



Comparative Perspectives on Migration Attitudes and Behaviours: Causes, Consequences, Interventions

28-29 May 2024

The H B Allen Centre, Keble College, University of Oxford
25 Banbury Rd, Oxford OX2 6NN

Tuesday 28 May (Day 1)

08.30-09.00 Arrivals, Coffee

09.00-09.15 Opening by Organisers

09.15-11.15 Paper Session 1: Drivers of Migration Attitudes and Behaviours
Chair: Lauren McLaren

09.15-09.40 Lenka Dražnová (European University Institute)
*Threat perception as a shaper of pro- and anti-refugee sentiment in
Central and Eastern Europe*
Discussant: Mark Hugo López

09.40-10.05 Mark Hugo López (Pew Research Center)
*Public opinion and immigration policy goals in the US and Two
European countries*
Discussant: Tiphaine Le Corre

10.05-10.30 Tiphaine Le Corre (University of Oxford)
*To what extent do political elites influence public opinion of
immigration?*
Discussant: Alexander Kustov

10.30-10.55 Alexander Kustov (University of North Carolina at Charlotte)
In Our Interest: How to make immigration popular
Discussant: Lenka Dražnová

10.55-11.15 Wider Discussion (All)

11.15-11.30 Refreshment Break

11.30-13.00 Paper Session 2: Impacts of Migration Attitudes and Behaviours
Chair: Tiphaine Le Corre

11.30-11.55 Lauren McLaren (University of Leicester)
The effect of concern about immigration on political trust
Discussant: Isabel Ruiz

11.55-12.20 Isabel Ruiz (University of Oxford)
Migrant characteristics, deservingness, and welfare preferences
Discussant: Lauren McLaren

12.20-12.45 Gerasimos Tsourapas (University of Glasgow)
Tracing the effects of the transnational social contract on political behaviours across South-South migration
Discussant: Jeffrey Pugh

12.45-13.00 Wider Discussion (All)

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Paper Session 3: Thinking Through and With Interventions I
Chair: Jeffrey Pugh

14.00-14.25 Linda Tropp (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)
How contact between host society members and migrants shapes trust and support for migrant rights: Findings from Colombia
Discussant: Sandra Rozo

14.25-14.50 Sandra Rozo (The World Bank)
In Someone Else's Shoes: Reducing prejudice through perspective taking
Discussant: Linda Tropp

14.50-15.15 Mollie Gerver (King's College London)
How to understand whether refugees wish to relocate
Discussant: Isabel Ruiz

15.15-15.30 Wider Discussion (All)

15:30-15:45 Refreshment Break

15.45-16.45 Panel 1: New Horizons in Methods, Data, and Priorities that Connect Research with Policymaking
Chair: William Allen

A facilitated discussion with audience participation among:
Mark Hugo López (Pew Research Center)
Sandra Rozo (The World Bank)
Jane Green (Nuffield Politics Research Centre, University of Oxford)

Wednesday 29 May (Day 2)

09.00-09.15 Arrivals, Coffee

09.15-10.00 The Arts as Intervention

Chair: William Allen

A facilitated discussion with Ella Krispel about her tapestries collection 'Imagined Immigration' (2023) and the scope for arts-based communication about migration issues, in the main foyer with audience participation

10.00-11.30 Paper Session 4: Thinking Through and With Interventions II

Chair: Lenka Dražnová

10.00-10.25 William Allen (University of Oxford)

Visualization choices about refugees have delimited impacts along partisan lines

Discussant: Yang-Yang Zhou

10.25-11.50 Yang-Yang Zhou (Dartmouth College)

Understanding migration attitudes in the context of large inflows: Lab experimental evidence among Venezuelan migrants in Colombia

Discussant: William Allen

10.50-11.15 Jeffrey Pugh (University of Massachusetts-Boston)

Interventions for building coexistence in Latin America: What happens when migrants engage in political activism, and what strategies do they use?

Discussant: Gerasimos Tsourapas

11.15-11.30 Wider Discussion (All)

11.30-11.45 Refreshment Break

11.45-12.45 Panel 2: Building a Policy-Relevant Research Agenda on Migration Political Behaviour

Chair: Isabel Ruiz

A facilitated discussion with audience participation among:
Alexander Kustov (University of North Carolina at Charlotte)
Lauren McLaren (University of Leicester)
Madeleine Sumption (University of Oxford)
Gerasimos Tsourapas (University of Glasgow)

12.45-13.00 Closing Remarks by Organisers

13.00-14.00 Lunch, Further Informal Discussion, and Departures

Speaker and Panellist Biographies

William Allen is a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford, where he completed his DPhil in Politics. His research examines how and why people engage with information about economic and political issues—particularly on migration in Europe and Latin America, and conveyed through media. He serves as Deputy Editor of the journal *Migration Studies*, and previously was an Associate Editor for *Journal of Refugee Studies* and *Evidence & Policy*.

Lenka Dražanová is a Research Fellow at the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute. She holds a PhD in political science from Humboldt University in Berlin. She studies public opinion and individual attitudes formation especially towards historically disadvantaged groups such as immigrants, and the conditions under which these attitudes emerge using advanced quantitative methods.

