UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI INITIATIVE ON MIGRATION, GLOBAL CHANGE, AND POLICY
2019 SYMPOSIUM:
BUILDING A RESEARCH HUB ON MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Friday, November 1, 2019
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Shalala Student Center, Third Floor, Iron Arrow Room

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A faculty and graduate student workshop to discuss contemporary migration issues, identify on-going and planned UM research initiatives that might be expanded, and cultivate an organizational vision for migration-oriented scholarly and creative activity at the University of Miami.

SCHEDULE

8:00 – 8:30  Welcome breakfast and registration
8:30 – 8:45  Opening remarks:  President Julio Frenk
Provost Jeffrey Duerk
Background and Logistics:  Justin Stoler & Merike Blofield
8:45 – 9:45  Discussion Theme I: Human Migration Studies: Opportunities and Challenges
Conversation Catalyst:  Tomas Frejka, Independent Scientist
Moderator:  Justin Stoler, College of Arts & Sciences
Provides an overview of human migration trends in the 21st century and relationships with the overarching field of population studies.
9:45 – 10:45 Discussion Theme II: Migration, Governance, and Human Rights
Conversation Catalysts:  Anthony Varona & Caroline Bettinger-Lopez, School of Law
Moderator:  Merike Blofield, College of Arts & Sciences
Provides an overview of domestic laws and policies (in the U.S. and other countries in the Americas) that govern migration, comparing and contrasting them to international law standards.
10:45 – 11:00 Break
11:00 – 12:00 Discussion Theme III: Bifurcated Immigration and the End of Compassion
Conversation Catalyst:  Alejandro Portes, School of Law and College of A&S
Moderator:  Sallie Hughes, School of Communication and UMIA
Provides updated figures about contemporary immigration to the US and sketches, as background the successive stages of labor migration in the evolution of the world capitalist economy.
12:00 – 1:00  Networking lunch

1:00 – 2:00  Discussion Theme IV: Climate & Environmental Migration: A Social Practice Approach  
Conversation Catalyst: Xavier Cortada, College of Arts & Sciences  
Moderator: Sonia Chao, School of Architecture and UMIA

Demonstrates how we can use art’s elasticity to bridge disciplines and develop new ways of thinking and building stronger communities, particularly related to issues such as sea level rise and climate migration that (re)produce social inequities.

2:00 – 2:20  Keynote: “Human migration and health care systems”  
Speaker: Julio Frenk, President

2:20 – 3:00  Discussion Theme V: Migration: Perspectives on Health, Gender and Social Development  
Moderator: Felicia Marie Knaul, UMIA  
Video Presentation: Louis Herns Marcelin, College of Arts & Sciences

3:00 – 3:45  Group Discussion: Activating, Strengthening and Projecting Migration Research at UM and Next Steps  
Moderators: Merike Blofield, Felicia Knaul, and Justin Stoler

3:45 – 4:30  Reception

LIST OF SPEAKERS

Caroline Bettinger Lopez  Professor of Law, School of Law
Merike Blofield  Professor, Department of Political Science, College of Arts & Sciences
Sonia Chao  Research Associate Professor, School of Architecture
Xavier Cortada  Professor of Professional Practice, Department of Art & Art History, College of Arts & Sciences
Jeffrey Duerk  Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Tomas Frejka  Independent Scientist
Julio Frenk  President
Louis Herns Marcelin  Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, College of Arts & Sciences
Sallie Hughes  Associate Professor, Department of Journalism and Media Management, School of Communication
Felicia Marie Knaul  Director, University of Miami Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas
Alejandro Portes  Professor of Law and Distinguished Scholar of Arts & Sciences
Justin Stoler  Associate Professor, Department of Geography & Regional Studies, College of Arts & Sciences
Anthony Varona  Dean and M. Minnette Massey Professor of Law, School of Law

*Please note this event is only open to UM faculty and graduate students*