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Forced Migration: Key Issues and Debates from an Interdisciplinary Perspective

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While war, political violence, human rights abuses, individual and generalized persecution as well as environmental degradation and disasters are not in themselves new, the scale of global forced displacements is unprecedented. For scholars in the interdisciplinary field of forced migration and refugee studies, to study the drivers, dynamics and consequences of involuntary movements and to document the lived experiences of forced migrants has become increasingly complex. In this presentation, I offer a critical engagement with contemporary conceptual and methodological issues in forced migration studies from an interdisciplinary perspective. I discuss the psycho-social, socio-legal and gendered processes related to forced migration and give examples of emerging multi-modal methodologies that are applied to understand forced migrants' material and virtual transnational lives. Drawing from my 2019 co-edited book *Forced Migration: Current Issues and Debates*, I lastly delve on three

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emerging themes in forced migration studies: the reconfiguration of borders and global (im-)mobilities; prolonged displacements and precarious lives; and global changes in access to rights and promotion of psycho-social well-being.

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