Special Issue

The Human Rights of Migrants

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues: We are excited to embark on a Special Issue focused on the human rights of migrants. Our aim is to focus on how a human rights framework could fill gaps to protect migrant groups traditionally or newly left out of the law's protections. These groups include categories of forcibly displaced peoples, such as climate or economic refugees, Indigenous people, internally displaced peoples, or those escaping privatized violence who cannot satisfy narrow definitions of asylum and refugee laws. The focus includes the daily lives of immigrants, both with or without regular status, and their experiences regarding integration in their host country or in their place of origin after voluntary or involuntary repatriation.

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