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Project: **Sharing Responsibility for Refugees**



Elaria Youssef is a 2L at Berkeley Law interested in domestic human rights, including immigrants' rights and the rights of incarcerated individuals. She serves as co-director of the International Refugee Assistance Project, and is a student leader for the Berkeley Journal of International Law and the Coalition for Diversity. Following her first year of law school, she interned at the Capital Post-Conviction Project of Louisiana, advocating for a client who had been sentenced to death decades prior. As an undergraduate student at UC Berkeley, Elaria participated in the Human Rights Open Source Investigations Lab where she used OSINT tools to investigate the use of chemical weapons in Syria and the extra-judicial government killings of journalists throughout an ongoing border conflict. She holds a BA in Arabic literature and global studies.

Elaria is comparing regressive and progressive ways to allocate responsibilities to protect refugees among states. She is studying litigation surrounding Trump administration asylum agreements with Central American states and the "Remain in Mexico" program. She is comparing these efforts to recent European Commission proposals to facilitate family reunification and resettlement.