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- Terence C. Halliday & Gregory Shaffer, *Transnational Legal Orders*, in TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL ORDERS 3, 15 (Terence C. Halliday & Gregory Shaffer eds., 2015).
- PATRICK MANNING, *MIGRATION IN WORLD HISTORY* 19 (2d ed. 2013).

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