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Guest Speakers:



Jojo Annobil (Immigrant Justice Corps) is the Executive Director of Immigrant Justice Corps. Prior to his appointment, Jojo, was the Attorney-in-Charge of The Legal Aid Society's Immigration Law Unit, a city-wide leader in the provision of high quality immigration legal services. Jojo is an adjunct professor at New York University School of Law where he co-teaches the Immigrant Defense Clinic. He also serves as Special Counsel to the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division First Department's Disciplinary Committee on Immigration matters and is co-chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Immigration Representation.

Jojo graduated from Fordham Law School in 1990 and worked at The Legal Aid Society as a staff attorney in the Criminal Appeals Bureau and as a Criminal/Immigration Specialist and Supervising Attorney in the Immigration Law Unit. Jojo is the recipient of the Asian Americans for Equality Agent of Change Award, the Fordham Law School Louis J. Lefkowitz Public Service Award, a New York City Council Proclamation for Outstanding Service to the City of New York and the New York City Bar, Legal Services Award.



Daniel Benson (St. Francis College) is the French language coordinator for the Foreign Language division of the Fine Arts, Foreign language and International Cultural Studies Department at St. Francis College. He obtained his Ph.D. in French and Comparative Literature at New York University, and his MA in Literature, Art, and Contemporary Thought at the University of Paris-Diderot. His scholarly interests include French and European literature and culture, critical social theory, global history and historiography, and the politics of aesthetics. He has written articles and reviews of literary criticism, theory, and history for *La Revue Critique de Fixxion Française Contemporaine*, *Fabula.org*, *Left Review*, and *Espace Maurice Blanchot*. He is currently a moderator for the International Cultural Club at St. Francis College.



David Charles Brotherton (John Jay College, CUNY) is Professor of Sociology, Urban Education and Criminal Justice at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the Graduate Center, City University of New York and Director of the Social Change and Transgressive Studies Project at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Dr. Brotherton's critical ethnographic research on social exclusion and social resistance spans more than two decades and is foundational in new areas of inquiry related to the globalization of gangs and deportation. In 2011, he was named Critical Criminologist of the Year and in 2015 he received the Praxis Award for contributions to social justice from the Division of Critical Criminology of the American Society of Criminology. Currently, Dr. Brotherton's research projects include juvenile justice reform and the credible messenger movement in Washington D.C., gang legalization and homicide reduction in Ecuador, and the deportation regime and gang repression in New York City. Professor Brotherton has received multiple grants from both public and private sources and is the founding editor of the

“Transgressive Studies” book series at Temple University Press. His books include: *Immigration Policy in the Age of Punishment - Detention, Deportation, and Border Control*, edited with Phil Kretsedemas (Columbia 2017), *Las Pandillas Como Movimiento Social: La Historia de los Kings y Queens Latinos de la Ciudad de Nueva York*, with Luis Barrios (University of Central America Press 2016), *Youth Street Gangs: A Critical Perspective* (Routledge 2015), *Banished to the Homeland: Dominican Deportees and their Stories of Exile*, with Luis Barrios (Columbia 2011), and *The Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation: Street Politics and the Transformation of a New York City Gang*, with Luis Barrios (Columbia 2004)



Heath Brown (John Jay College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York) is an associate professor of public policy at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, and the CUNY Graduate Center. He received a master’s degree in International Affairs (1999) and PhD in Public Policy (2005) from The George Washington University. He has worked at the US Congressional Budget Office as a Research Fellow, at the American Bus Association as a Policy Assistant, and at the Council of Graduate Schools as Research and Policy Director. In addition to his research, Brown is Reviews Editor for Interest Groups & Advocacy and hosts a podcast called *New Books in Political Science*, where he interviews new authors about their political science publications. He is also an expert contributor to The Hill as well as to The Atlantic magazine and American Prospect magazine. Brown currently a co-leader of the New York City Chapter of the Scholar Strategy Network. He is the author of *Lobbying the New President: Interests in Transition* (2012), *Tea Party Divided: The Hidden Diversity of a Maturing Movement* (2015) and *Pay-to-Play Politics: How Money Defines the American Democracy* (2016) and *Immigrants and Electoral Politics: Nonprofit Organizing in a Time of Demographic Change* (2016).



