

CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTER PROPOSALS

Book Project

Deportation of Non-citizens: A Comparative Study on Countries' Law and Practice

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 10 March 2025

Deportation or expulsion of non-citizens is fast becoming one of the most complex problems in the current era. In the recent US presidential election, President Trump declared that his new administration would deport at least one million irregular migrants, a promise that incited immediate debate and concern.¹ Ten years have passed since the adoption of *Draft Articles on Expulsion of Aliens* by the UN's International Law Commission.² With the prospects of mass removal programs in the US and major ongoing disruptions from Gaza to Ukraine, the time is ripe to review or reexamine international, regional and country level law and practice relating to the expulsion of unwanted non-citizens.

The aim of this collaboration is to fill the research gap in the field of deportation so as to achieve an understanding of state programs – and begin the process of evaluating policy and practices across the world. Our aim is to examine laws, policies and country practices in four to six countries within each of three regions of Africa, the Americas, and Europe; and 6-8 countries in Asia and Oceania. This book project will also investigate the role of international institutions such as the International Law Commission, the Human Rights Council and treaty bodies including the Human Rights Committee.

The structure of the Book Project:

Part I An overview of the history and theories of expulsion and exclusion

Part II International Law Frameworks

Part III Africa (including regional and 4-6 country practices)

1. Africa
2. Nigeria
3. Egypt
4. Other countries

Part IV Americas (including regional and 4-6 country practices)

1. Americas
2. USA
3. Canada
4. Brazil

¹ e.g. Bernd Debusmann Jr and Mike Wendling, 'Could Trump Really Deport One Million Immigrants?', BBC (16 August 2024), <<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ce9z0lm48ngo>> (accessed 12 October 2024); American Immigration Council, 'Mass Deportation: Devastating Costs to America, Its Budget and Economy' (Report, 23 October 2024), <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/mass_deportation_report_0.pdf> accessed 12 October 2024.

5. Mexico
6. Other countries

Part V Asia and Oceania (including regional and 6-8 country practices)

1. Asia-Pacific
2. Australia
3. China
4. India
5. Indonesia
6. Saudi Arabia
7. Turkey
8. Other countries

Part VI Europe (including EU and 4-6 country practices)

1. EU
2. UK
3. France
4. Greece
5. Other countries

The country's law and practice may adopt a similar structure or answer similar questions (but not necessarily). Here are some possible issues to cover:

1. Introduction
2. Applicable law
 - During Times of War/conflict – briefly
 - During Times of Peace
 - Dual or mono regulation: criminal/administrative, or administrative expulsion only?
 - Criminal Expulsion (such as China, Swiss; not all countries have such practice)
 - Civil Expulsion (civil in the sense of 'not criminal', but administrative decisions)
 - Expulsion, deportation, removal and other terminology in the applicable law.
3. Who can be expelled – how to understand the rights of non-citizens?
4. Procedures
 - Right to receive notice
 - The right to challenge the expulsion decision
 - The right to a hearing
 - The right of access to effective remedies to challenge the expulsion decision without discrimination
 - The right to consular protection
 - The right to counsel
 - The right to legal aid
 - The right to interpretation and translation
5. National security as an exception
6. Expulsion and detention
7. Prohibition of mass deportation

8. Key case studies (2-3 case studies)
9. Conclusion

The book will be published in English with a reputable publisher, and **submission of abstracts is by 10 March 2025**.

Please submit your abstract by email as an attachment (Word document) that includes:

- 1) a tentative title of the proposed book chapter
- 2) author's full name and affiliation
- 3) an abstract of 500-800 words explaining which country or regional practice your chapter will cover and how it relates to the book project
- 4) a biographical note setting out the author's expertise and past/current research in the field (100-250 words), with a list of relevant publications; and
- 5) full contact information (email, phone number and postal address).

Please submit this information to (noting in the subject line 'deportation book project abstract'): **sanzhuan.guo@flinders.edu.au**.

Authors will receive a notice of decisions no later than **20 March 2025**. For accepted proposals, first draft chapters (6,000-8,000 words, exclusive footnotes or references) will be due by **31 October 2025**. Because this is a comparative exercise, the authors are kindly asked to adhere as closely as possible to the guidelines for chapter content; more details on guidelines will be offered to authors in May 2025.

Book chapter authors will be invited to participate in a workshop. This workshop will be held at Harvard Law School, on 21-22 April 2025 (hybrid). Book chapter authors will be required to submit 2000-3000 words before **15 April 2025**, based on their accepted proposal. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss ideas and some sample full book chapters may be presented. The aim of the first workshop is to have a book proposal ready by 30 June 2025. If you would like to present in person at the Harvard Workshop, you are required to submit a full draft of the book chapter (unless otherwise agreed).

The final draft should be submitted by **31 October 2025**.

We are planning to potentially host a second workshop either in Italy or in Australia, in early 2026. The purpose of the second workshop is to discuss almost finalised draft chapters, to make sure chapters follow the suggested guidelines to facilitate comparison purposes. All authors will be required to engage in a peer review process by reading and commenting on at least one other chapter. This workshop will offer the possibility to build on reflection about comparison to highlight patterns, similarities and differences across countries, to be included in the book.

The aim is to have a full book manuscript submitted to the publisher by June 2026. We aim to publish the book in 2027.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Sanzhuan Guo, Marinella Marmo and Mary Crock (editors)