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- Tijuana Border Tour - more details to come

Day 1 – Thursday, November 7th

Workshop Block A: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

A1: North America: Economic Opportunity Starts Here
Organizer: U.S.–Mexico Border Mayors Association

A2: Leveraging Refugees and International Students as Economic Development Assets
While Canada and the United States face demographic shifts, we look to skilled migration to address the resulting skill shortages, but there is growing recognition that refugees and international students are also assets for economic development. This panel will showcase examples of how states, provinces, and businesses are reshaping the refugee and international student narrative.

Organizer: World Education Services (WES)
Moderator: Beth Clarke, Director Strategic Partnerships, WES Canada
Panelists:
- Neil G. Ruiz, PhD Associate Director, Global Migration & Demography Research, Pew Research Center
  - Presentation: International Students in Border Communities
- Steve Tobocman, Director, Global Detroit and Co-Chair Welcoming Economies Global Network

This panel will detail recent US policy changes in the treatment of people arriving at the US Southwest border; put these changes in international perspective; detail how these policy changes are affecting US border management and migrants themselves, and highlight impacts on Mexico’s border cities and Mexican politics more broadly.

Organizer: Migration Policy Institute

A4: The Deportation and Voluntary Return of Mexican Migrants from the United States

This panel analyzes the transformation of U.S. immigration policy that has facilitated the massive formal deportation of non-citizens as well as the specific reasons for the detention and removal of male migrants. Considering that roughly one in four deportees have US-citizen children, the panel examines how detention, incarceration, and deportation erodes immigrant fatherhood.

Organizers: El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)

Panelists:
- Rafael Alarcón Acosta, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte
  - Presentation: Criminalization of Migrants? Reasons for the Detention and Removal of Mexican Deportees from the United States
- Abigail Andrews, Assistant Professor of Sociology & Fatima Khayar-Camara, PhD Candidate, University of California, San Diego
  - Presentation: Forced Out of Fatherhood: How the Deportation-Carceral System Undermines Immigrant Dads
- Rodolfo Cruz Piñeiro & Pedro Paulo Orraca Romano, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte
  - Presentation: Reintegration and economic assimilation of international return migrants in Mexico
- Abigail Thornton, Doctoral Candidate, University of California Los Angeles
  - Presentation: Effective Integration through Direct Participation: Learning for Social Action with Displaced Communities in Tijuana

A5: Justice and Temporary Agricultural Worker Programs in North America

Countless numbers of temporary agricultural workers migrate across North America each year. Despite having lawful immigration status, exploitation of workers is rampant. The legal regimes that establish the visas create the circumstances for such exploitation. This panel will examine these agricultural visa regimes, focusing on the particulars that leave such workers especially vulnerable.

Organizers: Justice in Motion & Legal Assistance Clinic-Cornell Law School

Panelists:
● Briana Beltran, Visiting Lecturer, Farmworker Legal Assistance Clinic - Cornell Law School
  o Presentation: Rights with Few Remedies: Access to Justice and the H-2A Temporary Agricultural Worker Program in the United States
● Dalia Gesualdi-Fecteau, Law and Political Sciences Faculty, Dalia Gesualdi-Fecteau
  o Presentation: Debt and Broken Promises; Migrant Workers in Quebec
● Bernardo Ramirez Bautista, Coordinador Estatal de Oaxaca, Frente Indigena de Organizaciones Binacionales
  o Presentation: Defending the Rights of Oaxacan Migrant Workers

Workshop Block B: 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM

B1: Local Collaboration to Address Cross-Border Environmental Issues
Organizer: U.S.-Mexico Border Mayors Association

B2: Immigrant Integration at the Subnational Level
Distinct from the role of the federal government, it is the purview of local and state/provincial-level agencies and boards to insure the successful inclusion of immigrants. Speakers will discuss policies and programs designed to be inclusive of foreign-born residents and the challenges of planning and implementing economic integration initiatives.

Organizer: World Education Services (WES)
Moderator: Stacey Simon, Director, Policy Advocacy, WES Canada
Panelists:
- Brooke Valle, Strategy Officer, San Diego Workforce Partnership
  o Presentation: Local Workforce Inclusion, an Economic Imperative
- Jennifer Hernandez, Associate Secretary, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency
  o Presentation: A California for ALL: Pathways for immigrants and refugees
- Sunil Johal, Director, Business Growth Services, Economic Development and Culture Division, City of Toronto
  o Presentation: Labour Market Integration of Newcomers in Toronto: Opportunities and Challenges

B3: Safe Third and Asylum Agreements: Are They Effective in Managing Migration?
From Europe’s Dublin III to the US-Canada Safe Third Agreement to new asylum agreements with Mexico and Central America, this panel will examine whether these types of agreements are effective in managing migration while meeting international protection obligations and what “burden sharing” of refugees and asylum-seekers really means.