Ali Chaudhary (Rutgers University) is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Rutgers University-New Brunswick. His primary areas of research are international migration/immigration, race-ethnicity, transnationalism, organizations, popular culture, and the sociology of music. Dr. Chaudhary's research and teaching focus on the ways in which symbolic boundaries and group ascriptions such as race, ethnicity, religion, class, and nativity shape economic, political, and cultural processes and practices. His past research examines the effects of stigma on immigrant nonprofit organizations and the racialized incorporation of immigrant entrepreneurs in the United States. Before coming to Rutgers, Dr. Chaudhary held a Marie Curie Early Career Fellowship at the University of Oxford where he analyzed the interactions between immigrant political integration and homeland-oriented transnational politics. His latest work explores how immigrants and their second-generation children facilitate integration and belonging as musical performers, composers, and innovators. Dr. Chaudhary's research has been funded and supported by the European Commission, the Oxford Department of International Development, the University of California Office of the President, the University of California Center for New Racial Studies, the U.C. Davis Gifford Center for Population Studies, and the UC Davis Departments of Sociology and Human Ecology. His past and forthcoming articles appear in *International Migration Review*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Global Networks*, *Migration Studies*, *the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, and *the Sociological Quarterly*.



Michael Doyle (Columbia University) specializes in international relations theory, international security, and international organizations.

Doyle previously served as assistant secretary-general and special adviser to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan from 2001 to 2003. His responsibilities included strategic

planning (Millennium Development Goals), outreach to the international corporate sector (the Global Compact), and relations with Washington.

Doyle has been a member of the Council on Foreign Relations since 1992 and is the former chair of the Academic Council of the United Nations System. He has also been a vice president, senior fellow and a member (and chair) of the Board of Directors of the International Peace Institute between 1992 and 2018. In 2001, he was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; in 2009, to the American Philosophical Society; and in 2012, to the American Academy of Political and Social Science. He served as chair of the board of the UN Democracy Fund (UNDEF) from 2006–2013. On July 15, 2014, the University of Warwick conferred on him an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) upon Doyle in recognition of his research and publications on Peace Theory.

In 2013, Doyle was appointed director of the [Columbia Global Policy Initiative](#) and served as a co-director of its [International Migration](#) project until 2018.

In 2015, Doyle helped develop the [Model International Mobility Convention](#) which represents a shared framework among over 40 academics. It serves the ambitious goal of creating a holistic, rights-respecting governance regime for all aspects of international migration, filling in the gaps in the existing international legal regime and expanding protections where needed.

Doyle holds a BA from Harvard College (1970), and an MA (1972) and PhD (1977) from Harvard University.



Mark Drucker (Graduate Center, CUNY) is presently an Adjunct Professor at the Graduate Center at the City University of New York (CUNY) where he has taught numerous courses on Immigration and Nationality Law. In 1979 Mark Drucker founded the Drucker Law Firm in Jackson Heights, New York with the specialization in Immigration and Nationality Law. Mr. Drucker had previously worked as a Trial Attorney and General Attorney at the New York and Newark, New Jersey offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the Department of Justice.

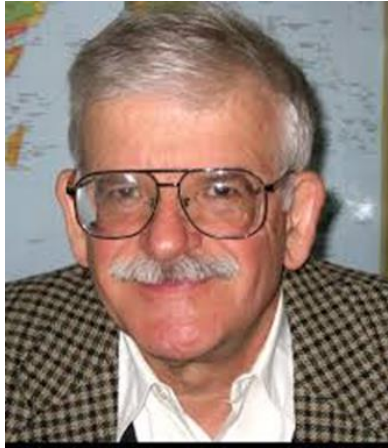
Based on his vast experience, Mr. Drucker took on complex Immigration cases and successfully represented clients throughout the U.S., in Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and in Federal Courts.

