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Deportation, Due Process, and the New Frontier of U.S. Immigration Policy

Millions of noncitizens in the United States, including immigrants, refugees, and visitors are impacted by the new U.S. immigration policies sweeping the nation. Immigrants are being rounded up and targeted for deportation by enforcement authorities, separating families, and swelling already-overcrowded detention facilities and immigration courts. Lawful permanent residents (“green card” holders), were literally turned away at the airports upon returning from visits abroad – before the Courts stepped in and halted these new practices. So-called “Sanctuary Cities” have been threatened with roll-backs in federal funding for social service programs unless they employ local police officers and resources to help enforce these new federal policies. How can these “reforms” be reconciled with time-honored, due process protections and the U.S. image as a beacon of hope for those persecuted abroad?

Panelists:

Jojo Annobil, Executive Director, Immigrant Justice Corps, New York
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Bree Bernwanger, Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights, San Francisco, CA
Muzaffar Chishti, Director, Migration Policy Institute at NYU Law
Maribel Hernández Rivera, Executive Director of Legal Initiatives, New York City Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs

Moderator:

James R. Silkenat, New York attorney, and former ABA President

Announcer:

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