Organizer: Bipartisan Policy Institute
B4: Health and new mobilities in North America

The aim of this session is to exchange ideas about the public health challenges presented by new mobilities in North America. Presenters will share research results, policy analyses or action experiences, discussing emerging issues in relation to migration and public health, or suggesting ways to address those issues.

Organizers: El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)

Panelists:
- Jaime Sepúlveda, Executive Director, UCSF Institute for Global Health Sciences.
  - Presentation: New mobilities and challenges to the Mexican health system
- René Leyva, Centro de Investigación en Sistemas de Salud, Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública, México
  - Presentation: Access to health services of migrants in transit through Mexico
- Dr. Hugo López-Gatell, Subsecretario de Prevención y Promoción de la Salud, Secretaría de Salud, México
  - Presentation: Communicable diseases and new mobilities

B5: Trade Union Cooperation to Support Temporary Foreign Workers

Temporary foreign workers have posed a challenge to the US labor movement’s understanding of worker organization and representation. We will discuss ways of cooperating to organize and support H–2B and J–1 workers from Mexico entering the US hospitality industry. The panel will examine unions’ interests, concerns, and dilemmas organizing these workers.

Organizers: Justice in Motion & Unite Here

Panelists:
- Ashwini Sukthankar, Director–Global Campaigns, Unite Here
- Fr. Clete Kiley, Director, Immigration, Civil Rights And Diversity at Unite Here
- Brigette Browning, President, Local 30, Unite Here (San Diego)
- Lance Compa, Emeritus Lecturer, Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations
- Jorge Perez Sosa, National Coordinator, Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores Operadores de Libros y Establecimientos de Diversión, Hoteles, Restaurantes, Comunicaciones, y Servicios en Entidades Locales y Federales, SINTOLED

Workshop Block C: 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

C1: Lessons from migrant caravans in the Trump era

This panel will analyze numerous aspects of migrant caravans: the history of caravans, the safety of migrants in transit through Mexico, the demographic composition of the Honduran caravan, and responses from civil society and Mexico’s three branches of government.

Organizer: Center for U.S.–Mexican Studies, School of Global Policy & Strategy, University of California, San Diego

Panelists:
- Óscar Contreras, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)
- Olivia Ruiz, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)
- Jesús Peña, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)
C2: The Social, Economic and Environmental Dimensions of Refugee Resettlement: Fostering Resilience in Canadian and American Contexts

Globally, refugees face diverse social, economic and environmental injustices. This workshop will present research findings from Canada and the United States on the challenges experienced by resettled refugees, with a focus on small cities and rural communities. Strategies, implications and recommendations will be offered to enhance resilience and to build effective services and systems.

Organizer: University of Calgary
Panelists:
- Julie Drolet, Professor, Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary
  - Presentation: Understanding Trauma and Resilience in Refugee Resettlement
- Nasreen Lalani, Assistant Professor, Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University, US
  - Presentation: Place matters: Health barriers and facilitators in small cities and rural communities
- Meredith Powers, Assistant Professor, Social Work Department, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Director of the Climate Justice Program of the International Federation of Social Workers & National Consortium of Rutgers University Humanity Action Lab on Environmental Justice and Migration
  - Presentation: The environmental injustices faced by resettled refugees: Housing policies and community development
- Gayatri Moorthi, Principal Consultant, Habitus Consulting Collective
  - Presentation: The Alberta Syrian Refugee Resettlement Experience Project: Findings on language, employment, social connections and housing
- Lisa Elford, Principal Consultant, Habitus Consulting Collective
  - Presentation: The Alberta Syrian Refugee Resettlement Experience Project: Recommendations for services and system

C3: Combined workshop to come

C4: Return migration to Mexico: current patterns and challenges ahead

The past decade historically large flows from Mexico to the U.S. have fallen dramatically while return migration to Mexico has risen. This session will explore the recent trends in the flow of returnees from the U.S. to Mexico, its characteristics, as well as challenges in the integration processes that define a series of public policy needs.