He has served as an arbitrator with the Civil Court of the City of New York, Queens County, and has lectured to various groups on Immigration law.

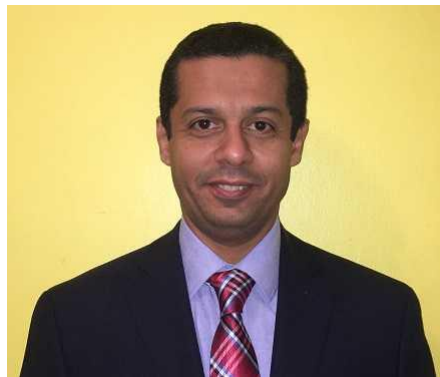
Mr. Drucker has been actively involved in the American Immigration Lawyers Association since 1980, and is also an esteemed member of the Queens County Bar Association.



Yassin El-Ayouty (SUNSGLOW) is Founder and President of SUNSGLOW – Global Training in the Rule of Law. This nonprofit is devoted to transnational judicial and legal training, especially in the developing world. Dr. El-Ayouty received two bachelor degrees in education and psychology, one from the Teachers Institute of Cairo, Egypt (1948), and one from Trenton State Teachers College, New Jersey (1953). He earned his M.A. in history and political science from Rutgers University (1954) and Ph. D. in international law and international organization from NYU (1966) and a JD from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (1994). He was also the Thomas Volpe Distinguished Professor of Globalization at SFC where, for 25 years, he has been an adjunct professor at the Department of International Cultural Studies. In that capacity, he has been in charge of international internships for SFC students. A former Fulbright Scholar, he served the UN from 1954 to 1986 including being UN Spokesman during the Algerian war of independence, and later became chief of the Africa Division, and Secretary of the Council of Namibia, Department of Political Affairs and Decolonization. He is a member of several bars including New Jersey, the Bar of the US Supreme Court, the Egyptian Bar, the Bar of the Supreme Court of Egypt, the Federation of the Arab Bars. He is a member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs in Cairo, Egypt, which he represents in the United Nations. He is professor emeritus at the Stony Brook University; a member of Al-Azhar (Cairo) Council of Islamic Elders; a former legal adviser to the UN Permanent Mission of Kuwait for UN Security Council Affairs; and presently the Honorary President of the Egyptian Cultural Club, New York. As an attorney, he defended several US residents against removal, and successfully represented both CBS and the Associated Press in Iraq for the liberation of journalists wrongly held by the US Marines; a blogger and an author of many articles and books. The first of his 14 books was published under the title of “Refugees South of the Sahara” (Praeger, 1970). His two most recent books were published by Amazon. These are: “Fighting Jihadism by Ideology: The New Religious Islamic Revolution” (2017); and “Perspectives on Egypt, Islam, and the Dark Era of Trump” (2019).



Uwe P. Gielen, PhD (St. Francis College) grew up as a refugee in Germany. He later earned his Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Harvard University. Presently he serves as Executive Director of the Institute for International and Cross-Cultural Psychology and Professor-Emeritus of Psychology at St. Francis College, New York. His 28 edited/co-edited/ co-authored books, which have appeared in five languages, deal with a broad range of psychological topics from an international and culturally informed perspective. Examples include *Childhood and Adolescence: Cross-Cultural Perspectives and Applications* (2nd ed., 2016), *Principles of Multicultural Counseling and Therapy* (2008), and *Families in Global Perspective* (2005). Having lectured on more than 340 occasions in 34 countries, he has served as president of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research, the International Council of Psychologists, and APA's Division of International Psychology as well as chair of the Psychology Section at the New York Academy of Sciences.



