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Panel 1

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- **Conventional story about Canada's refugee, immigration and citizenship system:**
 - One of the best in the world
 - A model for other countries
- **Contradictions and tensions within the domestic system itself**
 - **Ex 1: asylum law and policy**
 - Resettled refugees vs. inland claimants
 - Differential treatment of inland claimants based on mode of arrival
 - Safe Third Country Agreement; Designated Foreign National policy; refugee ineligibility (IRPA, 101(1)(c.1))
 - **Ex 2: temporary migration**
 - Complex labyrinth of programs and policies
 - Variation in rights and protections depending on migrant workers' nationality, skill levels and types of work permit
 - Expansion of two-step immigration: rarely an easy process
 - **Ex 3: naturalization**
 - Tightened regime & decline in naturalization rate (family reunification, refugee protection)

- **Very little discussion on the dilemmas these contradictions/tensions in the domestic system raise for the traditional 'humanitarian brand' of Canada**
 - Canada's international reputation as a leader remains largely intact
 - Canada's domestic actions very rarely examined - and critically compared- to its commitments and actions on the international scene
- **Why breaking the current silos between Canada's actions in the global migration and refugee regime and its actions on the domestic scene is important**
- **Keep in mind the connections between the two during the conference and the spill-over effects!**