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**Dilip Ratha** is Head of KNOMAD and Lead Economist at the World Bank. His career spans three decades spent in academia, private sector and an international organization, on migration and financing for development, including remittances, South-South flows of migration and foreign direct investment, diaspora bonds, and prediction of sovereign credit ratings. His TED Talk “The hidden force in global economics: sending money home,” has 1.26 million views.

He founded KNOMAD in 2013, co-founded Migrating out of Poverty Research Consortium (at the University of Sussex) in 2011. He is also the brain behind African Institute for Remittances.

Prior to joining the World Bank, he worked as a regional economist for Asia at Credit Agricole Indosuez, Singapore, and taught at Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He hosts PeopleMove, a blog on migration. He has Ph.D. in economics from Indian Statistical Institute.

In 2008, a New York Times article about his life and work stated, “No one has done more than Dilip Ratha to make migration and its potential rewards a top-of-the-agenda concern in the world’s development ministries.”



**Alex Aleinikoff** is Chair of the KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Forced Migration and Development. He is Director of The Zolberg Institute on Migration & Mobility at The New School. From 2010 to June 2015, he served as the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva and was on assignment with the UN Secretariat in New York from July to December, 2015. He was previously a Visiting Professor of Law at Columbia Law School and Huo Global Policy Initiative Research Fellow at Columbia's Global Policy. He was a professor at Georgetown University Law Center (1997-2010), where he also served as Dean and EVP of Georgetown University (2004-2010). Aleinikoff was a professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School from 1981 to 1997. Aleinikoff was co-chair of

the Immigration Task Force for President Barack Obama's transition team. From 1994 to 1997, he served as general counsel, and then executive associate commissioner for programs, at the Immigration and Naturalization Service. He was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2014.



**Ana María Ibáñez** is Vice-Chair of the KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Forced Migration and Development. She is a Professor and the Dean of the School of Economics at Universidad de los Andes, in Bogota, Colombia. She was a Rice Visiting Professor and Senior Fellow at the MacMillan Center at Yale University in 2016-2017. Ana María obtained her Masters and PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of Maryland at College Park. Professor Ibáñez’ research studies the economic consequences of internal conflict, in particular the costs of war and conflict upon the civil population.

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**Hernan Winkler** is a Senior Economist in the Jobs Group at the World Bank. He specializes in applied microeconomics, with a particular focus on labor market issues and the sources and consequences of inequality and poverty. He has been an author and part of the core teams of several World Bank flagship reports. His research has been published in peer-reviewed journals including the *Review of Economics and Statistics* and the *Journal of Development Economics*. Before joining the World Bank, he was a Researcher at CEDLAS (University of La Plata, Argentina). He holds a PhD in economics from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).



**Anna Maria Mayda** is an Associate Professor of Economics at Georgetown University, with a joint appointment in the Department of Economics and the School of Foreign Service. She studied statistics and economics at University of Rome La Sapienza, where she received her degree summa cum laude in 1997. Before graduate school, she worked at the World Bank in the Latin America and Caribbean Region Unit. In June 2003, she completed a PhD in Economics at Harvard University, where she was also a doctoral fellow at the Center for International Development. Since 2003 she has been at Georgetown University, first as an Assistant Professor (2003-2009), next as an Associate Professor with tenure (2009-now). In the spring of 2004, she held a visiting position at the International Monetary Fund where she served as a Resident Scholar at the Trade Unit of the Research Department. During the 2007-2008 academic year, she was on leave at Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano, University of Milan, with a Marie Curie Fellowship within the TOM (Transnationality of Migrants) program, financed by the European Commission. Anna Maria's research mainly focuses on issues of trade, immigration and development economics and has been published in journals such as the *European Economic Review*, the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, the *Journal of International Economics*, the *Journal of Population Economics*, and the *Canadian Journal of Economics*. She has also been awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant. She joined IZA as a Research Affiliate in March 2003 and became a Research Fellow in July 2005. Anna Maria Mayda is also a CEPR Research Affiliate since 2005.

