

Migration and Race in South Florida: Theory & Practice in a Transatlantic Perspective

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Roundtable Participants: Biographical Notes

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Vrushali Patil is Associate Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Department of Global & Sociocultural Studies at Florida International University. She writes and teaches at the intersection of gender and sexuality studies, postcolonial/decolonial studies, and historical sociology. She has published in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*; *Sociological Theory*; *Signs*; *Theory and Society*; *Gender & Society*; *Journal of Historical Sociology*; *Annals of Tourism Research*; *Tourism Geographies*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*; and *Sex Roles*, among other journals. Her latest book is titled *Webbed Connectivities: The Imperial Sociology of Sex, Gender, and Sexuality* (2022, University of Minnesota Press).



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Jack Maguire heads the Václav Havel Program's Global Immigration and Migration Initiative, which seeks to explore issues related to migration throughout the world through an interdisciplinary lens and with a focus on human rights.

Currently, Jack is a Ph.D. Candidate at the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies. His research focuses on the ways in which changing immigration policies and laws are impacting immigrant communities in Miami. In particular, he analyzes how Legal Violence's effect on immigrant integration is mediated by race, human capital, and immigration status through a case study of Honduran and Venezuelan immigrants who are undocumented, who are in the asylum process, who have Temporary Protected Status (TPS), or who have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).



Darya Zalyvadna

Operations and Communications
FLORIDA FOR UKRAINE

Darya Zalyvadna was born in Mykolaiv, Ukraine. After graduating with a degree in Business Administration in Kyiv, she has been in the hospitality and restaurant business for more than 15 years, leading projects and operations. She specialized in representing business interests, visibility, and reputation. She is currently working as Head of HR and Operations. She defines herself as a world explorer, having visited more than 100 countries, a runner and mountaineer, an avid reader, and a beginner writer.

While living for ten years in Dubai, she was part of the nonprofit organization @helping_hands.uae, preparing and distributing meals to those in need. Her priority is to help people, especially women, to unite and feel that they are not alone during the darkest moments and create opportunities for everyone attached to her community. Based on those values, she co-founded the Ukrainian Women Club in Florida.

She oversees the “Operations and Communications” area in “Florida for Ukraine.” This initiative’s pillars of focus are humanitarian help, refugee support, and political outreach. “Florida for Ukraine” aims to build an efficient ecosystem to welcome Ukrainian refugees in Florida, equip them with necessities, and guide them to start new lives, both culturally and professionally.

MODERATOR



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Ernesto is an Argentinean Sociologist and doctoral candidate in international relations at Florida International University, where he earned a Master’s in Religious Studies and a Master’s in International Studies. He serves as a graduate assistant at the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence at FIU.

His research interests revolve around the multiple intersections of gender and sexuality, religion, and international politics in forced-migration contexts, particularly focusing on the European Union and Latin America. For his dissertation project, he studies the agency of Faith Actors, including faith-based organizations, religious communities, and religious leaders, in the reception and integration of LGBTQ+ Latin Americans claiming asylum in Spain and the US.

He has several publications in Spanish and English and presented his research at some of the most prestigious academic conferences in the US and Europe.



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