Joseph Guirguis (The Law Offices of Anne Z. Sedki) is an Immigration Legal Assistant at The Law Offices of Anne Z. Sedki, NY. He assists clients with accurate completion of immigration application forms, and provides clients with comprehensive legal service for all Immigration matters. Joseph holds a Master of international Law, Bachelor's Degree in Law and graduated Diploma of International Negotiations from Egypt. He earned an Advanced Certificate in Immigration Law from the School of Professional Studies, City University of New York. Before he started his current position he had spent two years as an immigration Legal Intern at International Rescue Committee (IRC), - Immigration department- assisting refugees and immigrants seeking immigration services. He keeps continuous volunteering with IRC and CUNY CitizenshipNow as well.

Joseph is Attorney at Law in Egypt, practiced Law +10 years. He is a member of The Egyptian Bar Association, Egypt, Federation of Arab Lawyers, Egypt, The Egyptian Society of International Law, Egypt, and Associate of Sunsglow (Global Training in the Rule of Law), New York, NY



Daniel Kaplin, PhD (St. Francis College) is an Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at St. Francis College. He received his doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology in 2014 from Walden University's Department of Psychology. His research examines how religious beliefs and practices influence mental health (e.g., anxiety, depression, and substance abuse). He has also worked to improve the treatment and access to care for ethnic minorities (e.g. the Asian American community). Lastly, he does research attitudinal research on prescriptive authority for psychologists. Dr. Kaplin as served numerous boards and committees at the local, state, and national level. He is the 2019 President Elect for New York State Psychological Association (NYSPA). Moreover, he was the 2018 President of NYSPA's Division of Culture Race and Ethnicity (DCRE) and New York State's Diversity Delegate to the American Psychological Association's Practice Leadership Conference in 2015 and 2016. Dr. Kaplin has received many awards and recognitions, which include being a Leadership Institute Fellow (2012), the DCRE Dissertation Award (2015), Distinguished Fellow at New York State Psychological Association (2017), Patrick H. DeLeon Prize for Outstanding Contribution to the Advancement of Pharmacotherapy (2017), and NYSPA's Diversity Award (2018).



Halyna Lemekh, PhD (St. Francis College) earned an MA in philology in Ukraine in 1995 and a PhD in Sociology from the New School University in 2007. The focus of her research and writing includes the social construction of identity of newly arrived immigrants in New York City, the impact of immigration on children and the relationships between different waves of immigrants. Her book *Ukrainian Immigrants in New York: Collision of Two Worlds* focuses on the politics of identity and the collision of diverse identities of newly arrived immigrants in their adaptation to the American society. At present, Dr. Lemekh is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at St. Francis College and conducts research on newly arrived Korean and Central American immigrants.



Yao Lu (Columbia University) is an Associate Professor of Sociology, and faculty affiliate of the Columbia Population Research Center (CPRC), Weatherhead East Asian Institute (WEAI), Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP), and the Data Science Institute (DSI). Her research focuses on social stratification and inequality, with a primary emphasis on how migration intersects with sociopolitical processes to shape inequalities in receiving and origin societies. Within these general areas, she has engaged a range of research fields in labor market inequality, collective action, health, child development, and gender. She has pursued this research agenda from a cross-national comparative perspective. Currently she studies how institutional arenas shape the process of immigrant selection and integration by comparing the characteristics and outcomes of immigrants in the United States and Canada. Her research has been funded by grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health (including a K01 Career Development Award), and the Russell Sage Foundation.



