

The UCSD Migration Research Conference: Interdisciplinary Perspectives



**Social Sciences Building (SSB)
Conference Room 107 (SSB 107)
Friday, October 7, 2022
8am to 4:30pm**

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Immigration Studies

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Conference Agenda

8:00am—8:45am

Registration / Continental Breakfast

8:45am—9:00am

Welcome

David FitzGerald, Professor, Sociology
Claire Adida, Professor, Political Science, UC San Diego
Co-Directors—The Center for Comparative Immigration Studies

9:00am—10:00am

Panel I: Migration as Meaningful Practice

Inciting Migrations

Joo Ok Kim, Assistant Professor of Cultural Studies, Literature, UC San Diego

Europe Through the Looking Glass: the Speculative Fictions of Refugees

Ameeth Vijay, Assistant Professor, Literature, UC San Diego

"People who look like snails": A Poetics of Displacement in Contemporary Ukraine

Amelia Glaser, Professor, Literature, UC San Diego

10:00am—11:00am

Resiste Gozando: Community-Action Research at the US-Mexico Border Roundtable

Carla Salazar, PhD Candidate, UC Los Angeles

Ari Honarvar, Journalist and organizer of "dancing with refugees"

Paulina Olver Cañez, Founder and Executive Director of Espacio Migrante

Leslie Meyer, PhD Student, UC San Diego

11:00am—11:30am

Break

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11:30am—12:30pm

Panel 2: Migration and Development

The Influence of Internal Chinese Undergrad Expansion Program on Exports to American Graduate Schools

Yuli Xu, PhD Student, Economics, UC San Diego

Towns and Rural Land Inequality in India

Manaswini Rao, Postdoctoral Scholar, UC San Diego

Abundance from Abroad: Migrant Income and Long-Run Economic Development

Gaurav Khanna, Assistant Professor, School of Global Policy and Strategy, UC San Diego

12:30pm—1:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm—2:30pm

Panel 3: Health and Migration

COVID-19 and migrants in interrupted transit in Tijuana: insights from the EPICO study

Ietza Bojorquez, Professor – Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Sciences

Adjunct Professor – Division of Infectious Disease & Global Public Health, Department of Medicine, UC San Diego

Asylum Seekers in Two San Diego-based Shelters

Linda Hill, Distinguished Professor and Interim Assistant Dean in the Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health, UC San Diego

Patienthood among Mexican immigrants at the U.S.-Mexico Border

Danielle Raudenbush, Assistant Professor, Political Science, UC San Diego

2:30pm—3:30pm

Panel 4: Climate and Migration

Admitting Climate Migrants: Experimental Evidence from Ten Countries

Gabriel De Roche, PhD Student, Political Science, UC San Diego

Global Migration Response to Climate and Climate Change

Katharine Ricke, Assistant Professor, School of Global Policy and Strategy/ Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego

3:30pm—4:30pm

Reception

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Meet our Panelists

Panel I: Migration as Meaningful Practice



Joo Ok Kim

Assistant Professor of Cultural Studies, Literature, UC San Diego

Joo Ok Kim is assistant professor of cultural studies in the Department of Literature at UC San Diego. She is author of *Warring Genealogies: Race, Kinship, and the Korean War* (Temple UP, 2022). Her research and teaching interests include transpacific critique, literatures and cultures of the Korean War, and US multiethnic literature and culture.



Ameeth Vijay

Assistant Professor, Literature, UC San Diego

Ameeth Vijay specializes in global anglophone literature, modern and contemporary British literature, postcolonial studies and urban studies. His current book project examines the intersections between literature, urban planning and architecture and tracks the persistence of colonial relationships in the development of contemporary spaces, including in global cities.



Amelia Glaser

Professor, Endowed Chair in Judaic Studies, Literature, UC San Diego

Amelia Glaser is Professor of Literature and Chair in Judaic Studies at UC San Diego. She is the author of *Jews and Ukrainians in Russia's Literary Borderlands* (Northwestern U.P., 2012) and *Songs in Dark Times: Yiddish Poetry of Struggle from Scottsboro to Palestine* (Harvard UP, 2020). She is the editor of *Stories of Khmelnytsky: Literary Legacies of the 1648 Ukrainian Cossack Uprising* (Stanford U.P., 2015) and, with Steven Lee, *Comintern Aesthetics* (U. Toronto Press, 2020). She is currently working on a book about contemporary Ukrainian poetry.

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Yuli Xu

Ph.D. student, Economics, UC San Diego

Yuli Xu is a third-year Ph.D. student at the Economics Department of UCSD. She is interested in broad Applied Microeconomics, including topics like Immigration, Female Labor Participation, and Fertility.



