

**Migrant Regularization:  
Processes, Pathways, and Mechanisms Linking Status to Citizenship**  
*SC MIGCITPOL Annual International Workshop*

El Colegio de México (Carretera Picacho-Ajusco 20, Col.  
Ampliación Fuentes del Pedregal, CP 14110, Tlalpan, CDMX),  
Sala Alfonso Reyes lado A  
**September 10-11, 2024**

IMISCOE's Standing Committee Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation (MIGCITPOL), the Centro de Estudios Internacionales (CEI) and the Seminario Migración, Desigualdad y Políticas Públicas (MIGDEP) of El Colegio de México, and the Center of Excellence for Global Mobility Law of the University of Copenhagen (Danish National Research Foundation DNRF169) generously fund this workshop in Mexico City on Migrant Regularization: Processes, Pathways, and Mechanisms Linking Status to Citizenship.

Over 20 scholars from across the world and several social sciences disciplines are meeting in person and in hybrid mode to present their original research on migrant regularization, the liminality of citizenship and legal status, featuring a broad empirical and theoretical range.

Organized by Luicy Pedroza (El Colegio de México), Sebastián Umpierrez de Reguero (Tallinn Univ.), Claudia Masferrer (El Colegio de México), Luuk van der Baaren (Univ. of Copenhagen), and Victoria Finn (Univ. of Oslo).\*

## Program

### Day 1 - September 10, 2024

#### Opening (08:45 – 9:00)

Welcome words by the hosts and organizers.

#### Session 1 (09:00 – 10:30)

**Chair:** Luicy Pedroza (*El Colegio de México*)

#### **Presenters:**

- Sara de Athouguia Filipe & Jean-Thomas Arrighi (*University of Neuchâtel*): “Promoting refugee participation in home country elections: Promises and pitfalls of a seemingly good idea”.
- Anton Ahlén, Lutz Gschwind, Joakim Palme (*Uppsala University*) & Martin Ruhs (*Uppsala University & European University Institute*): “Public preferences for policies *vis-à-vis* irregular migrants in Europe”.
- Ashley Mantha-Hollands & Jelena Dzankic (*European University Institute*): “How thick is blood? The biopolitics of citizenship transmission in the European Union”.

\* With the invaluable help of Ilse Donayi Ladrón de Guevara, Beatriz García Zepeda, Johana Navarrete, and Valentina Barros. For any inquiries about logistics and details of this program, contact Luicy Pedroza at: [lpedroza@colmex.mx](mailto:lpedroza@colmex.mx)

**Coffee break (10:30 – 11:00)**

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**Session 2 (11:00 – 12:30)****Chair:** Lucas van der Baaren (*University of Copenhagen*)**Presenters:**

- John Carlaw & Kushan Azadah (*Toronto Metropolitan University*): “Struggles over regularization for undocumented residents in Canada: A critical policy discourse analysis”.
- Sabrina Balgamwalla (*Wayne State Law School*): “Racial capitalism and the specter of humanitarian protection”.
- Ayuhiko Angelo Wada (*University of Tokyo*): “Unconventional family formation of Filipino women in Japan: International marriage as an ‘arena of struggle’ for the regularization of residency”.

**Lunchtime (12:30 – 14:00)**

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**Session 3 (14:00 – 15:30)****Chair:** Gioconda Herrera (*FLACSO-Ecuador*)**Presenters:**

- Ester Serra Mingot (*División de Estudios Internacionales del Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)*) & Claire R. Thomas (*New York Law School*): “Ambivalent and ad-hoc: an interdisciplinary critique of Mexican migration policies concerning extra-continental migrants”.
- Claudia Masferrer & Víctor García Guerrero (*El Colegio de México*): “Naturalized immigrants and dual nationals born abroad: the case of Mexico”.
- Henio Hoyo Prohuber (*CIDE*): “Explaining the Mexican dream: naturalization trends in Mexico”.

**Coffee break (15:30 – 16:00)**

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**Session 4 (16:00 – 17:00)****Chair:** Sebastián Umpierrez de Reguero (*Tallinn University*)**Presenters:**

- Gioconda Herrera (*FLACSO Ecuador*): “Making sense of being ‘legal’. Venezuelan migrant’s experience with regularization programs in Ecuador”.
- Andrés Besserer Rayas (*CUNY Graduate Center*): “The documenting state: Governing irregular immigration through a rights-based approach”.

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**Day 2 - September 11, 2024****Session 5 (09:00 – 10:30)**

**Chair and comments:** Victoria Finn (*University of Oslo*) & Sebastián Umpierrez de Reguero (*Tallinn University*)

**Presenters:**

- Balkissa Daouda Diallo (*University of Witwatersrand*): “Negotiating mobility in transit: The experiences of migrants in Niger”.
- Harshita Sinha (*London School of Economics*): “Short-term and circular migrants often excluded from functional welfare”.
- Andrea Peña-Vasquez (*University of Pittsburgh*): “National inclusion, local exclusion: The case of social settlement in Spain”.

**Coffee & snack break (10:30 – 11:00)**

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**Session 6 (11:00 – 12:30)**

**Chair and comments by:** Victoria Finn (*University of Oslo*)

**Presenters:**

- Andrea Jiménez Laurence (*University of Copenhagen*): “So many paths: Exploring the role of citizenship in mobility in South America”.
- Nydia Johana Navarrete Suárez (*El Colegio de México*): “Irregularity and integration processes. Experiences of Latin American migrants in Mexico”.
- Corina Courtis (*University of Buenos Aires*), Ignacio Odriozola (*IHEID*) & Ana Paula Penchaszadeh (*National University of San Martin*): “Myths and realities on naturalization in contemporary Argentina”.

**Lunch (12:30 – 14:00) for all participants on Colmex premises**

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**Session 7 (14:00 – 15:30)**

**Chairs and comments by:** Elena Sánchez Montijano (*CIDE*) & Nitzan Shoshan (*El Colegio de México*)

**Presenters:**

- Sevin Sagnic (*University California, San Diego*): “Refugees as citizen material: A comparative analysis of refugee policies from Ottoman Empire to Modern Turkey”.
- Yossi Harpaz (*Tel Aviv University*): “Ethnic migration options: Analyzing Jewish emigration to Israel as a free mobility regime”.
- Inci Öykü Yener-Roderburg (*Academy of International Affairs NRW*): “From migrants to dual citizens, a possible new group of the electorate? How Germany’s new citizenship law could change Turkish political participation”.