# **The Future of Asylum: The Case of the U.S. – Mexico Border**

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Assignment for our first class, Wed 20 Jan 2021, 6:25pm-8:15pm

Zoom link: on bCourses, or please email me if you don’t yet have access to bCourses

We will talk about the global refugee situation (watch the video and read the press release); and cover the international law framework for sovereignty, citizenship, and refugee protection (read the Achiume section).

In breakout rooms, we’ll apply the refugee definition to people currently leaving Central America for the United States (read the discussion questions document, which includes a recent news article).

Fill out the Student Questionnaire – please upload/return by Friday 22 Jan or earlier if possible.

* Watch UNHCR video (5:23), [*Global Trends: Forced Displacement in 2019*](https://www.unhcr.org/globaltrends2019/)*.*
* Read related UNCHR press release dated 18 June 2020, [*1% of humanity displaced: UNHCR Global Trends Report*](https://www.unhcr.org/en-us/news/press/2020/6/5ee9db2e4/1-cent-humanity-displaced-unhcr-global-trends-report.html).
* Tendayi Achiume, [*Migration as Decolonization*,](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3330353) 71 STANFORD LAW REVIEW 2509 (2019) – read “Part I: The Territorial Sovereign Nation-State and Its Right to Exclude Political Strangers,” pp. 1523-1533.
* Read Discussion Questions for Class #1.
* Fill out and return Student Questionnaire.