



THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND REFUGEE MOVEMENTS April 7, 2022 | 12:00-1:15 p.m. | Zoom: REGISTER HERE

As of late March 2022, at least 3.5 million people had fled the war in Ukraine to other countries such as Poland, Romania, and even to the southern border of the United States. Ukrainian families have become part of the 26.6 million refugees globally who are seeking a safe home. A panel of experts on refugee issues, including international and domestic law about refuge and asylum, will discuss current facts about the status of refugees from the war in Ukraine, as well as contemporary concerns about refugee populations worldwide.



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As Lead Asylum Attorney, Ms. Schoettle provides direct representation in a variety of immigration matters to clients throughout Nebraska who qualify for a form of immigration relief. Sarah earned her J.D. from Harvard Law School and is licensed to practice in Nebraska and Michigan. Mr. Ahmadzai's areas of specialty are Afghan governance, tribal dynamics, and their relationship with government as an institution providing public services. He previously served in various positions in the Office of the President of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. In Omaha, in addition to his research and teaching at the university, he is centrally involved in community-engaged work with refugee populations, especially new-arriving Afghan refugees. Dr. Alexander studies religious ethical thought and practice on immigration and refugee issues and is involved in community-engaged research as well as partnerships with local refugee organizations. As a scholar of religion and human rights, she studies and teaches about the intersection of religious ideas with human rights law and international refugee law.



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