In the ongoing debate over U.S. immigration, a key policy consideration is the economic impact of immigrants and the role they play in the U.S. workforce. Long-term U.S. competitiveness depends on the economic contributions of immigrants and their children towards the nation’s productivity. In the absence of a federal policy debate, states and metros are on the frontlines of incorporating immigrants into labor markets.

Join us for a discussion on this topic with national expert Audrey Singer of the Brookings Institution. Her research poses key questions to regional leaders and immigrant rights activists: What is the actual skills mix of our immigrant workforce? Should regional decision-makers focus on attracting high-skilled immigrants as well as increasing the economic mobility of all newcomers – as a means of investing in the region? And, what sort of civic coalitions are needed to further immigrant integration at the metro level?

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