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**Mathis Wagner** is a labor economist whose work has focused on the intersection of labor markets and migration. He has taken a 360-degree perspective considering the impact on destination and source countries, as well as the migrants themselves. Most recently, he has worked on the impact of Syrian refugees in Turkey. On-going work is on the economic role of refugees in the U.S. and in understanding the determinants of worldwide refugee flows. Currently he is co-authoring a World Bank report on Global Migration and Labor Markets. He is an assistant professor at Boston College and has been a consultant at the World Bank since 2012. He holds a B.A in economics from Cambridge University, UK, and an M.A. and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago.



**Carlos Vargas-Silva** is Associate Professor and Senior Researcher at COMPAS. He is a member of Kellogg College and teaches in Oxford's interdisciplinary graduate program in migration studies. He is also the associate editor of the journal *Migration Studies* and a member of the Migration Observatory team. An economist with particular expertise in quantitative data analysis, his research interests include the economic impact of immigration on migrant receiving countries and the link between migration (including forced migration) and economic development in migrant sending countries.



**Çağlar Özden** is Co-chair of the KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Labor Migration. He is a Lead Economist in the World Bank's Development Research Group, Trade and International Integration (DECTI), in Washington, DC. His most current research explores the role of diasporas and social networks on migration flows and patterns, performance of migrants in the destination labor markets, linkages between migration, trade and foreign direct investment flows and causes of the migration decisions of physicians from Sub-Saharan Africa. He has published numerous articles in leading academic journals and edited three books on migration, remittances, and brain drain. He has a Ph.D. in economics from Stanford University. Prior to joining the World Bank, he was on the faculty of the economics department at Emory University.

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**Emilio Depetris-Chauvin** is an Assistant Professor in Economics and Political Science at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. From 2014 to 2015 he was an Assistant Professor in Economics at Universidad de Los Andes in Colombia. He received his Phd in Economics from Brown University and his B.A. from Universidad de Buenos Aires. His research interests include political economy, public economics, development and economic growth with a particular emphasis on understanding the causes and consequences of conflict and violence. He has published in the journal of Public Economics and the Economic Journal.

**Valentina Calderón-Mejía** is PhD in Public Policy graduate from the University of Chicago. She is a First Economic Affairs officer, in the Division for Conflict and Emerging issues of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA). Before joining ESCWA, she worked as a Consultant for UNICEF in New York and the World Bank in Washington DC. Her research primarily focuses on the impact of conflict and displacement on development. She has written a number of papers studying the impact of IDPs labor markets, marriage markets, domestic violence and crime. She is currently working on a series of papers to estimate the inter-generational impact of conflict in the Arab region.



**Lahra Smith**, Associate Professor, Georgetown University, is a Political Scientist with a particular interest in African politics, migration and refugees, and citizenship and equality. Her book, *Making Citizens in Africa: Ethnicity, Gender and National Identity in Ethiopia*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2013. She teaches courses on migration, women and politics and theory and policy in Africa. She is the CSJ Faculty Fellow for African Migration, and is also working with the SFS and Georgetown initiative to partner with Teddy Roosevelt High School's Global Studies Program. She is also a research fellow with the Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM). Prof. Smith has taught and conducted research in refugee camps in East and Southern Africa, and has ongoing research on civic education programs in Kenya, particularly focused on the role of teachers as active agents of citizen-creation.

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**Cynthia Bansak** is currently a Professor of Economics at St. Lawrence University. Prior to her current position, she was an Assistant Professor at San Diego State University and an Economist at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. She received a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California at San Diego and a B.A. in economics from Yale University. Her research and teaching interests fall broadly within the area of applied econometrics, with a particular focus in the fields of labor economics and monetary policy. She has published research on immigration, regarding the effect of employer sanctions on wages and examining the relationship between banking and remittances. In addition, her current work explores aspects of poverty alleviation programs in the U.S. such as the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) and the impact of remittances on educational attainment in Nepal. At SLU Dr. Bansak is offering courses in econometrics, macroeconomics, the Fed Challenge, and money and banking.

