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Exit and Voice: The Paradox of Cross-Border Politics in Mexico

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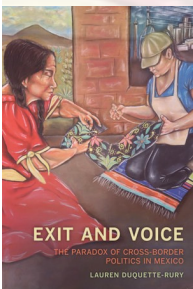
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Lauren Duquette-Rury is Associate Professor of Sociology at Wayne State University and University Academy of Scholars Junior Fellow. Her published research examines how transnational migration affects democratization, development, and vigilantism. With funding from the Russell Sage Foundation, her new book project examines how restrictive immigration policies and policing affect immigrants' decision to naturalize.



Discussant: Abigail Andrews, (PhD, UC Berkeley)

Abigail Andrews is Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the Mexican Migration Field Research Program at the University of California-San Diego. She studies gender, migration, state power, and grassroots agency, with a focus on undocumented immigrants, deportees, and asylum seekers in Mexico, Central America, and the United States.



Sometimes leaving home allows you to make an impact on it—but at what cost? *Exit and Voice* is a compelling account of how Mexican migrants with strong ties to their home communities impact the economic and political welfare of the communities they have left behind. In many decentralized democracies like Mexico, migrants have willingly stepped in to supply public goods when local or state government lack the resources or political will to improve the town. Though migrants' cross-border investments often improve citizens' access to essential public goods and create a more responsive local government, their work allows them to unintentionally exert political engagement and power, undermining the influence of those still living there. In looking at the paradox of migrants who have left their home to make an impact on it, *Exit and Voice* sheds light on how migrant transnational engagement refashions the meaning of community, democratic governance, and practices of citizenship in the era of globalization.

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