Madhulika S. Khandelwal (Queens College, CUNY) is Director of the Asian/American Center and Associate Professor in Urban Studies Department at Queens College, City University of New York. Born in India, Prof. Khandelwal was educated in both India and the United States and holds a Ph.D in History from Carnegie-Mellon University. She has taught Asian American Studies at a number of universities and has conducted research on contemporary Asian American communities. Prof. Khandelwal's main interests include immigrants, women, South Asian diaspora, Asian American communities, and multicultural issues in the United States. Dr. Khandelwal's ethnographic research on South Asian immigrant communities in the New York area has been published in her book *Becoming American, Being Indian: An Immigrant Community in New York City* (Cornell University Press, 2002). Her academic career focuses on engaging diverse cultural and community issues and she has served on the boards of organizations such as National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC), the Association for Asian American Studies, and Citylore. She is widely recognized for her community-oriented research and has been honored by NYC Comptroller's Office, Queens Women's Center, Elmhurst Hospital Center, and community organizations such as Pragati, Nav Nirman, and SAYA! (South Asian Youth Action !).



Richard Towle (Deputy Director of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) is the Deputy Director of UNHCR New York Office, having previously served as the UNHCR Representative in Malaysia. He is a New Zealander who joined UNHCR in Hong Kong in the early 1990s, working in a variety of capacities dealing with the Vietnamese boat people, then moved to the London office of UNHCR. He has since held various senior legal roles in the Department of International Protection at UNHCR headquarters in Geneva and has been involved in the UNHCR development of policies and operations relating to human rights, internally displaced persons, and asylum-migration issues.

His other UN experience includes a role as Chief of Mission for the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, from 2001 to 2003. Towle was also a Member of the New Zealand Refugee Status Appeal Authority during a temporary absence from UNHCR from 2005 - 2006. Prior to joining the UN, he was a Deputy Chair of the Hong Kong Refugee Status Review Board, after working as a lawyer in New Zealand specializing in refugee and human rights issues. He also served as the UNHCR Regional Representative for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific, a post he held from 2007 till 2013.



Carlos Vargas-Ramos (Hunter College – CUNY) is a research associate at the Center for Puerto Rican Studies (Hunter College-CUNY), where he works on the impact of migration on Puerto Rican political behavior, political attitudes and orientations, as well as on issues of racial identity. A political scientist by training, Dr. Vargas-Ramos is editor of *Race, Front and Center: Perspectives on Race among Puerto Ricans* (Centro Press, 2017) and co-editor, along with Edwin Meléndez, of *State of Puerto Ricans, 2017* (Centro Press) and *Puerto Ricans at the Dawn of the New Millennium* (Centro Press 2014). He also co-edited with Anthony Stevens-Arroyo, *Blessing La Política: The Latino Religious Experience and Political Engagement in the United States* published by Praeger in 2012. He is also an adjunct associate professor in the department of political science at Columbia University.



Roberta Villalón (St. John's University) is a Professor and Chairperson of the Sociology and Anthropology Department at St. John's University, New York City, and a Fulbright Scholar. Roberta is also affiliated with the Committee in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS), the Women's and Gender Studies Program, and the Global Development and Social Justice program at the university. She is an active member and has served in various capacities in the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), the International Sociological Association (ISA); and Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS). Born in Argentina, Roberta has a long-standing interest in the politics of social inequalities and has been committed to actively work for justice within and across geographical and social borders. Her background in political science and international relations, together with her expertise in Latin America and Latin American immigrants, has shaped her transnational sociological perspective distinctively. Her first authored book, *Violence Against Latina Immigrants: Citizenship, Inequality and Community* (2010, NYU Press), and the three-part special issue on *The Resurgence of Collective Memory, Truth and Justice Mobilizations in Latin American Perspectives*, with its related book, *Memory, Truth and Justice in Contemporary Latin America* (2017, Rowman & Littlefield), illustrate her global feminist politics. Currently, Roberta is working on her book manuscript, *Inequalities, Migration and Health: Critical Activist Research across Ecuadorean Borders* (2020, Bristol University Press) based on three years of interdisciplinary fieldwork in Ecuador, United States and Spain, and editing a special issue on "Activist Research in the Americas of the 21st Century" for *Revista CS*, published by the Department of Law and Social Sciences of ICESI University (Cali, Colombia).