

Europe's New Challenge: Accommodating Three Waves of Refugees

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Roundtable Participants: Biographical Notes



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Dr Jussi P. Laine is a professor of multidisciplinary border studies at the Karelian Institute of the University of Eastern Finland, holding the title of Docent of Human Geography at the University of Oulu, Finland. He is the President-Elect of the Western Social Science Association and currently serves on the Steering Committee of the International Geographical Union's Commission on Political Geography. From 2013 to 2021 he led the Association for Borderlands Studies, the leading international scholarly association dedicated exclusively to the systematic interchange of ideas and information relating to international border areas. By background Dr Laine is a human geographer, yet in his approach to borders he combines influences from international relations and geopolitics, political sociology, history, anthropology, and psychology. Within border studies he seeks to explore the multiscalar production of borders and bring a critical perspective to bear on the relationship between state, territory, citizenship, and identity construction. Most recently, Dr Laine has published works on border mobility, migration, the ethics of borders and ontological (in)security.



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Dr. Lucas teaches classes on the politics and culture of the Middle East, as well as theories of global studies. His research specializes on Middle Eastern politics and culture with attention to foreign policy, public opinion, political institutions, and the media. His book, *Institutions and the Politics of Survival in Jordan: Domestic Responses to External Challenges, 1988-2001* was published by SUNY Press. He has also published articles in a range of journals, including *Journal of Democracy*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Journal of Arabian Studies*, *International Interactions*, *Journal of Middle East Culture and Communication*, and *the Middle East Journal*. His current research focuses on conceptions of public opinion in the Arab World and on the politics of Arab monarchies. He has previously served as the Director of the Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities program in the College of Arts and Letters. He has previously taught at Florida International University and at the University of Oklahoma.



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Dr. Steven D. Roper is a Professor of Political Science at Florida Atlantic University. His research explores the design and the implementation of transitional justice with a focus on conflict resolution mechanisms. He has held grants from the American Council of Learned Societies, the International Research & Exchanges Board, the Social Science Research Council and was a Fulbright Scholar and Fulbright Senior Specialist. Dr. Roper has served as a consultant to the US Agency for International Development, US Department of State and the World Bank

In addition to his work in the area of human rights, Dr. Roper has an extensive experience in international education and has served as a consultant on the Bologna process and models of national accreditation. He is the author of four books and over fifty articles and book chapters.



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Professor Kostadinova received her Ph.D. from the Florida State University in 2000. Her research and teaching interests include political institutions with a special emphasis on electoral systems and reform, East European democratic transition, and comparative public policy. She has been the recipient of several grants, among which the American Political Science Small Research Grant (2002) and a Fellowship Program Award from the German Marshall Fund of the United States (2003-2004). Professor Kostadinova's first book, *Bulgaria 1879-1946: The Challenge of Choice* (Columbia University Press), explores Bulgarian parliamentary elections, party strategies, and voter behavior. Her 2012 book, *Political Corruption in Eastern Europe: Politics After Communism* (Lynne Rienner) analyzes the emergence of corruption as a major obstacle to successful democratic transition. Other publications include book chapters and journal articles in *American Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Party Politics*, and *Europe-Asia Studies*.

Professor Kostadinova's primary teaching area is comparative politics. At the undergraduate level, she teaches courses in Russian and Eastern European politics, electoral behavior, and research methods. Her graduate level courses include seminars on institutional choice, democratic transitions, political parties, and advanced research.