Recent trends are showing immigrant newcomers moving beyond metropolitan gateways and making suburbs and farther-flung rural areas their destination as well. However, the infrastructure for immigrant integration has typically been largest in metros. As new communities host more immigrants – and as we need more places on board to tip the scales for immigration reform – it will be integral to build up immigrant integration forces in these areas. In this session, we will hear from those working in the suburbs, the Inland Empire, and the American South. How are groups organizing and building infrastructure where there was previously so little? What are unique challenges in new locations? How are anchor organizations and new ones working together?

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