

# Preface

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The chapters comprising this volume are contributed by authors from selected Western countries that constitute important destinations for international migrants. The scholars focus on the immigrant experience in their own country with respect to immigrant health or mortality relying on a variety of data sources, from vital statistics and census to longitudinal administrative databases. The countries featured are the United States, Canada and Australia, and four Western European nations whose experience with immigration has intensified significantly following World War II, and particularly over the latter part of the twentieth century: England and Wales, France, Germany, and Belgium. Also included are Italy in Southern Europe, and Norway in Scandinavia. By bringing together in one volume the varied experiences of these selected countries, the volume forms a unique contribution to the rapidly expanding field of migrant studies.

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