Organizer: Universidad Iberoamericana
Panelists:
- Ana Gonzalez-Barrera and Jeffrey Passel, Pew Research Center, Washington, DC
  - Presentation: Mexican return migration: recent trends, characteristics and challenges measuring the flows
- Erin Hamilton, Department of Sociology, University of California at Davis and Claudia Masferrer, Centro de Estudios Demográficos, Urbanos y Ambientales, El Colegio de México
  - Presentation: *De facto deportees: The role of deportation in the migration of U.S.-born minors to Mexico*
- Claudia Masferrer, Centro de Estudios Demográficos, Urbanos y Ambientales, El Colegio de México, and Nicole Denier, Department of Sociology, University of Alberta
  - Presentation: *Starting a business or getting a job? Understanding regional variations of self-employment among Mexican return migrants*
- Liliana Meza, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI) and Universidad Iberoamericana, and Pedro Paulo Orraca, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)
  - Presentation: *Labor insertion of U.S-born juvenile workers in Mexico*

**C5: Human Trafficking of Temporary Foreign Guestworkers**

Under Temporary Foreign Guestworker visa programs, lack of data, accountability, and oversight create a system ripe for exploitation and abuse. A closer look at individual trafficking cases and available data reveals inherent weaknesses in guestworker programs that traffickers often exploit. However, there are policy options that would aid in the prevention of guestworker trafficking.

**Organizers:** Justice in Motion  
**Panelists:**
- Jeremy McLean, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Justice in Motion
  - Presentation: *The Human Trafficking of Temporary Foreign Guestworkers in the US*
- Pablo Godoy, Regional Director, Western Canada, United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW Canada)
  - Presentation: *Trafficking of Guestworkers in Canada*
- Stephanie Richard, Policy & Legal Services Director, Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking
  - Presentation: *Policy Solutions to Temporary Foreign Worker Trafficking*
- Human Trafficking Survivor, TBC

**Day 2 – Friday, November 8th**

**Workshop Block D: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**D1: Welcoming Immigrants into Border Communities**  
**Organizer:** U.S.–Mexico Border Mayors Association

**D2: How is Higher Education Meeting Immigrant and Migrant Students’ Needs?**

Immigrant, refugee and migrant students present unique challenges and opportunities to educational institutions at all levels throughout North America. Speakers will delve into research on undocumented and dislocated students and explore efforts by policymakers to harness the potential of college and university communities for the empowerment and protection of refugees, immigrants, and at-risk migrants.
Organizers: World Education Services (WES); Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education (CCCIE); Presidents’ Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration
Moderator: Miriam Feldblum, Executive Director, Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration
Panelists:
- Kyle Farmbry, Chair, University Alliance for Refugees and at-Risk Migrants and Professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers University-Newark
  - Presentation: Higher Education and Migration: Some Reflections from the Months Following the Global Compact on Migration and the Global Compact for Refugees
- William Perez, Professor, Department of Educational Leadership and Administration, Loyola Marymount University
  - Presentation: Resilience in Spite of the Odds: Examination of the Psychosocial Assets of Undocumented and Deported Students
- Shamira Madhany, Managing Director, Deputy Executive Director, WES Canada
  - Presentation: Barriers to College Entry for Refugees: Challenges and Solutions

D3: Constructing a North American Index on Immigrant Integration: Comparing and Contrasting Canadian and American Approaches
This workshop will showcase the New American Economy’s US-based Cities Index and the Association for Canadian Studies’ Canadian Index for Measuring Integration – both of which track immigrant integration in their respective regions. The session will explore the possibility of constructing a North American Index for Immigrant Integration Measurement (NAIIIM). It will examine the concepts used when thinking about integration in the two countries and look at data availability and data selection in building the NAIIIM.

Organizers: New American Economy & the Association for Canadian Studies
Moderator: Ashley Manuel, Association for Canadian Studies
Panelists:
- Andrew Lim, New American Economy
- Jack Jedwab, Association for Canadian Studies

D4: Restrictive Asylum Policies, Mobility Control and Stranded Refugees on North America's Borders
In this panel, we will analyze the institutional capacities to receive and integrate asylum and refugees in Mexico, the United States and Canada. We also intend to discuss the consequences of extraterritoriality agreements and blocking policies which force asylum-seekers to remain in unplanned destinations or to wait months in a third country and in border regions.