Mollie Gerver is an Assistant Professor in International Ethics in the Department of Political Economy at King's College London and completed her PhD at the London School of Economics. Her research considers what immigration policies are ethical, and what policies the public thinks are ethical. She serves as an Associate Editor of the journal *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*.

Jane Green is Professor of Political Science and British Politics at the University of Oxford, and Director of the Nuffield Politics Research Centre. She is also President of the British Polling Council as well as Co-Director of the British Election Study. Her research interests focus on the link between what governments do (policy outcomes, the economy, political competition) and how people respond to them. She also has extensive experience in media and policy engagement, serving as an elections analyst for ITV News.

Ella Krispel is a graphic designer and visual artist. Her recent work, *Imagined Immigration*, is a collection of woven tapestries illustrating the media's influence on public perceptions of immigration in the UK, and based on academic research. By giving new form to existing data, she visualizes the formation of common assumptions held by the British public, and the tension between these perceptions and the data. She is also currently working on pieces commissioned by The Migration Museum London.

Alexander Kustov is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He studies democratic governance and public opinion with a focus on managing immigration and ethnic tensions in high-income countries. His upcoming book, *In Our Interest: How to Make Immigration Popular* (Columbia University Press), examines under what conditions most people would accept more open immigration policies.

Tiphaine Le Corre is a DPhil student at the University of Oxford (Nuffield College) and a Research Review Writer at the Nuffield Politics Research Centre. Her research interests include public opinion of immigration in the UK, asylum policy-making, and migratory decision-making. She is currently working on a research project that investigates the (in)effectiveness of immigration deterrence policies at the Franco-British border through fieldwork in Calais.

Mark Hugo López is Director of Race and Ethnicity Research at the Pew Research Center, where he leads the Center's research agenda focused on the ever-changing racial and ethnic landscape of the United States. He is an expert on issues of racial and ethnic identity, Latino politics and culture, the U.S. Hispanic and Asian American populations, global and domestic immigration, and U.S. demography. He was previously the Center's director of Global Migration and Demography, and of Hispanic research.

Lauren McLaren is Professor of Politics at the University of Leicester (UK). Her research interests include public perceptions of immigrants and immigration in the UK and Europe, including the impact of levels of migration on attitudes to immigration, generational differences in immigration attitudes; and political trust. Her recent research focuses on patterns of blaming ethnic and religious minorities in the UK during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jeffrey Pugh is an Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director in the Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security and Global Governance at University of Massachusetts-Boston and the Executive Director of the Center for Mediation, Peace & Resolution of Conflict, based in Quito, Ecuador. He holds a PhD in political science from Johns Hopkins University. He is the author of the award-winning book, *The Invisibility Bargain: Governance Networks and Migrant Human Security* (Oxford, 2021) and publishes on peacebuilding, migration, and governance in Latin America.

Sandra Rozo works as a Senior Economist at the Research Group at the World Bank, focusing on the effects of forced migration and development policymaking within hosting economies, and the consequences of violence and conflict in developing countries—with implications for mitigating these effects. She holds a PhD and MA from UCLA, and a BA and MA from Universidad de los Andes. She co-founded the VenRePs Study collecting longitudinal data on forcibly displaced Venezuelans in Colombia, as well as the Syrian Refugee Life Study following Syrian refugees in Jordan. She is a IZA research fellow, a CEGA faculty affiliate, a faculty member of the Schaeffer Center for Health and Economics Policy, a research fellow at the Center for Economic and Social Research at USC, and an affiliate of the Households in Conflict Network. She serves as an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Development Economics*.

Isabel Ruiz is Associate Professor of Political Economy in the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford and Harris Manchester College. Her research lies at the intersection of economic development, labor and political economy, with a particular focus on the economic impacts of forced migration. She is currently working on research projects using survey experiments to understand the factors that affect individuals' attitudes and policy preferences towards migration in the context of south-south migration as well as in the UK. She serves as an Associate Editor of the *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*.

Madeleine Sumption is the Director of the Migration Observatory at the University of Oxford, which provides impartial analysis of UK migration trends and policy. Madeleine's research interests include the design of immigration policies and their economic and social impacts, labour migration, and the interaction between the economics and politics of migration policies. Madeleine is a member of the Migration Advisory Committee, an independent panel that advises the UK Government on migration issues.

Linda R. Tropp is Professor of Social Psychology and Faculty Associate in the School of Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Her work seeks to foster the dual goals of fostering positive relations between groups while achieving ever-greater levels of equality and justice. She regularly works with US-based organizations on initiatives to promote racial integration and equity, and with nongovernmental organizations internationally to evaluate interventions designed to bridge group differences in divided societies around the globe.

Gerasimos Tsourapas is Professor of International Relations at the University of Glasgow, the Chair of the Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration Studies Section of the International Studies Association, as well as the Editor-in-Chief of *Migration Studies*. He leads a European Research Council Starting Grant project, MOBSANCT, on migration diplomacy across Europe, the Middle East, as well as South and South-East Asia.

Yang-Yang Zhou is an Assistant Professor of Government at Dartmouth College. She studies the political causes and consequences of migration, such as how the presence of refugees affects local development and citizens' political attitudes and behaviors or how different government policies shape migration decisions. Her current research projects span multiple countries in East Africa, Central Asia, and South America.