**Betsy Lippman** has worked on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced by conflict for almost 30 years with UNHCR, UNDP, the U.S. Department of State, the World Bank, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the American Red Cross. She is currently Chief of Section for Operational Solutions and Transitions in the Division of Programme Support and Management at UNHCR. This Section Chief, she is responsible for the technical areas of solutions, energy, environment and livelihoods. Within each of these areas, a key focus of her work is getting the issue of forced displacement on the development agenda and ensuring that refugees are recognized as people with skills, assets and aspirations that can contribute to society. She hopes to institutionalize a more development-oriented and sustainable approach to these issues by building the capacities of the displaced and broadening and strengthening partnerships with the private sector, host governments, development actors and academia.

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**Veronika Fajth** is an education and research officer at UNU-MERIT/MGSoG. She holds a master's degree in Public Policy and Human Development from MGSoG/United Nations University, where she specialised in Migration Studies. She holds bachelor's degrees in International Relations and in International Business Economics from Corvinus University of Budapest. She joined the Migration Group in September 2016, first working as an intern conducting a quantitative study on social cohesion impacts of hosting refugees for The Economic Impacts of Congolese Refugees in Rwanda: Labour Markets, Social Infrastructure and Aid Effectiveness Project (commissioned by UNHCR). Veronika is currently involved in the Role of European Mobility and its Impacts in Narratives, Debates and EU Reforms (REMINDER), funded by the European Commission (Horizon2020). The component she is working on aims to comprehensively map data on intra-EU migration. In general, her main research interests lie in the areas of migrant integration and forced migration.



**Grace Benton** is Project Manager and Research Associate at Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM), Georgetown University. Grace is proficient in Arabic and holds a Master's of Arts in Arab Studies and a Certificate in Refugee and Humanitarian Emergencies from Georgetown University. She received a Fulbright Fellowship to teach and study in Jordan from 2011-12. Grace also worked at the International Refugee Assistance Project as the Egypt Program Director and managed the resettlement team at the Refugee Legal Aid Program at St. Andrews Refugee Services in Cairo, Egypt. Her current research interests and areas of work include internal displacement in Iraq, refugee resettlement, the history of refugee policy across the Middle East, and planned relocations of populations away from disaster-prone areas.



**Michael Cohen** graduated magna cum laude from the College of William and Mary in 2011 with a dual major in Government and Area Studies, concentrating in the Middle East. Michael spent a semester studying Modern Standard Arabic at the Qasid Institute in Amman, Jordan and in 2010 received a Tang Scholarship for summer research on an analysis of governance, security, and integration in the aftermath of the al-Anbar Awakening. In 2011 he conducted independent research on the genre of Arabic wine poetry, to include translations of poetry from Jahili, Abbasid, and Andalusian eras. In May 2012, Cohen earned his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army (Signal Corps) where he served for 3+ years on active duty, including a tour at Camp Hovey, South Korea where he worked as a platoon leader. He recently finished his time in service and is interested in researching tribe-state relations, Arabic poetry, and perceptions of governance and corruption in the Arab world. Michael's hobbies include running, camping, and piano.

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**Paolo Verme** is Lead Economist and Manager of the Research Program on Forced Displacement at the World Bank. A Ph.D. graduate of the London School of Economics, he was Visiting Professor at Bocconi University in Milan (2004-2009) and at the University of Turin (2003-2010) before joining the World Bank in 2010. For almost two decades, he served as senior advisor and project manager for multilateral organizations, private companies and governments working on the design, implementation and evaluation of welfare policies. His research covers poverty, inequality, labor markets and forced displacement and is widely published in international journals, books and reports. His most recent books include a study on subsidies in the MENA region and a study on the welfare of Syrian refugees, a joint work between the World Bank and the UNHCR.



**Kirsten Schuettler** is Focal Point of the KNOMAD Thematic Working Group on Forced Migration and Development. She is a Senior Program Officer at the World Bank's Development Economics - Global Indicators Group. In the Migration & Remittances team her responsibilities include monitoring remittances flows to the MENA region and contributing to the implementation of the Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD). Prior to joining the World Bank she worked for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) as a component manager in the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Promotion Program in Tunisia (2010-2014) and as an advisor on migration and private sector development at GIZ headquarters (2006-2010). She has published on different aspects of the link between migration and economic development. She holds Masters Degrees in Political Science and Economics.