Organizer: El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)
Panelists:
- David Scott FitzGerald, University of California, San Diego
  - Presentation: Refugee Beyond Reach: How Rich Democracies Repel Asylum Seekers
- Elba Yanett Coria Márquez, Universidad Iberoamericana
  - Presentation: Perspectives and Strategies to Defend and Protect Refugees in the Actual Migratory Context in Mexico/United States
- María Dolores París Pombo, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte
  - Presentation: The Long Wait: Asylum seekers at the Mexican Northern Border
D5: Recruiting Low Wage Workers from Abroad: Emerging Models to Combat Recruitment Abuses

Employers are increasingly employing international workers to fill labor needs. There is a long history of abuse that private recruiters have wrought on prospective migrants. This panel will explore the various models of recruitment for temporary foreign work and focus on the innovative solutions and recommendations for cleaning up the global human supply chain.

Organizers: Justice in Motion
Moderator: Cathleen Caron, Founder and Executive Director, Justice in Motion
Panelists:
- Cathleen Caron, Founder and Executive Director, Justice in Motion
  - Presentation: Recruitment models
- Pablo Godoy: Regional Director, Western Canada at United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW Canada)
  - Presentation: Evaluating Canada’s Use of Government and Private Recruitment Models
- Matthew Wooten, Associate Director, Fair Food Standards Council
  - Presentation: Describing Use of Mexican Government As H-2A Recruiters For USA H-2A Visa Farmworkers
- Joe G. Martinez, Chief Executive Officer, Center for Research, Training and Recruitment of Organized Workers (CIERTO)
  - Presentation: The Worker Led Recruitment Model for USA H-2A Visa Farmworkers

Workshop Block E: 1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

E1: Leveraging Digital Technology to Enhance Services for Immigrants and Facilitate Labour Mobility

This workshop provides non-profit and private-sector perspectives on how digital technology is needed to support immigrants with mobility and labour market integration. This is essential as we all prepare for the future of work and contend with various issues relating to population decline and skills shortages.

Organizer: ACCES Employment
Moderator: John Shields, Professor, Ryerson University, Department or Politics and Public Administration & Board Chairperson, ACCES Employment (Canada)
Panelists:
- John Shields, Professor, Ryerson University, Department or Politics and Public Administration & Board Chairperson, ACCES Employment (Canada)
  - Presentation: Immigration is Essential for Addressing Key Labour Market Issues
- Manjeet Dhiman, SVP, Services and Strategic Initiatives, ACCES Employment (Canada)
  - Presentation: How Digital Services Enhance Employment Programs for Newcomers
E2: Human rights in return, deportation or refuge: A look at the migrant integration on the US-Mexico border

With the intention of promoting the concepts of bonding, integration, and social interweaving, our session examines various inclusion and accompaniment strategies through conversations about the situation of migrants who have been returned, deported or have sought refuge or asylum in the U.S.-Mexico border.

Organizers: CUNY & U Colorado, Boulder (ENG & ESP Session)
Panelists:
- Guillermo Yrizar Barbosa (Graduate Center, CUNY) and Nancy Landa (Independent Researcher, Mundo Translated)
  - Presentation: Returned and displaced in Mexico: Invisibility and local (re-)integration in Tijuana
- Bertha Bermúdez Tapia (U Colorado, Boulder)
  - Presentation: Deportation, violence, and war politics: The Texas-Tamaulipas border as a place of migrant transit and repatriation
- Cristina Gómez Johnson (Universidad Iberoamericana) & Fernanda Espinosa Moreno (UAM, Cuajimalpa)
  - Presentation: Transformations in contemporary migrations in Mexico, approach to violence and refugio or asylum applications

E3: Between a Rock and a Hard Place: A Glimpse into the Lives of Iranian Immigrants in Canada and the U.S.

The case of Iranian immigrants in North America begs comparative study: unlike other economic migrants, Iranian immigrants have been driven by ‘push’ forces to Canada and the U.S., states that lack any diplomatic relations with Iran. They are subject to Trump’s ‘Muslim Ban’ despite a largely secular orientation, and are considered Visible Minorities in multicultural Canada, yet White in the U.S. These features make the case particularly compelling for students of international migration and integration.

