Migration and Human Rights in the North American Corridor: Dilemmas, Contradictions, and Challenges

October 12-13, 2007
The University of Chicago
Social Science Research Building Room 305
1126 East 59th Street

Friday, October 12

8:00 - 9:00  Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15  Welcome  
  Dain Borges, University of Chicago
  Susan Gzesh, University of Chicago
9:30 - 10:15 Keynote Address – “The Demonization of Hispanics in the United States”  
  Douglas Massey, Princeton University
10:15 - 10:40 Break

10:40 - 12:30 Panel 1: Causes, Conditions, Cases in Countries of Origin
  Panel Chair: Susan Gzesh, University of Chicago
10:40-11:00 “Crisis del campo en México y migración internacional”  
  Rodolfo García Zamora, Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas
11:00-11:20 “Migration in Post Conflict Societies: The Central American Case”  
  Katharine Andrade-Eckhoff, Universidad Centroamericana, El Salvador
11:20-11:40 “The Low Road to the North: How Suppression of Wages, Worker Rights and Union Democracy Contributes to Mexico-U.S. Migration”  
  Benjamin Davis, AFL-CIO
11:40-12:00 “Violation of Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights in Mexico”  
  Alejandra Ancheita, Proyecto de Derechos Económicos, Sociales, y Culturales, México
12:00-1:00 Discussion
1:00-2:30 Lunch

2:30 - 4:30 Panel 2: Migrants in Transit and Crossing Borders
Panel Chair: Jorge Durand, Universidad de Guadalajara

2:30-2:50 “Coyotaje and the Discourse of Clandestine Migration: Distinctions between Personal, Structural, and Cultural Violence”
David Spener, Trinity University

2:50-3:10 “Changes in the Pattern of Central American Migration to the U.S.: New Routes, Actors, and Dilemmas”
Rodolfo Casillas, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, México

3:10-3:30 “Due Process and Immigration Detention Practices in the North American Corridor: Laying the Foundations for a Comparative Project”
Beth Lyon, Villanova University

3:30-4:30 Discussion

Saturday, October 13

9:00 - 10:00 Continental Breakfast

10:00 - 10:15 Opening
“Reflections on Sovereignty, Weak States, and Migration”
Emilio Kourí, University of Chicago

10:15 - 11:00 Keynote Address – “Human Rights and Migration: The Missing Link”
Bimal Ghosh, International Organization for Migration, Switzerland

11:00 - 11:20 Break

11:20 - 1:30 Panel 3: Migrants in their Countries of Destination

Panel Chair: Emilio Kourí, University of Chicago

Xochitl Bada, Institute for Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame and Mexico Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

11:40-12:00 “Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea: Migrants Rights in the Jaws of Globalization”
Patrick Taran, International Labor Organization

12:00-12:20 “Mortandad en la frontera”
Jorge Durand, Universidad de Guadalajara
Andreas Feldmann, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
12:20-1:30  Discussion
1:30-3:00  Lunch
3:00 - 4:00  **Responses from the Advocacy Community: Bridging the Gap**

*Chair: Susan Gzesh, University of Chicago*

- Maricela García, Latinos Unidos
- Oscar Chacón, National Alliance of Latin American & Caribbean Communities
- Patricia Zamudio, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social