

Refuge

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Will be held via Zoom (This Event May Be Recorded)



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Heba Gowayed is the Moorman-Simon Assistant Professor of Sociology at Boston University. Her research, which is global and comparative, examines how low-income people traverse social services, immigration laws, and their associated bureaucracies, while grappling with gender and racial inequalities. Her writing has appeared in *Gender & Society*, *Ethnic & Racial Studies*, *Sociological Forum* and in public outlets including *Slate* and *Teen Vogue*.



Discussant: Dagmar Soennecken

Dr. Dagmar Soennecken is an Associate Professor at York University (Toronto, Canada) where she is cross-appointed between the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) and the Law and Society Program (Department of Social Science). From 2016 to 2020, she served as the academic director of the Master in Public Policy, Administration and Law (MPPAL) program. In 2019, she became the Editor-in-chief of *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees*, one of the oldest academic, peer-reviewed journals on forced migration.



As the world confronts the largest refugee crisis since World War II, wealthy countries are being called upon to open their doors to the displaced, with the assumption that this will restore their prospects for a bright future. *Refuge* follows Syrians who fled a brutal war in their homeland as they attempt to rebuild in countries of resettlement and asylum. Their experiences reveal that these destination countries are not saviors; they can deny newcomers' potential by failing to recognize their abilities and invest in the tools they need to prosper.

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