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Pablo Bose is a migration and urban studies scholar, an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Director of Global and Regional Studies at the University of Vermont. His three main research projects currently are on refugee resettlement in North America and Europe, on environmentally-induced displacement worldwide, and on cities of the global south. In 2015 he wrote *Urban Development in India: Global Indians in the Remaking of Kolkata* (Routledge, 2015) and his articles have appeared in *Urban Geography*, *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, *Refuge*, and *Area* among others. More information on his project on refugee resettlement in small cities can be found at <http://spatializingmigration.net>

“Refugee resettlement in the US in an Age of Precarity”

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Between 1980 and 2015, the US Refugee Admissions Program brought over 3 million refugees from diverse parts of the world to the US, fulfilling humanitarian commitments and advancing US geopolitical interests. It has always been a relatively small part of the overall immigration landscape in the US, but during the 2016 Presidential Election the program assumed an outsized prominence as a target for a rising xenophobic and especially Islamophobic movement in the country. Under the current US administration, the refugee program has been drastically transformed – threatened with suspensions, affected by travel bans, and subject to deep funding cuts and curtailed settlement capacity. Yet many refugees have still arrived in the US and been settled in diverse locations outside of the traditional immigrant gateways. In this presentation I look at the settlement of refugees in the US between 2012-2018, with particular emphasis on the rationale for such placements and the experiences of the refugees themselves in such challenging times.

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Refreshments at 3:30pm in SSC 6256

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