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editor’s introduction

If a better time existed for a discussion of migration, displacement, and human mobility, I do not know how it would be defined. As I type, American presidential hopefuls are traversing the desert southwest espousing plans to “secure” the national border, citizens in the heartland of the United States are fretting over the presence and implication of “illegals”, untold thousands of Iraqis in Jordan, Iran, and the surrounding Middle East wait out the ongoing conflict in their home, and thousands of innocents are fleeing the chaotic violence of a burgeoning civil war in Kenya. Clearly, the movement of humans around the world demands as attention as lives and the quality of lives both near and far are at stake as a consequence of human migration, mobility, and displacement in an ever-increasingly globalized and developing world. This issue of disclosure, I believe, is an important contribution to that conversation, but with its publication, it is important to remind ourselves of the luxury and the responsibility of thinking, writing, and debating the myriad and complex causes and consequences of migration, displacement, and mobility.

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—JOHN ANDREW MOREMAN