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**Lecture: *The Role of Immigration Policy in the Pursuit of National Security***

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Abstract: The threat of terrorism, coupled with the vulnerabilities exposed by the 9/11 attacks, demands that the U.S. immigration system be integrated into a comprehensive national security strategy. At the same time, U.S. social and economic wellbeing – key components of national security – depend on America’s openness to the foreign-born and, even more, on America’s adherence to its defining values. Margaret Stock argues that America must adopt a more expansive view of what constitutes national security, and that immigrants are a crucial asset within that wider view.

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