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In reflecting on *A Quest for Home: Queer Migrants and Belonging* as well as *Shortcomings of Refugee Protection: An Argument for Open Borders*, the arguments put forward by Jean-Pierre D'Angelo and Lyne Amaya Dalby Althaus have never been more relevant or crucial to our current realities. Immigrants and borders are taking centre stage as part of a larger question that needs to be addressed in response to the rise of climate crises and new security challenges in the form of global health emergencies. Migration and integration as dual intertwined processes are key concepts that are being probed in multiple academic discourses as crucial to the formation of identity and belonging. The protocols and policies that immigrants and refugees encounter upon arrival in new territories have a lasting effect on how they integrate into those same geopolitical units. Dalby Althaus helps us consider how these state instruments interact with the human rights of these groups and individuals pursuing security and lives filled with dignity. D'Angelo continues this work by sketching out the possible challenges that further confront queer immigrants after arrival. Today, states and governments ought to concern themselves not just with their obligations in welcoming newcomers but beyond that their responsibilities to these newcomers after they settle. D'Angelo is quite right in suggesting an approach that is both interdisciplinary and intersectional when considering these issues and how

they impact lived experiences. We hope that these articles form important contributions to these discussions and help in framing possible responses and policy interventions.