Organizer: University of Calgary
Panelists:
- Abdie Kazemipur, Professor of Sociology & Chair of Ethnic Studies University of Calgary, Calgary and Omid Asayesh, Ph.D. Student in Sociology University of Calgary
  - Presentation: The Atypical Nature of Outmigration from Iran: The Case of Iranian Immigrants in Canada
- Amy Malek, Assistant Professor of International Studies College of Charleston, USA
E4: Evolving North American migratory policies in the face of new forms of Central American mobility: asylum, sanctuary, and local actors in divergent national contexts

This panel will question the efficacy of current migratory policies in North America and their capacity to deal with new forms of Central American mobility, focusing on the diversity of local responses in the receiving countries, from Mexican border cities to the growing sanctuary movement in the US and Canada.

Organizers: El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)
Moderators: Benjamin Bruce (El Colef), Marie-Laure Coubès (El Colef)
Presenters:
- Benjamin Bruce, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte
  - Presentation: Cages, Compounds, and the Elusive Search for Sanctuary: Managing the Piedras Negras Caravan and Central American Migration between Mexico and Texas
- Marie-Laure Coubès, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte
  - Presentation: Differentiated management of the reception of Central American migrant caravans in northern Mexican border cities, comparing Tijuana and Piedras Negras.
- Graham Hudson, Ryerson University, Canada
  - Presentation: Canadian sanctuary cities
- Ernesto Castañeda, American University
  - Presentation: Excluding Latin People in U.S.

E5: Is Portability a Panacea? Comparing Experiences and Legal Frameworks in Temporary Work Visa Programs

Temporary work visa programs tying migrant workers to one employer have been criticized as abusive and exploitative. Some experts recommend portability in temporary work visa programs to protect workers and improve credibility. Panelists will discuss the effectiveness of portability for migrants, the promise of new proposals, and whether portability will result in decent work.

Organizers: Justice in Motion & Economic Policy Institute
Panelists:
- Daniel Costa, Director of Immigration Law and Policy Research, Economic Policy Institute
- Pablo Godoy, Regional Director, Western Canada at United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW Canada)
- Dalia Gesualdi-Fecteau, Law and Political Sciences Faculty, Université du Québec à Montréal
- Eugenie Depatie-Pelletier, Coordinator, REDTAC-(Im)migration
F1: Combined workshop to come

F2: To come

F3: Innovating Immigrant Integration at Work
Immigrant integration services at the worksite foster skill development, job satisfaction and retention, career advancement and, ultimately, worker economic mobility. Come join a conversation featuring non-profit, government and corporate leaders about how they are collaborating to offer citizenship and language learning services to their employees at work.

Organizers: National Immigration Forum

Panelists:
- Jennie Murray, Director of Integration Programs, National Immigration Forum
- City of San Diego Bi-National Representative (TBD)
- Multinational Employer Corporate Representative (TBD – Canada or Mexico)

F4: Migration between the United States, Mexico and the Northern Triangle of Central America (NCTA)
The past decade has seen significant changes in migration patterns between the U.S., Mexico and the Northern Triangle of Central America (NTCA). Historically large flows from Mexico to the U.S. have fallen dramatically while return migration to Mexico has risen. Meanwhile, outflows from NTCA have increased with growing numbers coming to both the U.S. and Mexico.

Organizer: Pew Research Center

Panelists:
- Jeffrey S. Passel and Ana Gonzalez-Barrera, Pew Research Center
  - Presentation: Migration to the U.S. from Canada, Mexico and the NTCA: Trends, characteristics, and new data to estimate returns flows
- Liliana Meza, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI) and Universidad Iberoamericana, México, and Carla Pederzini, Universidad Iberoamericana
  - Presentation: Migrants from the Northern Triangle of Central America (NTCA) and their labor outcomes in Mexico
- Claudia Masferrer and Victor Garcia Guerrero, Centro de Estudios Demográficos, Urbanos y Ambientales, El Colegio de México, Mexico City
  - Presentation: Immigration of the U.S.-born “Mexican” minors: Studying migration flows to Mexico using data from birth registries

F5: Temporary Foreign Worker Programs Through an International Law Lens
The United Nations has developed rarely-invoked human rights standards on temporary foreign worker programs. The goal of the panel is to describe the normative framework and analyze existing international law mechanisms North American advocates can use to influence domestic policy, while strengthening international fora.

Organizers: Justice in Motion & Cornell Law School

Panelists:
- Beth Lyon, Clinical Professor of Law, Cornell Law School
- Cathleen Caron, Founder and Executive Director, Justice in Motion
- Dalia Gesualdi-Fecteau, Law and Political Sciences Faculty, Université du Québec à Montréal
- Georgina Vázquez De Los Reyes, National Officer for Labor Migration, UN International Labour Organization