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Critiques of Immigration Enforcement Regimes
Ranging from Arizona SB 1070 to Secure Communities

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Over the last several years, immigration enforcement programs have experienced viral growth on a federal, state, and local level. Ranging from the highly publicized Arizona SB 1070 to Colorado state legislation targeting immigrant communities to the federal Secure Communities program, these initiatives have ushered in an unprecedented era of immigration enforcement likely to impact hundreds of thousands of immigrants per year. These enforcement paradigms, while radically transforming the nature of immigration law and the dynamics of the criminal justice system, raise important constitutional and policy-based questions. Further, such programs have increasingly been shown to have significant adverse impacts on state and local budgets, community policing relationships, the public perception of immigrants, and the larger immigrant community.

This panel will explore both the intended and unintended consequences of these regimes from the perspectives of immigrants, civil rights attorneys, law enforcement leaders, and elected officials.