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André Dao is a writer of fiction and non-fiction. He is the co-founder of Behind the Wire, an oral history project documenting people's experience of immigration detention, a producer of *The Messenger* podcast and coeditor of *They Cannot Take the Sky* (Allen & Unwin, 2017).

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Laurel Mackenzie writes and teaches on gender, policy and migration. She has delivered courses investigating the construction of the self in different settings, and wrote her masters' thesis on the self-construction of antebellum women in the 1860s. Her interest in the interrelation of self and policy led to her writing a PhD on the narrative self-construction of post-settlement refugee Hazaras who came to Australia in 2001 and 2010, where she drew on her participants' lived experiences to critique policy. Her current research focuses on the implications of a shifting political care ethic on people with refugee experiences.

Klaus Neumann works for the Hamburg Foundation for the Advancement of Research and Culture. He has written extensively about cultures and pasts in the Pacific Islands, Australia, New Zealand and Germany. His books include, among others, *Refuge Australia*, winner of the 2004 Human Rights Award for non-fiction, and *Across the Seas*, winner of the 2016 CHASS Australia Prize. Klaus has been particularly interested in

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