Statement on the U.S. Executive Order "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States"

The faculty of The Stulman Program in Jewish Studies at Johns Hopkins University condemn President Trump's recent executive order banning refugees from the United States indefinitely and pausing immigration from several Muslim-majority countries. As scholars and educators in the fields of Jewish history, literature and culture we strongly denounce the exclusionary practices based on race, religion, or national origin for which this executive order calls. Such practices are a distressing reminder of some of the darkest days of the last century, when Jews fleeing genocide were denied entry to the United States and other potential havens. It is our strong conviction that our fellow human beings, refugees who are fleeing atrocities, should be welcomed in this country.

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