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George J. Borjas is the Robert W. Scrivner Professor of Economics and Social Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. He was awarded the IZA Prize in Labor Economics in 2011. Professor Borjas is a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and a Research Fellow at IZA. Professor Borjas is the author of several books, including *Immigration Economics* (Harvard University Press, 2014), *Heaven's Door: Immigration Policy and the American Economy* (Princeton University Press, 1999), and the widely used textbook *Labor Economics* (McGraw-Hill, 2016), now in its seventh edition. His latest book is *We Wanted Workers: Unraveling the Immigration Narrative*, published by W. W. Norton in Fall 2016. He has also published over 150 articles in books and scholarly journals. His professional honors include citations in *Who's Who in the World* and *Who's Who in America*. Professor Borjas was elected a fellow of the Econometric Society in 1998 and a fellow of the Society of Labor Economists in 2004. In 2016, Politico listed Professor Borjas #17 in the list of the 50 "thinkers, doers and visionaries transforming American politics. For telling it like it really is on immigration." He received his Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University in 1975.

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Anna is an Associate Professor of Economics at the School of Foreign Service and Department of Economics at Georgetown University. Her research focuses on International Trade, Political Economy and International Migration. She is a Research Fellow of CEPR, CReAM and IZA. She obtained a PhD in Economics from Harvard University in 2003, and a Laurea in Economics from the University of Roma, La Sapienza in 1997.

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Jean-François is a development economist specializing in the study of conflicts, natural disasters and forced migration. His research is related to the causes and consequences of conflicts and forced migration in Central Africa (Democratic Republic of Congo), Eastern Africa (Tanzania, Somalia, South Sudan, Horn of Africa), Asia (China, Nepal, Pakistan), and the Arab world. More specifically, he has worked on the role of weather variations for migration, and its consequences on the labor markets. He has also investigated quantitatively the impact of refugees on the hosting population in developing countries, together with factors facilitating the integration of refugees in the US.

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Svein Erik Stave is a Senior Researcher with the Oslo-based Fafo Research Foundation. His main research areas spin around designing models and systems to measure complex and ambiguous concepts such as Sustainable Development, Peacebuilding, and Vulnerability. Stave studied geography at the University of Oslo, and has worked as a Statistical Advisor at Statistics Norway and as a development aid practitioner in Afghanistan before joining Fafo in 2007. He is the author of Monitoring Peace Consolidation: United Nations Practitioners' Guide to Benchmarking (United Nations 2010), and was leading the development of China's Sustainable Wellbeing Index between 2010 and 2012. During the same period, Stave was involved in developing a methodology for assessing the impacts and costs of forced displacement - a project commissioned by the World Bank and led by the Refugees Studies Centre at Oxford. Since then, Stave has led three large projects applying this methodology - two studies on Syrian refugees in Jordan, commissioned by the World Bank and the ILO respectively, and one on-going study on Afghan refugees in Pakistan, commissioned by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation (BMZ).

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Semih Tumen is an Associate Professor of Economics at TED University and a Research Fellow at IZA and ERF. His main field of interest is applied microeconomics with a focus on labor, education, migration, development, and inequality issues. Recently, he has been working on the impact of Syrian refugees on the labor market outcomes in host countries. He received his PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago, MSc in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics from the London School of Economics & Political Science, and BSc in Economics from the Middle East Technical University. Before joining TED University, he served as the Head of Economic Research at the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey.

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Joakim is a migration researcher at Gothenburg University. His research focuses on immigrants' integration in the receiving country, their impact on the receiving country's economy, and attitudes to immigration. He has also written several texts on the need for the EU to replace the right to asylum with a quota system

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Vasco Yasenov joined the Immigration Policy Lab in Stanford University as a postdoctoral fellow in July 2018. Prior to this he was a postdoctoral scholar at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy and received his PhD in economics from UC Davis in 2017. Most of his research has focused on studying the way foreign workers affect the local economy.

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Thomas is a PhD candidate in economics at Stanford University, focusing on forced migration in the Middle East and Africa. His job market paper studies the impacts of camps on Syrian refugees, based on fieldwork in Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq. He is also starting a project on whether aid can facilitate social cohesion between refugees and hosts in Uganda. Prior to graduate school, he worked for Innovations for Poverty Action in Kenya.

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Sandra is an assistant professor at business school of USC. She is also a research Fellow of the Provost Office, the Center for Social and Economic, and a Faculty member at the Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics. I hold a PhD and a MA degree in economics from UCLA, and a master's degree in economics from Universidad de los Andes. Her research interest are labor and development economics, with a focus on forced migration and crime. One strand of her research explores how forced migrants affect hosting economies and what could be done to support their assimilation. She has work that studies the impacts of Syrian refugees in Turkish businesses and consumption in Jordan, and on how Venezuelan migrants shape voting behavior in Colombia. Another strand of her research studies the impacts of conflict, crime, and illegality in firm development and local welfare.