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Panelists
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Community Resource Director
Church World Service

Tania Lee
ICT Practitioner
Cultural Orientation Resource Exchange (CORE)

Giulia McPherson
Director of Advocacy and Operations
Jesuit Refugee Service/USA

Question & Answer Session

Closing Remarks
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About the Discussion
The Eisenhower Institute Undergraduate Fellows welcome you to the third in a series of expert panels on domestic refugee policy. In this panel, the Undergraduate Fellows seek to discuss the process of placement and resettlement after a refugee has been processed and screened. What is the future of refugee policy in the United States? How are current and future policy decisions affecting the placement of refugees in America? Join our Undergraduate Fellows and esteemed panelists as we explore these important questions.

About the Panelists
Stephanie Gromek has worked with refugees in various capacities throughout her life, ranging from HIV/AIDS research in Nairobi, Kenya to a volunteer family mentor, then interning as a grant writer, and finally in various levels of resettlement. Stephanie started with Church World Service in 2011 as a Program Coordinator at the State College, PA office. In 2013, she transitioned to the Refugee Health Program at the Lancaster office and focused her studies of Community Health towards the health and wellness of Lancaster’s refugees. She now serves as the Community Resource Coordinator, where she is able to share her passion and understanding of refugees among the local Lancaster community. Stephanie earned a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in social welfare from the University of New Mexico and an M.S. in community health from Hofstra University.

Tania Lee is an ICT practitioner with more than 12 years of experience working on technology for social and civic impact, specializing in working with humanitarian and emergency response teams. Tania is a powerful advocate for global responsibility and is passionate about connecting social justice and feminist values to the ICT for Development (ICT4D) community, devoting herself to improving responsible data practices and ethics. Tania has previously worked for the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and has most recently contracted with Cultural Orientation Resource Exchange (CORE) on a project evaluating the role of SMS in communicating with urban refugees. Tania earned a dual B.A. in Feminist Studies and Politics from the University of California–Santa Cruz and an M.A. in International Affairs from The New School.

Giulia McPherson is the Director of Advocacy and Operations at Jesuit Refugee Service/USA. She develops and promotes policy positions related to refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons, leads a community engagement program to educate and mobilize advocates, and oversees JRS’ institutional operations. Prior to joining JRS in 2014, Giulia was a member of CARE USA’s Policy and Advocacy team for 11 years, most recently as Director of Citizen Advocacy. In this capacity, she coordinated CARE’s national efforts to build and mobilize constituencies on behalf of U.S. policies that support the fight against global poverty. She has extensive experience in policy analysis, government relations and communications in the international humanitarian and development sectors. Giulia also worked in Italy and Peru for the Italian NGO CESVI and the Nonprofit Sector & Philanthropy Program at The Aspen Institute. She also serves as Chair of the Board of Directors for Educate2Envision International, an NGO working to empower young people in Honduras, and is an appointed Commissioner on the Montgomery County (MD) Commission for Women. Giulia has a B.A. in Political Science from Villanova University and an M.A. in International Development Studies from The George Washington University.