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MIGRATIONS ACROSS THE WORLD

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8:30 AM TO 6:00 PM

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Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) studies have grown significantly since the 1960s, adapting to the forces of globalization, encompassing transnational migrations, international trade, and global partnerships.

In commemoration of its 30th anniversary, the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean (ISLAC) is hosting its second Global Symposium, focusing on Latin American and Caribbean Migrations across the World.

Thank you for joining us!

Beatriz Padilla, PhD

Director, Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean (ISLAC)
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

Guest Speakers



CAMELIA TIGAU

Research professor at the Center for Research on North America, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and regional vice president of the Global Research Forum on Diasporas and Transnationalism (GRFDT, India). She has published extensively on skilled migration, scientific diplomacy, and Canadian studies. In 2022, she received the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Award for outstanding women scientists at UNAM.



PAOLO BOCCAGNI

Professor in sociology at the University of Trento, Italy, who has done extensive research on transnational migration, home, diversity and social welfare. His emerging research involves everyday life in asylum, shared housing and dwelling, as well as the production and scaling of relevance, the ways of coping with absence and distance, the encounter with death in migration and the promise of future-related imaginaries and practices.



FRANCISCO CUBEROS

Associate professor at the University of Seville, Spain (Social Anthropology). His research addresses urban life as a crystallization of multiple and globalized forms of mobility, articulating ethnic identities in migration processes and the reconfiguration of nationalist movements. He has conducted fieldwork in different cities of Latin America and Europe, where has been a visiting scholar at universities in Mexico, Brazil, United States, Ecuador and Argentina. He co-directs a research project on the politics of space in the logistics industry.



MARIO GUERRERO

PhD in Political Science from the Universidad Nacional de San Martín (UNSAM). He is a postdoctoral fellow at the Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET) at the Universidad Nacional de San Luis and teaches at the Universidad Nacional de Cuyo (UNCuyo), Mendoza, Argentina. He studies the relationships between actors, international institutions, and cooperation, with emphasis on emerging countries from the Global South. He has also worked in borderland contexts, such as the Amazon and the Orinoquia.

Program

08:30 AM

Opening remarks

Eric Eisenberg, USF Senior Vice President, University Community Partnerships

Clara Buie, USF Assistant Vice President for Student Success, Access, Outreach, and Opportunity

Valerie Harwood, USF CAS Associate Dean for Graduate Studies

Beatriz Padilla, ISLAC Director

09:00 AM

Global Migration Issues

Moderator: Beatriz Padilla, USF Department of Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences / ISLAC

Camelia Tigau, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México: "Factoring Transnationalism in the Rise of the United States: Contributions of Latin American Skilled Immigrants and Dreamers"

Paolo Boccagni, University of Trento: "Migration and the Multi-Sitedness of Home: Insights from Fieldwork with Ecuadorian Women in Italy"

Romina Beltrán and Arlene Calvo, USF College of Public Health: "Global Migration and Public Health in Panama: An Observational Analysis"

10:00 AM

Borders, Mobility and Solidarity

Moderator: Elizabeth Aranda, USF Department of Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

Heide Castañeda, USF Department of Anthropology: "Borders of Belonging: Struggle and Solidarity in Mixed-Status Immigrant Families"

Alejandro Márquez, USF Department of Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences / ISLAC: "Community Responses to the Migrant Crisis"

Mario Guerrero, National Scientific and Technical Research Council of Argentina and Universidad Nacional de Cuyo: "Illicit Economies, Environmental Crisis, and Migration: A Causal Analysis of Transborder Dynamics in the Amazon"

José Maldonado and Natalie Scenters-Zapico, USF Department of English: "Poetry and Borders"

Program

11:00 AM

Health Training, Education and Discrimination

Moderator: Lindy Davidson, USF Judy Genshaft Honors College

Maria Carlo, USF Department of Child & Family Studies: “Scaffolded Instructional Conversations to Support Academic English Development Among Latino English Learners in the 4th Grade”

Verónica Alvarado, USF Honors College: “Curriculum Development for Medical Students and their Translators at the Morsani Bridge Clinic”

Bethany Jowers, USF Department of Anthropology: “A Decolonial Revisiting of Undergraduate Thesis Research in the Dominican Republic”

Emely Matos Pichardo, Elizabeth Aranda and Liz Ventura Molina, USF Department of Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences: “Country of Origin and the Persistence of Discrimination Among Immigrants in Florida”

12:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK AND POSTER SESSION

12:45 PM

Cultural Proximity, In/Exclusion and Belonging

Moderator: Kersuze Simeon-Jones, USF School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies/ISLAC

Francisco Cuberos, University of Seville (Spain): “Culturally Compatible, Economically Exploitable: The Migration Experiences of Latin Americans in Spain”

Diana León-Boys, USF Department of Communication: “Mediated Quinceañeras: Developing a Continuum of Quinceañeridad”

Beatriz Padilla, USF Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/ISLAC: “Venezuelans in Argentina: From Forced Migrations to Belonging”

Program

01:45 PM

Visualizing and Materializing Mobilities

Moderator: Kevin A. Yelvington, USF Department of Anthropology

Bárbara C. Cruz and Clarence V. Walker, Jr., USF College of Education: “The Latin American Diaspora: Teaching and Learning through Contemporary Visual Art”

Molly Hamm-Rodríguez, USF College of Education: “Immigrant Specters of Heritage Language: Hearing Kreyòl and French against Economic Demands for Multilingualism”

Peter Kyriacou, USF Department of Anthropology: “The Obligation of Sending: Economic Anthropology and Migrant Remittances to Latin America”

02:45 PM

Food, Health Training and Disease

Moderator: Alejandro Márquez, USF Department of Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/ISLAC

Nancy Romero-Daza, David Himmelgreen, and James Robbins, USF Department of Anthropology: “Food Insecurity Health and Diet Related Diseases Among Latinos in the United States”

Laurel Graham and Jennifer Friedman, USF Department of Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences: “Parent/Child Food Negotiations in the Latin American Immigrant Family Kitchen in the United States”

Ivonne Hernández and Hérica Torres Alzate, USF College of Nursing: “Global Health Training of Nursing Students to Support the Provision of Culturally Sensitive Care”

Rebecca Campbell-Montalvo, James A. Haley Veterans’ Hospital / USF Department of Emergency Medicine: “Advancing Veteran Patient Education to Support Home Dialysis Use Given Predialysis Care Differences Among Latinos with Kidney Disease”

Program

03:45 PM

Issues Arising from Recent Migrations,

Moderator: **Adriana Novoa**, USF Department of History/ISLAC
Anabela Cibeles Villach Vaquer, USF School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies/ISLAC: “Argentinian Diaspora in the United States and its Relations with the Country of Origin”

Julissa Ramírez Pérez, USF School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies/ISLAC: “Navigating Change: The Migration Experiences of Post-2017 Cuban Migrants in Tampa Bay”

Glenda Maria Vaillant Cruz, USF Department of Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/ISLAC: “Racialized Latinidades in Spanish Higher Education”

Zachary Kuntz, USF Department of History: “Spatio-Temporal Violence: Ecuadorian Narco-Terrorism and the Crisis of Mass Migration”

04:45 PM

Community Panel

Moderator: Beatriz Padilla, USF Department of Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/ISLAC

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05:45 PM

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