

International Conference 24/25 May 2017

“Shifting Contexts and Patterns of Migration - Comparing Europe and Central-North-America”

Wednesday 24th of May 2017

09:00 – 09:30 Registration and coffee

09:30 – 10:00 Opening remarks

First Panel (10:00 – 13:30)

Context, volume and types of migration – Europe and Central-North-America in comparison

For the period of the new century, the different types of migration (labour migration, family reunification, forced migration/refugees, educational migration etc.) and their national and regional contexts (demography, labour markets, organised violence, humanitarian crisis, climate change, human rights etc.) will be presented in a comparative perspective.

Presenters

Jorge Durand / Universidad de Guadalajara

Demetrios Papademetriou / Migration Policy Institute

Silvia Giorguli / El Colegio de México

Hein de Haas / University of Amsterdam

Discussant: Claudia Masferrer / El Colegio de México

Chair: Ludger Pries / El Colegio de México & Ruhr University

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch

Second panel (15:00 – 18:30)

Structure and dynamics of labour migration – Europe and Central-North-America

Labour migration represents a crucial part of migration policies and regulations. Especially in the case of North America there is a decreasing, but still significant dynamic of irregular labour migration. The structure of stocks and flows of labour migration in Europe and North America vary substantially according to age, education, gender and other factors.

Presenters

Pia Orrenius / Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Francisco Torres / University of Valencia

Liliana Meza / Independent researcher

Jean-Michel Lafleur / University of Liège

Discussant: Agustín Escobar / Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social

Chair: Gustavo Verduzco / El Colegio de México

Thursday 25th of May 2017

Third Panel (09:30 - 13:00)

Contexts and dynamics of forced migration – Europe and Central-North-America

Forced and refugee migration is of increasing importance in Europe as well as in North America. Organised violence, effects of climate change, lack of public security or predictability of living conditions and other factors fuel “mixed migration flows” that are structured by social and organisational networks, by material and imagined borders. Chain migration and living projects changing during the migration course are frequent.

Presenters

Andreas Feldmann / University of Illinois at Chicago

Ludger Pries / El Colegio de México & Ruhr University

Maria D. Paris / El Colegio de la Frontera Norte

Attila Melegh / Hungarian Demographic Research Institute

Discussant: Alisa Winton / El Colegio de la Frontera Sur

Chair: Nitzan Shoshan / El Colegio de México

13:00 – 13:30 Guided visit to the exhibition of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) at El Colegio de México

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch

Fourth Panel (15:00 – 18:30)

Challenges and paths for new research agendas – Europe and North America

Shifting contexts and patterns of migration, being it labour or forced migration, require new research strategies. The simple classic scheme of “individual rational choice decision to move from one place of origin to one place of destiny” has to be broadened. New topics like the linkages between climate change, organised violence and different types of migration or the interplay of political regimes and civil society activities have to be addressed. Also, data gathering strategies and methods should be reconsidered in order to overcome, e.g. longitudinal cuts, the analysis of trajectories and biographies, as well as personal and organisational networks analysis could enrich theory and empirical findings.

Presenters

Fernando Riosmena / University of Colorado at Boulder

Sona Kalantaryan / European University Institute

James Hollifield / Southern Methodist University

Pablo Mateos / Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social

Discussant: Ludger Pries / El Colegio de México & Ruhr University

Chair: Claudia Masferrer / El Colegio de México

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