



Metropolis International Seminar and Symposium Tuesday April 25 and Wednesday April 26, 2023

Healy Center at Georgetown University, Washington DC

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Metropolis International Seminar: April 25, 2023

Membership and Its Edges: New Forms of Status in a Post-Pandemic World

As patterns of migration have shifted over the past several years in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and a succession of seismic displacement crises, so too have the types of status that migrants and refugees occupy. The growing use of temporary protection and parole in response to the Venezuelan, Afghan and Ukrainian situations has raised questions about the quality and sustainability of protection for people in refugee-like situations. The rise of remote work and 'digital nomads' has cast into sharp relief the murky legal considerations associated with living with a foot in multiple countries, alongside implications for social cohesion. And growing labor shortages amid economic instability is reanimating questions about the ethics and economics of temporary and circular forms of migration. This seminar will dive into three case study vignettes that exemplify the evolution of migration in the post-pandemic world and consider the lasting legal, political, and social implications of 'temporariness' in all its forms.

9:00 Welcome:
Katharine Donato, Westy Egmont

Session I:
New Forms of Belonging in the Wake of COVID: From Shadows to Nomads

The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically reshaped human mobility, the lasting implications of which are only just beginning to be seen. While border closures and lockdowns hit migrants hard (many of whom lost their jobs and/or were ineligible for spending packages designed to alleviate the effects of lockdowns), remittances proved remarkably resilient, and most migration channels have mostly or fully recovered. But travel measures and health requirements made cross-border movements more costly, unequal and difficult. Many countries are still playing catch-up with the ballooning backlogs triggered by consular and immigration processing closures and intermediary recruitment costs have spiraled. The rise of international remote work and digital nomads are changing the ‘geography’ of jobs and questioning whether people need to move at all for certain economic opportunities. Who is on the move in the post-pandemic world? What are the implications for legal status, social protection, taxation, etc. for people living with a foot in multiple countries? And what does the story of the pandemic—from migrant returns, to enduring remittance transfers, to the human impact of border closures—teach us about the evolution of membership and belonging in a mobile world?

Speaker:

- Meghan Benton, Director, MPI International.

Panel:

- Celine Bauloz, IOM, Geneva
- Silvia Núñez, Director, Center for Research on North America at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (CISAN-UNAM)

10:45 A Reflection on the Catastrophe in Turkey and Syria and Ukraine

The Host Committee shares the shock and grief of the world for the tragedy of recent earthquakes and especially for our colleagues who had invited us to Southeast Turkey for an October conference. The loss of human life will be among the highest numbers any of us have known and our hearts are with those suffering the loss of loved ones, the destruction of homes and the second great loss for the millions of Syrians who, on both sides of the border, have already experienced unimaginable loss.

11:00 Session II:
New Forms of International Protection for Forced Migrants

The past few years have seen considerable innovation in responding to large-scale displacement situations, with efforts to circumvent pressures asylum systems and/or unlock community energy pioneering new models of humanitarian response. In the Western Hemisphere, temporary protection has been the preeminent response among Latin American countries dealing with Venezuelan displacement; and the US has resorted to ‘parole’ for Afghans, Ukrainians and nationals of some states in the region. In Europe, the EU’s Temporary Protection Directive was activated for the first time.

Some states have also initiated or expanded ‘private sponsorship’ resettlement programs for refugees. The increasing number of ‘climate migrants’ adds further complexities for the protection regime.

Speakers:

- Beth Ferris (Georgetown Univ), Temporary Protection in Latin American, the US and Europe
- Susan Fratzke (MPI), Private Sponsorship Resettlement programs
- T. Alexander Aleinikoff (New School), Climate migrants and the refugee regime

12:30 Lunch

Address:

The Drivers of A New Age of Migration

- Anna Triandafyllidou: Canada Chair of Excellence in Migration, TMU; Editor – In-Chief The Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies

1:30 Session III:

The Promise and Peril of Temporary Labor Migration in Aging Western Democracies (Policy session)

Amid rapid population aging and critical labor shortages, many countries from Japan to Australia are seeking to liberalize their temporary immigration policies. The United States has also seen an expansion in its temporary visa programs. But some countries have created robust temporary to permanent pathways while others are content to maintain a de facto ‘guestworker’ population. What are the implications of relying on temporary migration for exploitation, social cohesion, and labor standards and wages?

Speaker:

- Jan Rath, U. of Amsterdam, Department of Sociology, and Institute for Migration of Ethnic Studies, Co-Chair of Metropolis International

Panel:

- Dara Lind (American Immigration Council)
- Violet Roumeliotis (SSI, Australia)
- Jon Simmons, Home Office (UK)

2:45 Conclusions: The Challenge of Belonging in Western Democracies

Lessons from the day and how policy can address the unseen, isolated and disempowered to embrace and be embraced in their adopted country.

