



(Re)Centering Midwest Refugee Resettlement and Home

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"Middle" is a vague concept, connoting in-betweenness. It can refer, for example, to territory, time period, birth order, space, or socioeconomic status. Center, on the other hand, is more precise and active: to center is to foreground or emphasize. This Special Issue seeks to center the lives of refugees in the Midwest in order to better understand experiences of exile in this vast region and provide a counternarrative to the dominant portrayal of refugees as overly dependent or apathetic and the Midwest as primarily rural or white. We also seek to recenter the Midwest as part of a larger global imaginary of home.

Therefore, we encourage submissions from disciplines including critical refugee studies, history, geography, sociology, anthropology, political science, psychology, linguistics, literature, education, urban studies, ethnic studies, American studies, and different types of art.





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