

CALL FOR SYMPOSIUM PAPERS

The Dual Role of Immigration and Citizenship Laws: Exploring Inclusion, Exclusion, and Reform for 2025 and Beyond

Historically and today, immigration and citizenship laws serve as two sides of the same coin in shaping the United States' demographic and cultural landscape. On one hand, these laws create pathways for inclusion, allowing non-citizens to enter and become permanent members of the country. On the other hand, they also establish mechanisms of exclusion, setting barriers that prevent certain non-citizens from entering the United States and removing those considered ineligible or undeserving of membership.

The arrival of a new President in 2025 presents an opportune moment to examine and reconsider the dual roles of immigration and citizenship laws and reimagine a different framework for immigration law. Regardless of the outcome of the 2024 Presidential election, immigration and citizenship law will remain a significant topic of interest to community members, lawyers, policymakers, and advocates. This symposium will be an opportunity to critically engage with these topics and explore innovative legal frameworks for the future of immigration and citizenship laws.

In collaboration with the Rutgers Center for Immigrant Justice, the *Rutgers Law Review* is pleased to announce a call for papers for our upcoming spring symposium titled “**The Dual Role of Immigration and Citizenship Laws: Exploring Inclusion, Exclusion, and Reform for 2025 and Beyond.**” The symposium is scheduled to begin on Thursday evening, April 3, 2025, and continue through Friday, April 4, 2025.

The symposium will also honor the contributions of **Professors Linda Bosniak (Rutgers Law – Camden) and Alan Hyde (Rutgers Law – Newark)**, both distinguished scholars in the fields of immigration, citizenship, and labor, who recently retired from teaching at Rutgers Law School. The keynote speaker for the symposium will be **Dean Kevin Johnson, former dean of the University of California Davis School of Law** and a leading and impactful scholar in immigration law.

We invite papers that analyze, propose, and critically examine innovative immigration and citizenship policies, and that offer frameworks for envisioning the future of these laws. The symposium aims to create space for legal scholars, policymakers, lawyers, and advocates to discuss key questions, including: What should immigration and citizenship laws look like in 2025 and beyond? What values, interests, and needs should be prioritized? Should these laws continue to serve as mechanisms of both inclusion and exclusion? What might an inclusive immigration and citizenship framework look like? We encourage contributions from lawyers, legal scholars, policymakers, and advocates across the political spectrum.

We are particularly interested in the following topics (although we will also consider proposed papers and presentations that relate to the general topic):

- **Use of Artificial Intelligence in Immigration Regulation:** Exploring the advantages and drawbacks of the growing use of technology in immigration law, including in asylum applications, integration of immigrants, and immigration enforcement.
- **Pathways to Citizenship:** Examining the legal frameworks that offer or limit pathways to citizenship for legal permanent residents and undocumented individuals.
- **Immigrant Workers:** Addressing how to maintain the availability of immigrant laborers necessary for economic advancement, the provision of fair working conditions, and the protection of U.S. citizen workers.
- **Immigration Sanctuary:** Deciding whether and to what extent state and local governments, faith-based organizations, and private actors should have a role in regulating immigration law without conflicting with the federal government's primary control over immigration regulation.

Paper proposals may be considered for inclusion in the Symposium Issue of Volume 77. Preference will be given to speakers who commit to publishing their article or essay with the *Law Review*. Special consideration will be given to submissions that engage with the scholarship of Professors Bosniak or Hyde or have some connection to New Jersey. More information on written submission requirements is provided below. The *Law Review* encourages those interested in participating in the symposium to reach out regardless of whether they would like to submit their written work. Invited and selected out-of-state speakers who require financial assistance to present at the symposium may be eligible for reimbursement of up to \$1,000 for reasonable travel and hotel expenses.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Submission Procedure. Send your proposals by email, attached as a Word or PDF document, to *Rutgers University Law Review* at lawreview@law.rutgers.edu by **DECEMBER 1, 2024**.

Proposals must include (i) your name and contact information; (ii) the title of the proposed article; (iii) a brief (one-page maximum) description of the article or essay; (iv) commitment to publish with the *Rutgers Law Review* if accepted; and (v) a current curriculum vitae. Authors may submit more than one proposal.

Notification. Proposals will be accepted by **DECEMBER 1, 2024**. Authors whose submissions are accepted for presentation at the Symposium Conference and/or publication will be notified via email by **DECEMBER 20, 2024**. Preference for presentation will be given to those who commit to publishing with the *Rutgers University Law Review*. Acceptance for publication of any paper, proposal, or response to a presenter is at the sole discretion of *Rutgers University Law Review*.

Publication Commitment. First drafts of accepted articles and essays must be submitted by March 28, 2025, by 11:59 PM. Final drafts must be submitted by May 31, 2025, by 11:59 PM.

Length of Final Submissions of Symposium Articles and Essays: The *Law Review* prefers articles between 10,000 and 14,000 words and essays between 4,000 and 6,000 words.

If you have any questions, contact the *Law Review* at lawreview@law.rutgers.edu.