Speaker:

- Jeremy Robbins, American Immigration Council, Executive Director

3:15 Adjourn

Metropolis International High Level Symposium: April 26, 2023

Naturalization Challenges, Opportunities and Gaps

(In conjunction with USCIS)

09:00 Welcome

- Paul Spoonley

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Keynote

- Felicia Escobar Carrillo, Chief of Staff, US Citizenship and Immigration Service

9:45 Major Issues Limiting Full Naturalization of Residents

From backlogs to discrimination, from personal financial hardship to quotas, from inaction to misinformation, nations deny naturalization while other incentivize and encourage full citizenship through a variety of policies. What impediments should and can be minimized and what limitations are justified in societies pursuing diversity and justice in the process of inclusion.

Speakers

- Pieter Bevelander, U. Malmo, Sweden
- Donald Kerwin, Editor, Journal of Migration and Human Security, former Executive Director of Center for Migration Studies
- Neil Ruiz, Pew Research, Director of New Research

11:15 Naturalization: Rights, Identity and Citizenship

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Speaker:

- Eva Millona, Chief of USCIS Office of Citizenship, Partnership Engagement, Chair of the Interagency Naturalization Working Group, The Embassy of Mexico to the United States, A dialogue

12:30 Lunch

1:00 Eliminating the Barriers

Models from varied countries committed to increasing the naturalization rate and civic participation of the foreign-born are explored.

Speakers:

- Paul Spoonley, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Massey University
- Margaret Walton-Roberts, Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University (CA)
- Shamsul AB, Founding Director, Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), National University of Malaysia (UKM)

2:00 Statelessness on the Rise

Millions of persons are stateless with over 200,000 in the US who are at risk of prolonged, repeated, and arbitrary detention in violation of the US Constitution and international human rights law, according to a new report by the Chicago Law School's Global Human Rights Clinic in partnership with the nonprofit United Stateless. The session pursues how the US and other nations are responding.

Speakers:

- Kelly Ryan, Senior Advisor, Office of Director, USCIS
- Karina Ambartsoumian-Clough, Executive Director of United Stateless

2:45 Embracing Super Diversity and Pathways to Permanency

Speaker:

- Katharine Donato, Director of the Institute for the Study of International Migration in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Her most recent book is *Gender and International Migration: From the Slavery Era to Global Age*

3:00 Adjourn

Reception/ Happy Hour

Presenters:

- *T. Alexander Aleinikoff*: Former United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, is a Nonresident Fellow at MPI, where he works with the U.S. and International programs on asylum and migration and development topics. He is also University Professor at The New School, where he serves as Director of the Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility. Mr. Aleinikoff served as the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva from 2010 to mid-2015, and from July-December 2015 was on assignment with the U.N. Secretariat in New York. Prior to his service with the United Nations, Mr. Aleinikoff was a professor at Georgetown University Law Center (1997-2010), where he also served as Dean and as Executive Vice President of Georgetown University (2004-10).
- *Dr Céline Bauloz* is Senior Migration Research Officer at the International Organization for Migration and Senior Fellow at the Global Migration Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. Céline previously worked as Managing Editor of the Refugee Survey Quarterly (Oxford University Press) and visiting lecturer and researcher in diverse academic institutions, Consultant for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the European Union, and as expert for the International Association of Refugee Law Judges (European Chapter)
- *Pieter Bevelander* : Director of the Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity, and Welfare (MIM), Professor in international migration and ethnic relations at MIM, and a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Global Political Studies at Malmö University in Sweden. His research interests include the labor market integration of men and women in the Netherlands, citizenship acquisition, and the economic effects of naturalization in the Netherlands, Canada, and Sweden.
- *Katharine Donato*, the Donald G. Herzberg Professor of International Migration and Director of the Institute for the Study of International Migration in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Since 2015, she has received funding for collaborative projects from the Mexican Human Rights Commission, National Science Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, and the GHR Foundation. Her most recent book is *Gender and International Migration: From the Slavery Era to Global Age*.
- *Felicia Escobar* currently serves as Chief of Staff for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Previously, she was the Director of Immigration at The Beacon Fund, which works to unleash individual potential by investing in youth and their families, supporting communities, and removing systemic barriers to success. From 2009 -2017, Felicia served at the White House Domestic Policy Council where she developed and advanced President Obama's immigration legislative and administrative agenda, including on immigration reform and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Felicia also led the White House Task Force on New Americans. Previously, she worked Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle and served on U.S. Ken Salazar's legislative team. She advised Salazar during the comprehensive immigration reform debates of 2006 and 2007. She started her career at UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza) advocating for Latinos in the Texas State Legislature.
- *Elizabeth Ferris*: Director of the Institute for the Study of International Migration in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. She is also an ISIM Research Professor at Georgetown and a non-resident senior fellow in Foreign Policy at the Brookings Institution. She joined ISIM in Fall 2015 after serving for 9 years as a Senior Fellow and Co-Director of the Brookings Project on Internal Displacement. Her prior service was 20 years with the World Council of Churches.

