

W O R K S H O P

Venezuelan Migration in Latin America: Integration Challenges and Opportunities

Wednesday, July 5, 2023
14:30 – 17:30

University of St.Gallen
SQAURE, Arena 11-2091

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The phenomenon of Venezuelan migration in Latin America has emerged as a significant regional issue with profound social, economic, and political implications. This mass migration has posed numerous challenges to both the receiving countries and the Venezuelan migrants themselves. The workshop "Venezuelan Migration in Latin America" aims to explore the multifaceted issues surrounding the integration of Venezuelan migrants in Latin American countries, highlighting both the challenges and the potential opportunities that arise from this phenomenon.

The primary focus of the event will be on the integration challenges faced by both Venezuelan migrants and the host countries. Participants will delve into key areas of concern, including access to healthcare, education, housing, and employment. Recognition of qualifications and competition for jobs will be explored as obstacles to successful integration. Additionally, the workshop will address the social and cultural dimensions of integration, with a focus on combating discrimination, fostering social cohesion, and promoting intercultural dialogue.

Amidst these challenges, this workshop will also highlight the opportunities that arise from Venezuelan migration. Attendees will explore the potential economic contributions of Venezuelan migrants, who often bring valuable skills, entrepreneurship, and innovation to their host countries. This workshop will emphasize the benefits of cultural diversity and how it can enrich local communities and foster a more inclusive society.

Throughout the event, participants will engage in interactive discussions and case studies. Experts and academics will contribute their knowledge and experiences to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the topic. By exploring the challenges and opportunities, the event seeks ultimately to generate innovative solutions and policies that promote the social, economic, and cultural inclusion of Venezuelan migrants, thereby contributing to the development of resilient and cohesive societies in the region.

PROGRAM

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- 14:30 – 14:45 **Omid Alizadeh Afrouzi**, University of St.Gallen (CLS HSG)
Opening Remarks
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- 14:45 – 15:00 **Vanessa Boanada Fuchs**, University of St.Gallen (GIMLA) / (online)
Introduction

Integrating Venezuelans in Latin American Cities: Empirical cases from Colombia and Brazil

- 15:00 – 15:30 **Juan Fernando Palacio Roldán**, Universidad de Antioquia (UdeA)
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- Q&A Session*

How to Blunt Prejudice Against Venezuelan Immigrants?

- 15:30 – 16:00 **Omid Alizadeh Afrouzi**, University of St.Gallen (CLS HSG)
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- Q&A Session*

The Migration Challenges of a Venezuelan Female Entrepreneur

- 16:00 – 16:30 **Irulú Labarca León**, Emprecolven / (online)
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- Q&A Session*

Indigenous Migration to Brazil: The Warao Case

- 16:30 – 17:00 **Marina Silveira**, University of São Paulo / (online)
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- Q&A Session*

- 17:00 – 17:15 **Rocío Robinson**, University of St.Gallen (HSG)
Wrap-up

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- 17:15 **APÉRO**
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MAP OF THE CAMPUS

Campusplan - Map of the Campus



11 SQUARE, Arena 11-2091 [SQUARE Floor Plan](#)

The workshop *Venezuelan Migration in Latin America* is **open to public**.

If you wish to participate at the workshop (virtually or in-person), please register by sending an email to: cls-hsg@unisg.ch

Please let us know if you wish to participate at the apéro.

If you wish to attend the event online, please use this [Zoom](#) link.