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**Harun Onder** is a Senior Economist at the World Bank. He joined the Bank in 2010 as a Young Professional. Since then he worked in Europe and Central Asia Region (ECA-PREM), Economic Policy Anchor (PRMED), and the Economic Advisory Team (EAT) of the MFM Senior Director. He is currently the country economist for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. His operational and analytical experience covers issues in international trade, economic implications of demographic transitions, challenges faced by natural resource rich economies, and the economics of conflict and forced displacement. His most recent academic and policy publications include the following: *Does Inequality Drive the Dutch Disease? Theory and Evidence* (2017). *Journal of International Economics* (with N. Behzadan, R. Chisik, and W. Battaile). *The Economics of Hosting Refugees: A Host Community Perspective from Turkana* (2017). World Bank Report No: 113183 (with J. Alix-Garcia and E. Artuc). *Limiting Cross-retaliation when Punishment is Limited* (2017). *Economic Inquiry* (with R. Chisik). Currently, he is leading a Bank-wide multi-sectoral team to assess the economic and social impacts of the conflict in Syria. The study combines various remote-sensing techniques with a dynamic labor market model with mobility and matching to separate the channels through which the economic impact of the conflict has been manifested.



**Helidah 'Didi' Ogude**, a dual South African/Kenyan national, joined the Bank as a Young Professional in September 2015. Didi has since participated in a short-term-assignment in the Indonesia Country Office where she worked on strengthening decentralization to improve local service delivery. She has also provided support to the FCV CCSA where she co-authored a chapter focused on host communities in the Forced Displacement (2016) flagship report. She is currently working with Jo de Berry and the team on the Great Lakes Region Displaced Persons and Border Communities Series of Projects, and is leading a regional study on the development dimensions of mixed migration and forced displacement into Southern Africa. Prior to joining the Bank, Didi worked for the International Crisis Group, Ernst & Young and the South African government. While at the South African government, both at the Ministry for Economic Development and the Planning Department in The Presidency, she worked on local service delivery issues with an emphasis on municipalities affected by social tensions between host and migrant/refugee communities. In her scholarly capacity, she has conducted research on conflict resolution in countries including Syria, Israel, Jordan, and Palestine, including interviews with senior government officials, journalists, academics, organized civil society and private-sector professionals. Her PhD research explores how structures of power, neoliberal capitalism, and millennial consumerist culture relate to notions of identity, structural and spectacular violence, and migratory flows. She holds a Master's Degree from New York University in Global Affairs (Post-Conflict Development) and is a PhD student in Public Policy (Forced Displacement) at The New School.



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**Roger Zetter** is Emeritus Professor of Refugee Studies at the University of Oxford, retiring as Director of the Refugee Studies Centre in September 2011. His long association with the RSC commenced in 1988 as Founding Editor of the Journal of Refugee Studies, a position held until 2001. In an academic career spanning over 35 years and with regional expertise in sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and the Middle East, his teaching, research, publications and consultancy have included all stages of the 'refugee and displacement cycle'; his work focuses on the policy and institutional dimensions of the humanitarian regime and the impacts on forcibly displaced people. He has written over 35 peer reviewed papers, six books, over 20 book chapters, 15 major research reports and numerous op. eds. Recent research and consultancy themes include: protracted refugee situations (Norwegian MFA); environmental change and population displacement (MacArthur Foundation, UNHCR, Swiss MFA, Norwegian MFA); development-led responses to the economic costs and impacts of forced displacement (World Bank, KNOMAD, UNDP, Danish MFA, EC, ILO); protection and forced displacement (Swiss Federal Commission for Migration, Swiss MFA, and MPI); framing humanitarian principles (IOM).



