

## International Literature Project Series

Preparing Social Work Students to Practice in An Interconnected World

NAVIGATING FRAGMENTED SOCIAL ASSISTANCE/SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS, REFUGEES

### NONFICTION FROM IRAN: [A Short Guide to Being the Perfect Political Refugee](#)

*Satirical "guide" drawn from the author's experience as an Iranian refugee in Paris seeking social assistance.*

by Mana Neyestani

SOURCE: Words Without Borders Campus ([wwb-campus.org](http://wwb-campus.org))

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## **SOCIAL WORK TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES**

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### **Shared challenges and opportunities for EU and US immigration Policymakers**

European University Institute (EUI) & the Migration Policy Institute (MPI).

This guide discusses the impact of immigration in Europe and the U.S. and its importance to the economy and social fabric of both societies. Similarities and differences between the two regions are compared. A solution for long term integration and economic wellbeing is proposed. Lastly, the report acknowledges the need for substantial reform both within each region and across regions in a transatlantic partnership.

### **How are refugees faring? Integration at US and state levels**

Migration Policy Institute (MPI)

This report delineates how the U.S. utilizes census data to determine the results of its assistance program for recently arrived refugees. Refugee populations examined include Burmese, Cuban, Iraqi, Russian and Vietnamese immigrant groups in the major resettlement areas of California, Florida, New York and Texas.

### **The Ungrateful Refugee: What Immigrants Never Tell You**

Book by Dina Nayeri



“What is it like to be a refugee? It is a question many of us do not give much thought to, and yet there are more than 25 million refugees in the world. To be a refugee is to grapple with your place in society, attempting to reconcile the life you have known with a new, unfamiliar home. All this while bearing the burden of gratitude in your host nation: the expectation that you should be forever thankful for the space you have been allowed.”