the Weill Cornell Center for Human Rights. She also serves as a Technical Advisor to the World Health Organization, and as a Faculty Fellow at Cornell University Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies. Dr. Kaur earned her B.S. from Cornell University in 2006, M.D. from Weill Cornell Medical College in 2010, and completed her residency training at Weill Cornell Medical College/New York Presbyterian Hospital in 2014. She earned a Master's Degree in Medical Anthropology from Harvard University in 2015.

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Cecilia Menjivar holds the Dorothy L. Meier Endowed Chair and is Distinguished Professor of Sociology at UCLA. Her research focuses theoretically on state power through bureaucracies and laws and empirically falls into two areas: 1) immigration laws, the production of legal statuses, and immigration bureaucracies, and 2) gender-based violence against women in Central America. Menjivar has examined the effects of the immigration system and enforcement strategies on various aspects of Central American immigrants' lives, including family dynamics, gender relations, and contacts with institutions. In the second vein of her work, she focuses on understanding the broader contexts of gender-based violence against women in the Central American region as precursors for migration. She has authored four award-winning books, edited 19 volumes, and published more than 150 articles, chapters, and essays. She has been recognized with two American Sociological Association (ASA) sections career awards, two major ASA awards, a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, and an Andrew Carnegie Fellowship. She was elected as the 2023 W.E. B DuBois Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. She served as Vice-President of the American Sociological Association (2014-2015) and as its President (2021- 2022). She served on the NASEM Panel on the Integration of Immigrants into American Society (2014-15). She holds a PhD and M.A. in Sociology from the University of California-Davis, a M.S. in International Educational Policy and a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Southern California.

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Pia Orrenius is an economist working on the labor market impacts of immigration, unauthorized immigration, and U.S. immigration policy. Her work has been published in the Journal of Economic Perspectives, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Development Economics, among others. She is coauthor of *Beside the Golden Door: U.S. Immigration Reform in a New Era of Globalization* (2010, AEI Press). Orrenius is based in Dallas, Texas, where she is Vice President at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Research Department and head of the regional and microeconomics group. Dr. Orrenius is also adjunct scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, research fellow at the SMU Tower Center and Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center and at the Institute for the Study of Labor in Bonn. She received her Ph.D. in economics from the University of California at Los Angeles and B.A. degrees in economics and Spanish from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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Giovanni Peri is Professor of Economics at UC Davis and Director of the Global Migration Center, a multi-disciplinary research center focused on migrations. He is Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts. His research focuses on the economic determinants and consequences of international migrations and on the integration of migrants and refugees. He has published extensively in academic Journals including the American Economic Review, The Review of Economic Studies and the Review of Economics and Statistics and has received grants from the Mac Arthur Foundation, the Russel Sage Foundation, the World Bank and the National Science Foundation. He has a BS in economics from Bocconi University and a PHD in Economics from UC Berkeley.

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Andrew Selee has been President of the Migration Policy Institute since 2017. Prior to that, he was the Executive Vice President of the Woodrow Wilson Center, the Center's Vice President for Programs, and the founding Director of the Center's Mexico Institute. He teaches courses on migration at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and Public Policy School and is the author and editor of several books. His recent articles on U.S. immigration policy have appeared in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Dallas Morning News, Foreign Affairs, and Foreign Policy. Dr. Selee serves as a volunteer on the Advisory Board of Ayuda, Inc.

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Van C. Tran is a professor of sociology and international migration studies at the City University of New York Graduate Center. He specializes in the study of race, ethnicity, migration, and urban inequality in New York City. His published research has focused on four major themes: the integration of Asian and Hispanic immigrants and their children, concentrated incarceration and the public-housing-to-prison pipeline, Asian American racial attitudes, and intra-racial group diversity and its implications for ethnoracial equality. His current work centers on the voices of vulnerable Asian Americans—the least integrated and most vulnerable segments of this population, including recent Asian refugees and low-income Asian elders. At CUNY, he co-chairs the CUNY-wide Faculty Steering Committee charged with designing and implementing an innovative discipline-plus Ph.D. Program in Black, Race, and Ethnic Studies—the first of its kind in the New York metropolitan area—to be launched in 2025. He is the founding faculty co-director of the BRES Collaboration Hub, a multidisciplinary initiative funded by the Mellon Foundation to transform ethnic studies. He is an elected member of the Sociological Research Association. Dr. Tran holds a B.A. in sociology from Hunter College and a Ph.D. in sociology and social policy from Harvard.