

# trans- atlantic perspectives

## Cross Border Impacts, Border Security, and Socio-Political Responses

A comparative analysis of economic and social impacts of migration on sending and receiving countries in the Americas, Europe and Africa.

**Thursday & Friday, March 4 & 5**  
**8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.**

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# TRANS-ATLANTIC PERSPECTIVES ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION CROSS BORDER IMPACTS, BORDER SECURITY, & SOCIO-POLITICAL RESPONSES

## THURSDAY, MARCH 4

**8:30am** Welcome

**Dr. John Frederick**, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, UTSA  
**Dr. Daniel Gelo**, Dean, College of Liberal and Fine Arts  
**Hon. Armando Ortiz Rocha**, Consul General of Mexico in San Antonio

**9am** SESSION 1: KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Dr. Jorge Durand**, Prof. of Anthropology, Co-director of Mexican Migration Project and Latin American Migration Project, Univ. of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, **“Latin America in the migration spiral”**

**10-10:15am** Break

**10:15-11:45am** SESSION 2: IMPACTS OF IMMIGRATION ON SENDING COUNTRIES: THE AMERICAS; MODERATOR: **Dr. David Spener**, Associate Professor of Sociology, Trinity University

**Dr. Jeffrey Cohen**, Associate Professor of Anthropology, The Ohio State Univ., **“Labor’s lessons: the impacts of migration for rural Mexican sending communities”**

**Dr. Raul Delgado Wise**, Professor of Development Studies, Director of International Migration and Development Network, Univ. of Zacatecas, Mexico, **“Six theses to demystify the nexus between migration and development”** (co-authors: Humberto Márquez Covarrubias and Héctor Rodríguez Ramírez)

**Dr. Richard Jones**, Professor of Geography, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio, **“The economic imprint of return migrants in Bolivia: a case of embeddedness and social remittances”**

**12-2pm** Lunch

**2-3:30pm** SESSION 3: IMPACTS OF IMMIGRATION ON SENDING COUNTRIES: EUROPE AND AFRICA; MODERATOR: **Dr. Boyka Stefanova**, Associate Professor, Department of Political Sciences and Geography, UTSA

**Dr. Mohammed Charef**, Professor of Geography, Director of Regional Migration Observatory, Univ. Ibn Zohr, Agadir, Morocco, **“The place and role of the migrant in Morocco’s development”**

**Dr. Ahmet Icduygu**, Professor of International Relations; Director, Migration Research Programme, Koc Univ., Istanbul, Turkey, **“The consequences of international migration for Turkey: myths and realities”**

**Dr. Russell King**, Professor of Geography, Co-director, Sussex Center for Migration Research, Univ. of Sussex, UK, **“Gender and remittances in Albania: or, why ‘Are women better remitters than men?’ is not the right question”** (co-author: Julie Vullnetari)

**3:30-3:45pm** Break

**3:45-5:15pm** SESSION 4: IMPACTS OF IMMIGRATION ON RECEIVING COUNTRIES: AMERICAS; MODERATOR: **Dr. Viviana Rojas**, Associate Professor, Department of Communication, UTSA

**Dr. Mohammad Chaichian**, Professor of Sociology, Mt. Mercy College, Cedar Rapids Iowa, **“Globalization and Brain Drain: migration of educated and skilled Iranians to the United States.”**

**Dr. Karl Eschbach**, Professor and Director of Population Studies, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Geriatrics, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, **“Undocumented migration, health and health care in the United States”**

**Dr. Ellen Percy Kraly**, Kenan Professor of Geography, Director of Upstate Institute, Colgate Univ., Hamilton NY, **“‘Starting with Spoons’: Refugee Resettlement and Capacity Building in Utica, New York”**

## FRIDAY, MARCH 5

**8-10am** SESSION 5: IMPACTS OF IMMIGRATION ON RECEIVING COUNTRIES: EUROPE; MODERATOR: **Dr. Christopher Wickham**, Professor of Modern Languages, UTSA

**Dr. Bridget Anderson**, Senior Researcher, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society), Univ. of Oxford, UK (Sociologist), **“British jobs for British workers: labour demands and the role of migrant labour”**

**Dr. Virginie Baby-Collin**, Maître de conférences, géographe, Université de Provence, France, **“Andean migrants in Spain, elements of a multiscale geography”**

**Dr. Jeroen Doomernik**, Senior Researcher, Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, Univ. of Amsterdam (Anthropologist), **“Integrating former guest workers and their descendants: The Dutch case”**

**10-10:15** Break

**10:15-11:45am** SESSION 6: INTERNATIONAL SKILLED MIGRATION AND ITS IMPACTS MODERATOR: **Inés Alonso**, Communications Director, DUPROCOM, Madrid Spain

**Dr. Dennis Conway**, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Geography, Indiana University, Bloomington, **“The return of youthful Trinidadian transnational professionals: their potential as a ‘brain gain?’”** (co-author: Robert Potter)

**Dr. Jose Maria Roman**, Director of Fundacion Ciudadania y Valores, Madrid, Spain, **“Skilled Migration: The Spanish perspective after the new immigration law”** (co-author: Marta Tello).

**Dr. Harriett Romo**, Professor of Sociology, Director of Mexico Center, UTSA **“Maintaining family and cultural traditions and values across borders: the experiences of ‘elite’ Mexican immigrants”** (co-author: Olivia Lopez),

**12-2pm** Lunch

**2-3:30pm** SESSION 7: SOCIO-POLITICAL RESPONSES TO THE NEW IMMIGRATION; MODERATOR: **Dr. Kathleen Arnold**, Assistant Professor, Political Sciences and Geography, UTSA

**Dr. Juan Cebrian**, Research Fellow, Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC), Madrid, Spain (Geographer), **“International migration policies in Spain: The pre- and post economic crisis approaches”**

**Dr. Gil Arias**, Executive Director, Cooperative Organization on External Borders of the EU (FRONTEX), Warsaw, Poland (Law), **“Frontex and EU integrated border management”**

**Dr. Miguel DeOliver**, Associate Professor of Geography, UTSA, **“Transatlantic responses to immigration in the neoliberal era”**

**3:30-3:45pm** Break

**3:45-4:30pm** Closing Session: Summation of conference

**Dr. Jorge Durand**, Prof. of Anthropology, Univ. of Guadalajara, Mexico  
**Dr. Russell King**, Professor of Geography, Univ. of Sussex, UK  
**Dr. Mansour El-Kikhia**, Associate Professor of Political Science, UTSA