Manaswini Rao

Postdoctoral Scholar, UC San Diego

Manaswini is a Postdoctoral scholar at the Department of Economics, University of California San Diego. Her research interests span the broad areas of development economics, political economy, and economic growth. In one research track, she studies the judiciary examining how frontline judicial capacity affects local firms and markets. In another, she examines agricultural production processes involving collective action and structural transformation. Before joining UCSD, Manaswini graduated from UC Berkeley in May 2020 with a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics.



Gaurav Khanna

Assistant Professor, School of Global Policy and Strategy, UC San Diego

Gaurav is an Assistant Professor at the School of Global Policy and Strategy. His research covers the economics of migration, development, education and employment.

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Panel 3: Health and Migration



Letza Bojorquez

Professor – Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Sciences
Adjunct Professor – Division of Infectious Disease & Global Public Health, Department of Medicine, UC San Diego

Dr. Garfein is an infectious disease epidemiologist, educator and healthcare innovator who seeks to understand the causes of disease and translate that understanding into impactful solutions. He earned his PhD at Johns Hopkins University and MPH at San Diego State University. He served as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer and Epidemiologist for 7 years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before joining the UC San Diego School of Medicine faculty in 2005. His research focuses primarily on airborne and bloodborne infections often associated with health disparities and substance use, including tuberculosis, HIV and viral hepatitis in the U.S. and abroad.



Linda Hill

Distinguished Professor and Interim Assistant Dean in the Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health, UC San Diego

Dr. Hill, MD, MPH is a Distinguished Professor and Interim Assistant Dean in the Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health at UC San Diego. She is the Executive Director of the Asylum Seeker Medical Screening and Stabilization Program. She is the Immediate Past Director of the UCSD/SDSU General Preventive Medicine Residency, and Senior Staff Physician at San Diego Family Care, an FQHC. She is the Director of the UCSD Center for Human and Urban Mobility. Dr. Hill's research focuses on displaced populations and transportation safety.



Danielle Raudenbush

Associate Professor, Sociology, UC San Diego

Danielle Raudenbush is an associate professor in the Department of Sociology at UCSD. Her research focuses on urban poverty, health disparities, access to care, African American health, and immigrant health.

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Gabriel De Roche

PhD Student, Political Science, UC San Diego

Gabriel De Roche is a PhD Student in Political Science at UC San Diego. He studies the impact of climate change on migration, and his dissertation research focuses on how migrant-receiving states can provide protection and admission to people displaced by climate change.



Katharine Ricke

Assistant Professor, School of Global Policy and Strategy/Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego

Kate Ricke is an Assistant Professor at UC San Diego with joint appointment between the School of Global Policy and Strategy and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. She is an interdisciplinary climate change scientist who combines quantitative modeling and large data set analysis techniques applied to social and physical systems. Her research focuses on how uncertainty and heterogeneity, both in the projected impacts of climate change and in preferences for how to address them, influence strategic incentives in climate policy problems.

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Carla Salazar Gonzalez

PhD Candidate, Sociology, UC Los Angeles, Visiting Fellow, Center for US-Mexican Studies, UC San Diego

Carla Salazar Gonzalez's latest work examines how Central American asylum-seeking mothers, along with their attorneys and advocates, negotiate and are affected by the laws and immigration policies surrounding borders and asylum. Gonzalez's mixed-methods research agenda has received support from the Fulbright Fellowship, the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, the American Sociological Association's Minority Fellowship Program, Russell Sage Foundation, and various research centers at UCLA.



Leslie Meyer

Leslie Meyer is an active volunteer at the Espacio Migrante shelter and cultural center in Tijuana, Mexico, and recently graduated with a MA in Latin American Studies from UCSD. Using a variety of collaborative, ethnographic, and applied artistic methods, her research examines the creative ways that racialized asylum seekers resist domination over their minds and bodies while waiting at the border, including through dance, theater, and poetry.



Ari Honarvar

Ari Honarvar is the founder of Rumi with a View, dedicated to building music and poetry bridges across war-torn borders. She conducts Resilience through Joy workshops for refugee shelters and other organizations on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. Her writing has appeared in The Guardian, Washington Post, and New York Times, and she is the author of "Rumi's Gift Oracle Cards" (2018) and "A Girl Called Rumi" (2021).



Paulina Olvera Cañez

Executive Director of Espacio Migrante

Paulina has a degree in International Relations from the Autonomous University of Baja California, UABC. In 2019, she received the San Diego Fellowship, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Latin American Studies at the University of California, San Diego. Her research examines the experiences of Haitian and African migrants in Baja California, their access to rights, and institutional racism. She has worked as a Graduate Student Researcher in the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, in the study "Children of Mexican Parents Deported from the United States: Policy, Administrative Process, and Family Experiences".