

Call for Contributions to a Special Journal Issue:

“Towards a New Migration and Asylum Research Agenda in the Americas”

Guest Editors:

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Overview & Deadlines

Journal:	<i>Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies</i>
Article Length:	7000-8000 words
Article proposals / abstracts:	20 December, 2020
Special issue proposal to journal:	15 January, 2021
Decision from Journal:	End of February, 2021
Full Issue Submission:	End of August, 2021.

Dr. Craig Damian Smith, Senior Research Associate at the CERC in Migration and Integration at Ryerson University, and Dr. Claudia Masferrer, Associate Professor at the Centre for Demographic, Urban, and Environmental Studies and Coordinator of the Seminar Migration, Inequality and Public Policies at El Colegio de México are putting together a special issue proposal for submission to *The Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies (JIRS)*. They will act as guest editors for the issue.

JIRS is an interdisciplinary journal, which publishes full-length theoretical and empirical research discussing migration governance, migrant/refugee integration, and related policies and practices. The journal privileges international and comparative perspectives but also accepts case studies focusing on specific groups, regions, or countries. Both quantitative and qualitative methodological approaches are welcome.

The guest editors' goal is to develop a theoretically rich and empirically-ground research agenda, exploring the complex interrelationships between migration systems, policies, and impacts of migration and asylum in the Americas. The guest editors welcome a diverse range of disciplines with an intersection with Migration and Refugee Studies, including but not limited to Political Science, Sociology, Population Studies and Demography, Anthropology, Women and Gender Studies, Law and Sociolegal Studies, Transnationalism and Diaspora Studies, and Economics.

We invite junior and senior colleagues to submit proposals on the following suggested topics:

1. The human rights of migrants and legal constraints for domestic and international protection.
2. Moving the US border South and the externalization of migration controls: foreign policy, international relations, and migration.
3. Overlapping and complex migration and rights governance in the Americas (OAS, MERCOSUR, UNHCR, IOM, etc.).

4. Implementing the Global Compact on Refugees and Global Compact on Migration in Latin America.
5. Economic and social impacts in Latin America of the COVID-19 pandemic, border closures, and migration controls.
6. The absence of international resettlement as a durable solution for refugees from Venezuela and Central America.
7. The under-studied impacts of forced internal displacement in Latin America.
8. Local integration strategies (or the lack thereof) and backlash against displaced people in the Americas.
9. The experiences of women and girls, and children and adolescents in Latin American mixed migration flows.
10. Climate change, natural disasters and migration in the Americas
11. The role of NGO and civil society organization in receiving and aiding displaced people and migrants (ideally situated in a global context of criminalization of humanitarian assistance).
12. The impacts of displacement crises on regional integration and cooperation (including but not limited to MERCOSUR's project of free mobility and labour integration).
13. The dynamics of intercontinental mixed migration, smuggling, and trafficking to and through Latin America.
14. The impacts of pandemic-related border closures on smuggling, trafficking, and corruption in Latin America.

Timelines and Instructions:

The special issue proposal will be submitted under *JIRS*'s call for special issue proposals, due 15 January, 2021.

To submit a proposal of an article, please send a polished, 300-350 word abstract, and a short biographical note of the authors **no later than 20 December, 2020** to craigdamian.smith@ryerson.ca and cmassferrer@colmex.mx.

The guest editors will invite 6-7 colleagues (and their co-authors) to join the special issue, with selections reflecting a broad geographic and thematic focus. The guest editors should hear back from *JIRS* by the end of February, 2021 on the acceptance of the special issue proposal. Final papers will be 7000-8000 words in length. Contributors will be asked to submit a completed draft of their paper by the end of August, 2021 (pending discussion on workloads and research timeframes).

Special issues undergo a specific double-blind review process that entails a first round of feedback and revisions through the guest editors, and then a double-blind review process. The overall goal of the review process will be to improve the individual papers and the special issue as a whole, but the acceptance of the individual papers falls upon the journal reviewers' decision.