

## Fall 2020 Symposium

### Co-sponsored by OLLI at UNL and the Winter Lecture Series

**Title:** Global Displacement: Political Conflict and Climate Change

**Course Number:** 21280EV

**Date:** Sat, Oct 17, 2020

**Time:** 9 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom (details for the connection will be provided to registrants prior to the class.)

**Cost** \$10 per person. Open to the public but registration is required.

#### **How to register:**

Register online at [olli.unl.edu](https://olli.unl.edu), click the red Online Registration tab, and you arrive on the QuickPick Registration page.

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**Step 2** – skip, membership is not required.

**Step 3** - Click on the Open to the Public bar, locate the symposium name and click the box to the right.

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**Description:** In 2019 at least 150 million persons felt compelled to leave their homes because of political or socio-economic reasons outside the bounds of legal migration. Some were fleeing war, other violence, or persecution. Then there were those fleeing absence of economic opportunity or natural disaster, often linked to climate change (not to mention governmental corruption and other malfeasance like failure to control gang warfare). As a result, there was growing demand for an increased international response by public and private agencies. Our half-day symposium examines this pressing problem. We start with understanding the numbers and reasons for forced migration involving refugees, internally displaced persons, asylum seekers, and those feeling no choice but to flee fragile societies or failed states—often because of the ramifications of global warming. Our speakers continue with addressing the role of various nation-states, international organizations like the United Nations or World Bank, and private actors like Oxfam or Doctors Without Borders, or even for-profit corporations. The objective is a better understanding of the challenges of forced displacement confronting the global community as well as the United States at home and abroad.

This year the speakers will talk about the causes of global displacement and the effects on human migration.

**Agenda for the day:**

- 9-9:20 a.m. – Greeting and Welcome
- 9:20-10:10 a.m. – Presentation 1 – Leah Zamore
- 10:10-10:20 a.m. – Break
- 10:20-11:10 a.m. - Presentation 2 – Vivienne Clement and Kanta Kumari Riguard (sharing presentation time)
- 11:10-11:20 a.m. – Break
- 11:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m. – Presentation 3 – Elizabeth Ferris
- 12:10-12:30 p.m. - Closing

**Speakers (in order):**



**Leah Zamore** is currently Center on International Cooperation's (CIC) Senior Policy Analyst. She covers a range of issues, including refugee policy, humanitarian response, and conflict prevention. Ms. Zamore comes to CIC most recently from Brasilia, where she worked as a special advisor to the government on refugee and humanitarian affairs. She also served as a visiting professor of international human rights law in São Paulo, and as a non-resident human rights fellow at Yale Law

School. Before moving to Brazil, Ms. Zamore worked as a policy aide to the Deputy High Commissioner of the UN Refugee Agency in Geneva. In previous years, her human rights and humanitarian work has taken her to Ethiopia, France, India, northern Uganda, South Africa -- and now back to the United States. Leah holds a Juris Doctorate from Yale Law School, a Master's from the University of Oxford, and a Bachelor's degree from Harvard University.



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**Kanta Kumari Rigaud** is a Lead Environmental Specialist, and Regional Climate Change Coordinator in the Africa Region of the World Bank Group. She is a leading expert on climate adaptation and resilience and works on climate policy, strategy and knowledge management. She led a multidisciplinary team on the Bank's pioneering flagship report on [Groundswell - Preparing for Internal Climate Migration](#) and on the [Turn Down the Heat](#) report series which looked at nexus of climate science and development impacts. She has worked with multiple countries in the Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean as the Bank's Focal point for the [Pilot Program for Climate Resilience](#) - working to mainstream climate resilience into core development planning and for transformation at scale. She is currently leading the Bank's work on the Next Generation [Africa Climate Business Plan](#); deepening analysis of climate induced migration in West Africa; and working with countries in East Africa on advancing their commitments to the Paris agreement. Previously she led the development of the World Bank's [climate risk screening tools](#) and [learning platforms](#) to support climate informed action, and also worked on operational projects in the Middle East and North Africa Region of the Bank. She has a doctorate from the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom. She currently serves as co-chair of the Technical Working Group on Environmental Change and Migration of [KNOMAD](#) - the Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development.



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**Viviane Clement** is a Climate Change Specialist in the Climate Change Group at the World Bank focusing on the adaptation and resilience agendas. She is a co-author of the report *Groundswell: Preparing for Internal Climate Migration*. She also currently works on several initiatives on climate change adaptation mainstreaming, including on climate and disaster risk screening and associated tools, and supporting country clients to integrate climate risk considerations in national and regional development planning processes. She worked previously in the Middle East and North Africa region on community-based development and natural resource management projects in Tunisia and Djibouti, integrated ecosystem management and ecotourism projects in Tunisia and Jordan, and a cross-sector study on climate resilience and development options for Tunisia's arid regions. Viviane holds a PhD from the George Washington University School of Business and a Masters in Environmental Science and Law from the University of Sydney.



**Elizabeth Ferris** is Research Professor with the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. From January-September 2016, she also served as Senior Advisor to the UN General Assembly's Summit for Refugees and Migrants in New York. From 2006-2015, she was a Senior Fellow and co-director of the Brookings-LSE Project on Internal Displacement where she worked to support

understanding and protection of internally displaced persons. Prior to joining Brookings, she spent 20 years working in the field of humanitarian assistance, most recently in Geneva, Switzerland at the World Council of Churches. She has also served as the director of the Church World Service's Immigration and Refugee Program, as research director for the Life & Peace Institute in Uppsala, Sweden and as a Fulbright professor at the Universidad Autónoma de México. Her teaching experience has included positions at Lafayette College, Miami University and Pembroke State University. She has written extensively on refugee, migration and humanitarian issues, including *The Politics of Protection: The Limits of Humanitarian Action* (Brookings Institution Press, 2011) and *Consequences of Chaos: Syria's Humanitarian Crisis and the Failure to Protect*, with Kemal Kirsici (Brookings Institution Press, 2016). Her newest book, *Refugees, Migration and Global Governance: Negotiating the Global Compacts*, co-authored with Katharine Donato, will be published by Routledge Press in 2019. She has done extensive work on environmental migration and displacement, with a particular focus on planned relocations in order to protect people from the effects of disasters and environmental change, including climate change. In this regard, she has written on such diverse issues as displacement in the Arctic and the Pacific. She received her BA degree from Duke University and her MA and PhD degrees from the University of Florida.