- *Susan Fratzke* is a Senior Policy Analyst with MPI's International Program, where she conducts comparative research on asylum policy, forced migration, and refugee resettlement and complementary pathways. She served as a lead researcher on a 2018 report for the European Commission that proposed an EU approach to the role and development of refugee private sponsorship in Europe. Her work conceptualizing the role of sponsorship in developing humanitarian pathways has been widely cited internationally in research and policy documents. She manages an MPI-Robert Bosch Stiftung initiative that is examining ways to strengthen national asylum systems worldwide.
- *Dara Lind*: Communications Director of the American Immigration Council after reporting on immigration since the 80's for ProPublica and Vox.
- *Eva A. Millona* was appointed by President Biden as USCIS Chief of the Office of Citizenship, Partnership and Engagement (DHS). Before undertaking responsibility for the Presidents Executive Orders regarding naturalization and integration Millona was the CEO of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coaliton. She has been adjunct faculty at Clark University and Boston College and was appointed as Chair of The Governor's Advisory Council. Ms. Millona is co-founder of and co-chaired the Massachusetts Business Immigration Coalition, she was co-founder of and co-chaired for 11 years the National Partnership for New Americans, a National organization focused on immigrant integration at the local, state, and federal levels. In 2020 she chaired the U.S. Census Statewide Complete Count Committee in Massachusetts. Prior to immigrating, she was the youngest judge ever appointed in her native Albania.
- *Silvia Núñez* is the director of the Center for Research on North America at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (CISAN-UNAM). Her work focuses on social inequality and structure in North America.
- *Jan Rath* is Professor of Urban Sociology in the sociology department of the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and a researcher at the university's Centre for Urban Studies (CUS) and Institute for Migration & Ethnic Studies (IMES). He is also Research Fellow at the Migration Research Center (MiReKoc) at Koç University, Istanbul. As well as being Chair of Metropolis International, Jan Rath is an associate of the World Economic Forum and a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS). He has, moreover, been an advisor to a wide array of local, national and supranational governmental organizations and civic society institutions, including the European Commission (notably DG Enterprise and Industry), the OECD, the OSCE and the United Nations (notably the IOM, UNHCR, UNCTAD and the Population Division).
- *Jeremy Robbins*: the Executive Director of the American Immigration Council. Previously, Jeremy spent more than a decade building New American Economy, the think tank and advocacy organization founded by Michael Bloomberg to make the economic case for smarter immigration policies. Prior to that, Jeremy served as a policy advisor and special counsel in the Office of New York City Mayor, a judicial law clerk on the United States Court of Appeals, a Robert L. Bernstein International Human Rights Fellow working on prisoners' rights issues in Argentina, and a litigation associate at WilmerHale in Boston, where he was part of the firm's team representing six Bosnian men detained at Guantanamo Bay.
- *Violet Roumeliotis* AM is the CEO of Settlement Services International (SSI), a community organization and social business that supports newcomers and other vulnerable individuals to achieve their full potential. During her ten years as CEO, Violet has taken SSI from a Sydney-based organization with 68 staff to an 900-plus

workforce that supports more than 52,000 people nationally each year. Violet is committed to achieving equity and advancing diversity and inclusion in all forms. In 2020, she was made a member of the Order of Australia for outstanding service to the community.

- *Neil Ruiz*: Head of New Research Initiative at Pew Research, a political economist. principal investigator of the Center’s comprehensive study of Asian Americans, founding chair of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Research and Affinity Group of the American Association for Public Opinion Researchers. He previously was an associate director for the global migration and demography research team and has worked at the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Brookings Institution.
- *Jon Simmons* Deputy Director, Migration and Border Analysis, at the Home Office for the last four years, and prior to that was head of crime and policing analysis and author of the Home Office Review of Crime Statistics (2000). He has also spent two years on secondment to the Office for National Statistics and has provided international advice on arrange of analytical issues in the areas of crime and migration.
- *Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley* was, until 2019, Pro Vice-Chancellor at Massey University. He is the author or editor of 28 books, the most recent being *The New New Zealand. Facing demographic disruption* (2021). He was a Programme Leader of a research programme on the impacts of immigration and diversity on Aotearoa New Zealand (2014–2021). He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand in 2011 and was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley, in 2010. He is on the Board of the Auckland Museum and is a Research Affiliate of Koi Tū: The Centre for Informed Futures at the University of Auckland. He is Chair of Metropolis International.
- *Prof. Anna Triandafyllidou* of Toronto Metropolitan College (formerly Ryerson) is the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration, a \$10-million seven-year program. With 10,700 citations noted, Anna serves with the OECD, EC, European Parliament on high skilled migration policy and the European Research Council and with more than a dozen universities. She is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*

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And more...

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