# Part 6: Migration and Displacement

## Discussion Questions (Collated from the text)

1. What are the structural causes of youth migration?
2. What dangers do child migrants face en route? How are migrant experiences gendered?
3. What attachments do child migrants have in their home communities? What is life like back in their home communities?
4. Compare and contrast life in the home communities of youth migrants to that in the Office of Refugee Resettlement. Which is preferable and why?
5. What is “family reunification,” and what have been the critiques of it from advocates?
6. How can immigration policies be reformed in a way that is culturally sensitive and advances the rights of global children?
7. What does the concept of social suffering emphasize?
8. How does the fact that Gaza refugees are excluded from Jordanian citizenship impact their lives? How does statelessness expose the limits of human rights? Provide specific examples from the reading.
9. To what degree are humanitarian aid regimes helpful in the lives of Palestinian refugees? Where do they fall short?
10. How and why have U.S. deportation rates changed within the last two decades?
11. What are the impacts of deportation on mixed status families?
12. What challenges do deportees face in Mexico?
13. In what ways does this case study illustrate advocacy-oriented anthropology? Provide concrete examples of the work that Gomberg-Muñoz and her students did alongside community organizers.
14. In what ways does Deportados Unidos counter popular narratives about marginalized peoples?
15. What are the methodological and ethical implications of doing ethnographic work with people targeted by state violence?
16. What factors lead people to flee their home communities in search of asylum elsewhere?
17. What events led to the creation of the UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees?
18. In what ways does the Convention definition restrict who can be considered a refugee? What are some situations where people might be excluded from the definition but still have the same experiences as recognized refugees?
19. What dilemmas do humanitarian organizations like UNHCR face in attempting to alleviate the suffering of refugees?
20. Name the “durable solutions” to aid refugees and displaced peoples. What are critiques of each mentioned in the reading? Can you think of other critiques as you consider the struggles displaced people would face under these “solutions”? What solutions do anthropologists argue in place of the current “durable solutions”?
21. What do you think: if states refuse to recognize people as refugees, do refugees continue to exist?