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**Dr. Jennifer Seager**  
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USA

### Socioeconomic Drivers of Adolescent Mental Health in Rohingya Refugee Camps and Neighboring Communities in Bangladesh

Dr. Seager is a development economist with a research focus at the intersection of gender and health among adolescents and young adults, with a geographic focus on Sub-Saharan Africa and South and Southeast Asia. Her ongoing research activities focus around (1) adolescent health and well-being and (2) female sexual and reproductive health, including maternal and child health. She has worked on projects involving Rohingya adolescents in the Cox Bazar refugee camps, as well as assessing psychological trauma among Syrian refugee children. In one recent publication, Seager dives into the experiences of married girls in refugee settings with an eye to understanding differences in their development trajectories relative to their unmarried peers.



February 6, 2025

**Dr. Madeline Zavodny**  
University of North Florida

### Temporary Protections, Permanent Problems

Dr. Madeline Zavodny is the Donna L. Gibbs and First Coast Systems Professor of Economics at the University of North Florida. She is also a Research Fellow of the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn, Germany. Her research focuses on economic issues related to immigration and includes journal publications that address how Temporary Protected Status affects the labor market outcomes of its beneficiaries, the impact of E-Verify programs, and the effects of immigration on US natives' college majors, to name just a few. Dr. Zavodny is author of *Beside the Golden Door: U.S. Immigration Reform in a New Era of Globalization* (AEI Press, 2010) and *The Economics of Immigration* (Routledge, 2021).



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**February 13, 2025**  
**Dr. Eskil Wadensjö**  
**Stockholm University,**  
**Sweden**

**Labor Market Assimilation of Refugees**

Dr. Wadensjö is a labor economist with a vast research agenda. He has published about pensions and retirement, flexible work, long-term care, Covid-19 and the Swedish labor market, and income distribution in the elderly. He has a substantial repertoire in areas pertaining to immigration. This includes research about occupational injuries among immigrants and natives, discrimination against immigrants, intergenerational mobility for immigrants and natives, the self-employment of immigrants, and temporary employment agencies and immigration. Dr. Wadensjö's expertise also covers public finance aspects of immigrant inflows, electoral outcomes in relation to immigration, as well as unaccompanied minor refugee migration to Sweden.



**March 13, 2025**  
**Dr. Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes**  
**University of California, Merced,**  
**USA**

**Mapping the Journey: A Decade of  
Asylee Flows to the U.S.**

Prior to joining the World Bank, Dr. Rozo worked as an Assistant Professor of Economics at the Marshall School of Business of the University of Southern California. Rozo's research informs policy around the effects of forced migration within hosting economies and the role of policies that foster development for migrants and their hosting communities. Her studies have also promoted the understanding of the consequences of violence and conflict and how to mitigate those effects in developing countries. Rozo's ongoing research is set in Latin America, Middle East, South East Asia, and Africa, including multiple randomized controlled trials in Jordan, Ethiopia, Uganda, and Colombia.



**March 27, 2025**  
**Dr. Jackline Wahba**  
**University of Southampton,**  
**UK**

**The Impacts of Displacement and  
Refugees on Host Communities**

Dr. Amuedo-Dorantes is a labor economist with a focus on international migration and immigration policy. She has published on contingent work contracts, the informal work sector, international remittances, as well as on immigrant assimilation and the impact of immigration policies on migrants and the communities where they reside. She has studied the impacts of TPS (Temporary Protected Status) on Haitians and Hondurans in the U.S. and of restrictive asylum policies at the U.S. Mexico Border. Amuedo-Dorantes has published on the consequences of refugee resettlement in the U.S. on crime and has on-going work on Venezuelan refugees.



**April 10, 2025**  
**Dr. Jackline Wahba**  
**University of Southampton,**  
**UK**

**The Impacts of Displacement and  
Refugees on Host Communities**

Dr. Jackline Wahba is an applied labor economist with interests in the economics of international migration and refugees. In 2020, she was awarded an OBE (Officer of the British Empire) for services to Economic Policy. She has written extensively on return migration, including the transfer of gender norms, occupational mobility upon return, and selection into return migration. More recently, Professor Wahba has been looking into numerous topical areas such as refugee destinations within the EU, BREXIT and migration, Syrian refugees and how they impact immigrants' labor market outcomes in Jordan, the returns to overseas work and diaspora networks.