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The image we have of refugees is one of displacement – from their homes, families and countries – and yet, refugee settlement is increasingly becoming an experience of living simultaneously in places both proximate and distant, as people navigate and transcend international borders in numerous and novel ways. At the same time, border regimes remain central in defining the possibilities and constraints of meaningful space.

This book examines the implications of ‘belonging’ in numerous places as increased mobility and digital access create new global connections in unexpected and unexplored ways. Belonging and Transnational Settlement are explored through the lens of an ongoing study and experience and identifies the importance of multiple belongings through case studies based on original research in Austria and New Zealand, as well as at sites across the UK.

The book brings together the diverse experiences and identities of refugee and diaspora people and is essential reading for practitioners and researchers interested in social, economic, and geographical identities, as well as engage in transnational activities. The book explores the nexus of media, individuals, and society, highlighting the importance of trust, transnational networks, and digital technologies in settings where the rules of engagement are shifting rapidly.

The book provides a thorough theoretical introduction to the link between labour mobility and informality and comprises convincing case studies from a wide range of post-socialist countries. Overall, it highlights the importance of trust, transnational networks, and digital technologies in settings where the rules of engagement are shifting rapidly.

In the context of ever-increasing globalization, transnational systems of support have emerged in response to the needs of transnational families, labour forces, and the communities within which they are now seeing a resurgence. This book will be of interest to sociologists interested in issues of immigration, multiculturalism, ethnicity, and settlement.

The book challenges the ways in which the current transnational environment has opened up new possibilities for identity formation and social networking. It explodes the traditional understanding of transnational social work as a practice that is limited to the movement of people across national borders. Instead, it recognizes the importance of transnational social work in creating networks and building bridges between individuals and communities across the globe. 

The book's conclusion highlights the centrality of transnational social work in the context of globalization, and emphasizes the need for social workers to engage in practices that foster understanding and cooperation across cultural and national boundaries. It argues that the field of social work has a unique role to play in promoting social justice and human rights in a world characterized by increasing interconnectedness and diversity.
This unique book provides an international comparison of labour markets, migrant professionals and immigration policies, ... research from the UK, Ireland, Canada, New Zealand and Australia allow readers to make critical comparisons and gain

particular, how the sense of belonging in transnational families is sustained by the reciprocal, though uneven, exchange ... and obligation, love and trust that are simultaneously fraught with tension, contest and relations of unequal power. The

type of family. It re-conceptualises transnational care as a set of activities that circulates between home and host ... relationships to include multidirectional exchanges across generations and between genders. It highlights, in

Integrating perspectives from a range of disciplines, the monograph seeks to understand the ways in which social work -- 8 Identity formation, scientific rationality and embodied knowledge in child welfare -- 9 Field, capital ... or weakening social work identity? -- 11 Commitment in the making of professional identity -- 12 Professional
academics and professionals, this book will also inform the development of relevant policy, professional, and educational responses to the phenomenon of transnational social work mobility. Contemporary social work cannot be understood without an appreciation of the broader context of social policy in which it takes place. Such an understanding is increasingly important as social workers are expected to work across institutional, professional and even national boundaries in new ways profoundly affected by the changing global context. This insightful book examines how shifts in the dominant political ideology have affected the nature of welfare provision, the kinds of social problems addressed by policy, and the balance of responsibilities for well-being between individuals, the family, voluntary organizations, the market and the state. It explains the impact of these developments on the organization of social work and on relationships between social workers and others. The book discusses contemporary social work – such as justice, liberty, equality, difference, need and risk – and illustrates these through a range of examples. The critical analysis provided in this book offers students of social work a crucial foundation for negotiating difficult and sensitive practice situations and defending their profession, providing them with the tools and knowledge to uphold key professional values.

This book explores the "backstage" of transnational legal practice by illuminating the routines and habits that are crucial to the field, yet rarely studied. Through innovative discussion of practices often considered trivial, the book encourages readers to conceptualise the "backstage" as emblematic of transnational legal practice. Expanding the focus of transnational legal scholarship, the book explores seemingly mundane procedures which are often taken for granted, despite being widely recognized as part of what it means to "do transnational law." Adopting various methodologies and approaches, each chapter focuses on one specific practice: for example, mooted exercises for law students, international travel, transnational time, the social media activities of lawyers and legal scholars, and the networking at the ICLS’s annual Assembly of States Parties. In and of themselves, these chapters each provide unique insights into what happens before the curtain rises and after it falls on the familiar "outputs" of transnational law. It does more, however, than provide a range of different practices: it takes the next step in theorizing on the importance of the marginal and the everyday for what we know to be "the law" and what the international legal field looks like. Furthermore, by interrogating understudied academic practices, it provides students with a candid view on the perils and promises of transnational legal scholarship, inviting them to join the discussion and to practice their discipline in a more reflexive way. Written in an accessible format, containing a readable collection of personal and recognisable accounts of transnational legal practice, the book provides an everyday insight into transnational law. It will therefore appeal to international legal scholars, alongside any reader with an interest in transnational law.

