Although there are a number of policy-oriented studies of refugee returns, theoretical and comparative works are rare. This talk aims to contribute to current theoretical and policy work with the discussion of new methodological tools and a testable framework for the study of voluntary return. Specifically, it focuses on cases of forced displacement in Bosnia, Turkey, and Cyprus and probes the following issues: How do victims of displacement choose to return to their pre-conflict homes? What factors explain initial intentions and sustainable returns? How could novel institutional solutions address the immediate and long term needs of the displaced?

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