

## **“Who Belongs? Immigration, Democracy, and Citizenship”**

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*Abstract*

*The talk will provide an overview of the book I am writing on the ethics of immigration.*

*In the book, I try to map out the normative issues raised by immigration from the developing world to rich liberal democratic states in Europe and North America. The book has two parts. The first focuses on questions about how immigrants who have already arrived should be treated, the second on questions about who should be admitted. In Part I, I begin with questions about the access of immigrants (and their descendants to citizenship). In the next three chapters, I address questions about how the legal rights of immigrants in various categories – permanent residents, temporary workers, and irregular migrants – should resemble or differ from the rights of citizens. In the last section of Part I, I address questions about the economic, social, and cultural integration of immigrants under the general rubric of two questions: (1) what can the receiving society reasonably expect of immigrants? (2) what can immigrants reasonably expect of the society they have joined? Part II has three chapters. The first explores questions about moral claims for admission and moral constraints on criteria of selection and exclusion in the context of an assumption that states normally have the right to exercise a lot of discretion over admissions. The next chapter looks at the claims of refugees to gain admission. The final chapter calls into question the general idea that states are entitled to control entry and makes a case for open borders.*

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