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# **The Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies Immigration Project**

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* is pleased to announce the publication of the fourth annual Immigration Project. Every fall, the *Journal* publishes a series of student papers documenting important developments and trends in immigration-related legal issues. The papers in the Immigration Project are intended to create a point of reference for further research and scholarship. Trend papers document new or recurring issues surrounding different aspects of immigration. Notes provide in-depth substantive analysis of topics that reflect recent developments in immigration law.

## **II. IN THIS ISSUE**

Two student Notes provide analyses of legal issues involving immigration. *Welfare Reform and Immigration* examines provisions of the recent U.S. Welfare Reform Act that are specific to immigrants and the global economic and social factors that affect immigration. Within this context, a global approach to policymaking is advocated. *Learning from Rwanda* uses the recent genocide in this tiny African State to analyze different problems in the modern refugee legal framework. Substantive areas of current law are explored while focusing on the need to update the international legal regime.

Two student Trend Papers round out the Project. *The Trojan Horse of the 21st Century* studies how immigrants impact political decisions through their increasing participation in elections and through foreign campaign contributions. As concern mounts over recent campaign contribution strategies, holding elected officials accountable for decisions that have global ramifications becomes important. *The Population Implosion of the Developed World* discusses recent changes in demographics as immigrants become instrumental to meeting labor demands. Through understanding the long-term nature of the population decline in developed countries, solutions to global labor needs can be crafted.

