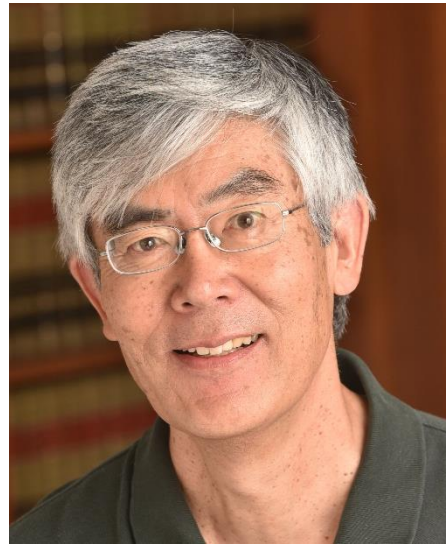


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## Why Borders, and When Are They Ethical?

Why national borders? This is one of the most basic questions for exploring policies and attitudes on immigration, protection of forced migrants, citizenship, and the rights of noncitizens. This colloquium will explore this question and the implications of possible answers. A starting point will be exploring other sorts of boundaries that are part of our lives. For example, it's typically assumed that some sort of boundary is legitimate to regulate admission to study at a university, even if people debate how those boundaries should be drawn. Then: what would a world without national borders be like? But if it's assumed that the world today is a world of national borders, when might national borders work for good? What would keep national borders from covering up oppression and cruelty? What would it take for national borders to be what I call ethical borders? The answers to these questions have implications for many decisions about the reception and treatment of noncitizens.

This colloquium draws on the opening chapters of a book-in-progress, *Ethical Borders: Toward Fair, Realistic, and Sustainable Immigration Policy*, under contract with Oxford University Press. A preliminary version of some of the book's ideas appeared in 2020 in the *Cornell Law Review* as the article, *The New Migration Law*.



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**Language** English

A recording of the seminar will be available at the CMR website.

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