**Kathleen Newland** is a Senior Fellow and Co-Founder of the Migration Policy Institute. Her focus is on the relationship between migration and development, the governance of international migration, and refugee protection. She is also the Founding Director of the International diaspora Engagement Alliance (IdEA) during its incubation phase at MPI from 2011-13; IdEA was established as a partnership among MPI, the State Department, and U.S. Agency for International Development. She is a Member of the MPI Board of Trustees. Previously, at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, she was a Senior Associate and then Co-Director of the International Migration Policy Program (1994-01). She sits on the Board of Overseers of the International Rescue Committee and the boards of directors of USA for UNHCR, the Stimson Center, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), and the Foundation for The Hague Process on Migrants and Refugees. She also is a Chair Emerita of the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children. Prior to joining the Migration Program at the Carnegie Endowment in 1994, Ms. Newland worked as an independent consultant for such clients as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the World Bank, and the office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. From 1988-92, Ms. Newland was on the faculty of the London School of Economics. During that time, she also co-founded (with Lord David Owen) and directed Humanitas, an educational trust dedicated to increasing awareness of international humanitarian issues. From 1982 to 1988, she worked at the United Nations University in Tokyo as Special Assistant to the Rector. She began her career as a researcher at Worldwatch Institute in 1974. Ms. Newland is author or editor of eight books, and has also written 17 shorter monographs as well as numerous policy papers, articles, and book chapters. Ms. Newland is a graduate of Harvard University and the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University. She did additional graduate work at the London School of Economics.

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**Laura V. González-Murphy**, currently serves as Director of the NY State Office for New Americans (ONA). In this capacity she oversees the operation of the Office’s 27 Opportunity Centers and Legal Counsel network across the state, a model of immigrant integration in the country. Prior to this position she was an Empire State Fellow at the NY State Department of State, where under the leadership of Secretary Cesar Perales, she assisted in the program administration of ONA, helped promote the Governor’s Anti-Human Trafficking campaign, and also served as the department’s Language Access Coordinator, a role she continues to hold. On April 2016 after being nominated by Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, she was recognized with *El Diaro’s Mujeres Destacadas* award. She has also served as consultant on immigration policy issues with the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, the Mexican Congress, among others, earning herself the status as the “go to person” in the country on issues of Mexican immigration policy. Prior to this position she was a Research Assistant Professor at Rockefeller College, SUNY at Albany, where she taught a variety of courses on foreign policy, immigration, human rights, and immigration and Latin American politics. She was assistant director of the project “The International Context of Immigration: US, Mexico and Beyond,” which examines the politics of changing immigration policies and in the US and Mexico. In a previous tenure she worked for the New York State Office of Rural Affairs and frequently chaired the Governor’s Coordinating Committee on Farm Worker Services. Her advocacy career has entailed co-chairing Albany’s Committee on Immigrant Rights, for which she received the Albany Justice for Workers Award, and membership of the Board of Directors of the Empire Justice Center a multi-issue public interest law firm. González-Murphy earned her PhD in comparative politics and in international relations from SUNY at Albany. She holds an MS in urban planning and environmental studies from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a BS in political science from Elmira College, graduating *suma cum laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa*. She is the author of various articles, book chapters and the book *Protecting Immigrant Rights in Mexico: Understanding the State–Civil Society Nexus*, re-published by Routledge in June, 2015.



**Janette Uhlmann** is the Senior Operations Officer of the Center for Mediterranean Integration since December 2013. She currently leads the Mediterranean Refugees and Host Communities Knowledge Action Program and works on fragility questions. Prior to this assignment, Janette worked as Senior Country Officer in the Middle East Department, and Central Africa Department at the World Bank for 6 years. Janette started her career with the German Technical Cooperation on a regional program promoting good governance in North Africa. Janette holds an M.A. in International Relations and completed a Postgraduate Program in International Affairs with a focus on the Middle East. Her Ph.D. in International Comparative Politics discussed tradeoffs for European donors in Algeria’s democratic transition process.

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**Mohammad Alzawahreh** is Head of Local Development Unit at Zarqa municipality, Jordan. He graduated from University of Jordan in 1986, and holds a MSc. in engineering. Mr.Zawahreh is working for Zarqa municipality since 1990. He worked as a head of several departments; Service delivery, Studies, Planning, Mayor assistant for administrative and financial affairs. He specialized in programs of Development Assistance, Culture, Democracy, Human rights, governance support and Social Cohesion. He participated in several regional and international conferences of various issues. Mr.Zawahreh is the Chairman of Independent trade union of municipalities' workers, and founder of Zarqa city youth council (Youth Initiative), that aims to engage youth in local issues, support governance and enhance dialogue through youth.