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Handbook on Migration and Higher Education

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About the Handbook

Migration and higher education are deeply intertwined. Today, more than 281 million international migrants and 117 million forcibly displaced people are reshaping societies and higher education institutions worldwide (World Migration Report, 2024). Refugee access to higher education remains disproportionately low, just 7% compared to 42% among their non-refugee peers (UNHCR, 2025). Meanwhile, restrictive visa regimes, credential recognition challenges, anti-immigrant policies, and neoliberal market-driven internationalization continue to frame mobility and access.

Building on the foundation laid by "Education, Immigration and Migration: Policy, Leadership and Praxis for a Changing World" (Arar et al., 2019), this text brings together leading and emerging authors to consider how higher education institutions are shaping and shaped by these complex topics. Contributors of this book will examine educational access, inclusion, leadership, justice, and knowledge creation in the context of global mobility, refugee flows, statelessness, forced displacement, and challenges related to the integration of diverse student populations into host institutions and societies.

Despite policy gains, major barriers persist—and this book examines how they play out across regions. Refugees remain starkly under-represented in higher education. Gaps widen through credential non-recognition, restrictive visas, and legal-linguistic hurdles (Kondakci, 2023; Lenette, 2022;). Intensifying geopolitics and anti-immigration narratives have reshaped higher-ed norms; in the U.S., proposals such as revoking visas for online-only students and restricting international admissions— though reversed — signaled protectionist aims. International students, once framed as cultural ambassadors and engines of innovation, increasingly face suspicion and surveillance (Streitwieser & Unangst, 2021). Meanwhile, market-driven internationalization prioritizes elite mobility and prestige over social justice (Stein, 2021; Ilieva, 2023). Addressing these contradictions requires rethinking leadership, responsibility, and the academy's moral purpose—not just technical fixes.

This Handbook offers a critical and comprehensive examination of the evolving relationship between migration and higher education. It explores how higher education institutions (HEIs) both shape and are shaped by global migration, forced displacement, and mobility, focusing on

equity, access, leadership, social justice, and the reimagination of higher education in the face of global challenges.

The volume will:

- Critically analyze *policies and practices* influencing migrant and refugee learners' access to higher education.
- Investigate *leadership responses and institutional strategies* to support migrant, refugee, undocumented, and stateless students.
- Explore *lived experiences* of displaced students and scholars navigating exclusionary academic systems.
- Examine *epistemic justice, decolonization, and the moral role of universities* in contexts of migration and displacement.
- Highlight innovations, partnerships, and transformative practices that support inclusion, social mobility, and intercultural understanding.
- Analyze current trends in student mobility and their impact on global higher education.

Publication Schedule

Editors and authors will adhere to the following schedule.

Deadline	Submission
November 30, 2025	Book chapter proposal
December 21, 2025	Editors' decision on chapter proposal
February 20, 2026	Full chapter submission
March 31, 2026	Peer review feedback on submitted chapters
April 30, 2026	Revised chapter submission and author's bio
June 1, 2026	Completed manuscript to publisher
TBD	Publication

All chapters must follow **APA 7th edition** referencing style.

About the Chapters

Chapters in this handbook examine how higher education both shapes and is shaped by migration, forced displacement, and global mobility. Each contribution should engage the volume's aims—equity, access, leadership, social justice, and the reimagination of higher education—by situating its argument in relevant theories (e.g., migration and mobility studies, internationalization, leadership, decolonial and feminist lenses, ethics of care) and by drawing clear implications for institutional practice and policy across cross-cultural and cross-border contexts.

We welcome empirical, conceptual, ethnographic, and comparative work. Each chapter should include: (1) a concise problem framing grounded in current literature; (2) a transparent theoretical framework; (3) methodology and context (for empirical pieces) or analytic approach

(for conceptual pieces); (4) analysis that speaks directly to migrant, refugee, undocumented, stateless learners or scholars, credential recognition, visa regimes, language and legal barriers, institutional leadership, internationalization logics, epistemic justice, and/or partnerships; and (5) actionable recommendations for leaders and practitioners. Reflexivity/positionality statements are encouraged where appropriate.

Those interested in authoring a chapter for this book are invited to submit a brief description of their chapter idea (750 words or less) by November 30, 2025. The editors will send authors their decision by December 21, 2025. If the chapter is accepted, the author(s) will receive a chapter template.

Each chapter is limited to 7000 words, including references. It adheres to APA (American Psychological Association) (7th edition) formatting and citation guidelines.

Chapters in this book could focus on, but not limited to the following topics:

- Global migration trends and higher education responses
- Refugee access and policy contradictions across regions
- Credential recognition, language policies, and equity in admissions
- Trauma-informed pedagogy and migrant student support
- Leadership, governance, and university partnerships with civil society
- Academic freedom and support for at-risk scholars
- Gender, identity, and intersectionality in migrant student experiences
- Digital inclusion, online learning, and displaced learners
- Decolonization of knowledge and higher education reform
- Climate-induced migration and academic futures
- Universities as sanctuaries and safe spaces

Audience

The Handbook targets scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and graduate students in higher education, migration studies, refugee studies, comparative and international education, and human rights. It will also serve policymakers, NGOs, and global development agencies working on migration and education.

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About the Editors

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