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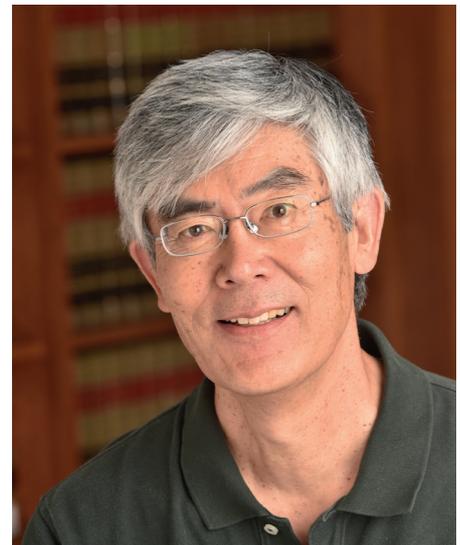
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## **“The Current State of Immigration Law and Policy in the United States”**

Each change of presidential administration in the United States brings changes to immigration law and policy, but the scope and depth of changes during the Trump administration is unprecedented in modern times. Besides the intensification of enforcement at the border and in the interior, the administration has severely reduced refugee admissions from outside the United States and restricted access to asylum at the U.S. border. This administration has approached lawful immigration with skepticism unmatched in generations, and the President himself has championed distinctions by nationality and religion. Though the immediate impact of these changes has been highly publicized, they have deeper significance. They reflect the basic U.S. approach to making immigration law and policy, and they amplify fundamental divisions in U.S. society. All of these changes in immigration law and policy are affecting the United States in ways that will last for many years, no matter how long this administration stays in power. This talk will explore these developments, starting with the most well-known, but then examining their more subtle aspects, many of which have counterparts elsewhere in the world.

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