Social construction addresses the cultural factors and social dynamics that give rise to and maintain values and beliefs. Drawing on postmodern philosophies and critical, social, and literary theories, social construction has become an important and influential framework for practice and research within social work and related fields. Embracing inclusivity and multiplicity, social construction provides a framework for knowledge and practice that is particularly congruent with social work values and aims. In this accessible collection, Stanley L. Weiner showcases the innovative ways in which social construction may be understood and expressed in practice. He calls on experienced practitioner-scholars to share their personal accounts of interpreting and applying social constructionist ideas in different settings (such as child welfare agencies, schools, and the courts) and with diverse clientele (such as "resistant" adolescents, disadvantaged families, indigenous populations, teachers, children in protective custody, refugee youth, and adult perpetrators of sexual crimes against children). Exchanging the prescriptive stance of most theoretical frameworks, social constructionist authors challenge the reader to consider how practice proceeds in situations where the capabilities of transnational actors are constrained by nation-states, their borders and social institutions. Based on a relational understanding of transnational agency which builds upon new insights and developments within transnational studies and network theory, this compilation of chapters presents transnational processes and developments in and across various regions of the globe – in East Asia, the Americas, the EU, Southeast Asia, Africa, and Australia, in the borderlands of Mexico and the US, in the transnational space of the 21st-century global village – in order to demonstrate the importance of gaining a new understanding of the international legal field.

Due to globalization processes, foreign language skills, knowledge about other countries and intercultural competences have increasingly become important for society and people's social positions. Previous research on social inequality, however, has dominantly focused on the reproduction of class structures within the boundaries of a particular nation-state without considering the importance of these specific skills and competences. Within Social Class and Transnational Human Capital authors Gerber, Niens and Cantor refer to these skills as 'transnational human capital' and ask to what extent access to this increasingly sought-after resource depends on social class. Based on Pierre Bourdieu's theory of class, they investigate this question via both quantitative and qualitative empirical analyses. In doing so, the authors focus, among other examples, on the so-called school year abroad, i.e. students spending up to a year abroad while attending school - a practice which is increasingly popular in Germany, but also quite common in many other countries. Thus, this insightful volume explores how inequalities in the acquisition of transnational human capital and the effects of social distinction are produced within families, depending on their class position and the educational strategies parents pursue when trying to prepare their children for a globalizing world. An enlightening title, this book will appeal to undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as postdoctoral researchers interested in fields such as sociology, social inequality research, globalization studies and educational studies.

In the context of ever-increasing globalization, transnational systems of support have emerged in response to the needs of transnational families, labour forces, and the communities within which they are located. This volume will be the first to systematically address transnational support research from a theoretical and empirical perspective, making the concept of transnationality part of the core knowledge structure of social work. 'Transnationalisation' refers to multiple ties and interactions linking people or institutions across the borders of nation-states. This book surveys the broader meanings of transnationalism within the study of globalization before concentrating on migrant transnational practices. Each chapter demonstrates ways in which new and contemporary transnational practices of migrants are fundamentally transforming social, political and economic structures simultaneously within homelands and places of settlement. Transnationalism provides a much-needed single, clear and condensed text covering a major concept in academic and policy discourse today. The book is for advanced undergraduate students, postgraduates and academics. This open access book explores the role of family, public, market and third sector welfare provision for individual and households' decisions regarding geographical mobility. It challenges the state-centric approach in research on welfare and migration by emphasising migrants' own reflections and experiences. It asks whether and in which ways welfare concerns are part of migrant's decisions regarding geographical mobility. Employing a transnational and a translocal perspective, the book addresses different forms of geographical mobility, such as (re)migration, emigration, and re-migration, circular and return migration. By bringing in empirical findings from across a variety of Western and non-Western contexts, the book challenges the Eurocentric focus in current debates and contributes to a more nuanced and more integrated global account of the welfare-migration nexus. The immigrants profiled in The Immigrant Other shed light on a system designed to dehumanize and disenfranchise them, and they describe the difficulty of finding shelter in an increasingly globalized and xenophobic world. They include Muslims facing discrimination from both the "War on Terror" and the "War on Immigration," Latino day laborers, Filipino immigrants supporting themselves and their families back home, and Brazilian parents terrified of being separated from their naturalized children. Immigrants living in Spain, Australia, Greece, and Qatar are also represented, showcasing the similarities and differences in the treatment of immigrants worldwide. Each chapter in this anthology pairs a description of specific state, national, and transnational immigration laws and regulations with the testimony of individuals struggling to find legitimacy and sanctuary among them.

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