

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

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The Shifting Global Order and the Transformation of Refugee and Migration Regimes

Wednesday 22 APRIL 2026

**Venue: Estación Noroeste de Investigación y Docencia (ENID),
Tijuana, México**

The ongoing reconfiguration of the global order is reshaping politics, societies, and everyday life across the world—and migration and asylum are no exception. Indeed, in recent years, we have witnessed significant transformations in the norms, policies, governance frameworks, and citizen attitudes that affect the lived experiences of migrants and refugees. Many of these changes point toward a striking convergence in a markedly restrictive direction. The restrictive convergence is further catalyzed by new, groundbreaking technologies like biometrics, robotics, and artificial intelligence. These processes affect not only migrants and refugees, but also their home societies and the transit and destination countries that receive them.

This symposium invites participants to explore how these broader shifts in the global order are unfolding in the field of migration. Bringing together comparative perspectives from Africa, the Americas, Europe, and Asia, we aim to map emerging patterns, identify regional variations, and discuss new theoretical and empirical insights. By fostering dialogue across disciplines and regions, the symposium seeks to open new conversations about how migration and refugee norms, regimes, policies, attitudes, and experiences are being reshaped in a changing global landscape.



PROGRAMME

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09:00-09:30

OPENING AND WELCOME

- **Welcome to ENID, Juan VEGA GÓMEZ**, Head of ENID, IIJ-UNAM
- **Opening of the symposium, Mónica GONZÁLEZ CONTRÓ**, Director, Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, IIJ-UNAM
- **Objectives of the symposium, Luciana GANDINI**, Coordinator of Seminario Universitario de Estudios sobre Desplazamiento Interno, Migración, Exilio y Repatriación (SUDIMER)/IIJ-UNAM
- **“The Shifting Global Order”, Hakan G. SICAKKAN**, Professor and Head of Research, Department of Comparative Politics and IMER-Bergen, University of Bergen (UiB)

09:30 – 11:15

Panel 1: MIGRANTS, REGIONAL INTEGRATIONS, AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF BORDERING IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER

Moderator: **Enrique CAMACHO BELTRÁN**, Professor, ENID/IIJ-UNAM

Initiators: **Iole FONTANA**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Sciences, University of Catania (UCIT)

Zulia OROZCO REYNOSO, Researcher, Institute of Social Research, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC)

Panelists: **Ann Cathrin CORRALES-ØVERLID**, Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Social Anthropology and IMER-Bergen, UiB

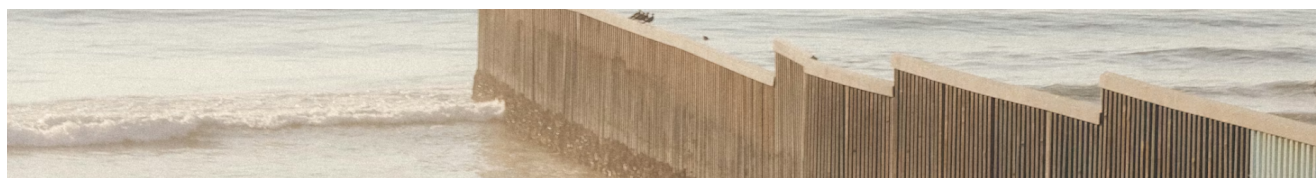
Dana GRABER LADEK, Representative and Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in México

Ietza BOJÓRQUEZ, Regional co-lead, Lancet Migration Latin America, Research Professor at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)

José Mario SUÁREZ MARTÍNEZ, Researcher, COLEF/Humanizando la Deportación, UC Davis

Pierre VAN WOLLEGHEM, Research Associate Professor, NORCE Research and UiB

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break



11:30-13:15

Panel 2: REFUGEES, MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE, AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF PROTECTION IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER

Moderator: **Juan VEGA GÓMEZ**, Head of ENID, IIJ-UNAM

Initiators: **Laura CAMARILLO GOVEA**, Professor, Faculty of Law, UABC
Guillermo ESTRADA ADÁN, Researcher, IIJ-UNAM

Panelists: **Alejandro AGUDO SANCHÍZ**, Professor, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Universidad Iberoamericana, (IBERO Ciudad de México)
Anne-Birgitte KRUM HANSEN, Deputy Representative of UNHCR in México
Dag NYLANDER, Ambassador of Norway to Mexico
Hakan G. SICAKKAN, Professor and Director of Research, Department of Comparative Politics and IMER-Bergen, UiB
Iole FONTANA, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Sciences, UCIT

13:15-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:45

Panel 3: THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS, REFUGEES, AND ASYLUM SEEKERS; THEIR ACCESS TO JUSTICE; AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS THEM IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER

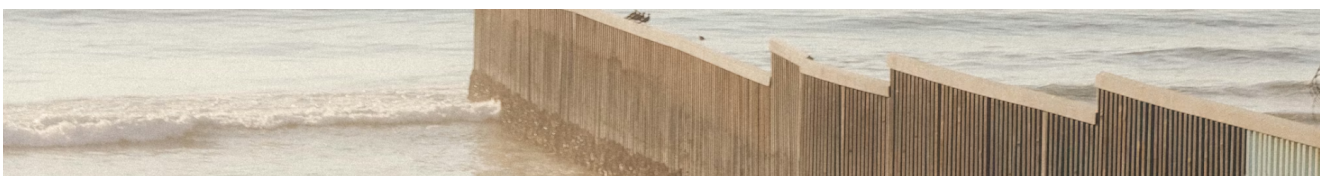
Moderator: **Michell ÁLVAREZ LÓPEZ**, Professor, Faculty of Law, UABC

Initiators: **Camila FERNÁNDEZ MEIJIDE**, Researcher IIJ-UNAM
Pierre G. VAN WOLLEGHEM, Research Associate Professor, NORCE Research/UiB

Panelists: **Belén BARRERA**, Head of UNHCR Office in Tijuana
Diego Isaac AMADOR MAGAÑA, Doctoral Researcher, Universidad Iberoamericana (IBERO Tijuana)
Enrique CAMACHO BELTRÁN, Professor, ENID/IIJ-UNAM
Gonzalo ITUARTE, Director of Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Francisco de Vitoria (CDH Vitoria)
Kari HAGATUN, Associate Professor, Department of Education, UiB
Simone GRASSINI, Professor, Department of Psychosocial Science, UiB
Tania GARCIA BARAJAS, Professor, Faculty of Law, UABC

15:45-16:00

CLOSING REMARKS AND OUTLOOK



Guiding questions for the individual panels

PANEL 1:

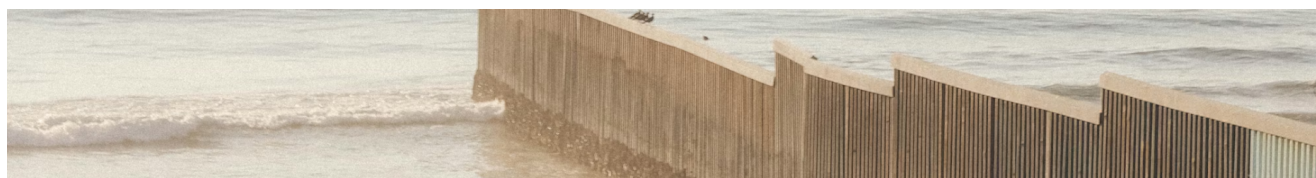
- **MIGRANTS, REGIONAL INTEGRATIONS, AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF BORDERING IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER**
 - Where are the new borders in the new global order?
 - What are the new border policies and bordering practices, and their technologies (e.g., biometrics, global and regional databases and data sharing, artificial intelligence), in Africa, the Americas, and Europe?
 - How do the transnationalisation and supranationalisation tendencies on migration and asylum policies in the African Union and European Union, and the intergovernmental collaboration in the Americas, affect human mobility?
 - What about the lived experiences of migrants?

PANEL 2:

- **REFUGEES, MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE, AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF PROTECTION IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER**
 - Who are the refugees, asylum seekers, and other protection seekers in the new global order?
 - How is international law—including refugee law, human rights law, and emerging soft-law frameworks—being reinterpreted, stretched, or contested in the current global order.
 - Is there a conflation of the “migrant” and “refugee/asylum seeker” categories in the emerging global/regional norms and legal frameworks? (e.g., UN’s two Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees, the EUs New Pact on Migration and Asylum)
 - If so, how is this mirrored in the regional multilevel governance frameworks?
 - How do these transformations affect the international refugee regime?
 - What about the lived experiences of refugees and asylum seekers?

PANEL 3:

- **THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS, REFUGEES, AND ASYLUM SEEKERS; THEIR ACCESS TO JUSTICE; AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS THEM IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER**
 - How is the reconfiguring world order affecting the rights of migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees and the members of receiving societies?
 - What role do local governments and frontline institutions play in shaping the recognition and access to rights, social protection and regular status for migrants and refugees? In what ways can their actions expand or constrain these possibilities (particularly as first responders in contexts of reception and protection)?
 - What challenges do migrants, refugees and asylum seekers face in accessing justice? How have these changed over time and in which direction? What examples of good practices can be identified in specific contexts, and what lessons can be drawn from them?
 - How may the new technologies (robotics, digital mass communication platforms, social media, and artificial intelligence) affect people’s attitudes towards human mobility, the international migration and refugee regimes, migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers?



Symposium format

The symposium “The Shifting Global Order and the Transformation of Refugee and Migration Regimes” brings together a group of experts in international migration with the aim of exploring how broader shifts in the global order are unfolding within this field today.

The symposium will be organised into three thematic panels addressing different dimensions of these transformations and their implications for the lived experiences of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers: (1) borders, regional integration and migration; (2) multilevel governance, international protection and asylum; and (3) access to rights and justice and attitudes towards people in contexts of human mobility.

Each panel will be structured around a shared set of guiding questions, which will serve as the starting point for a collective discussion.

The whole symposium is conceived as a roundtable, with all participants encouraged to contribute actively throughout all sessions. For practical and organizational reasons, participants have been grouped into thematic panels; **however, everyone is expected, and invited, to engage across all three panels.** For each panel, two participants have been invited to open the discussion with brief introductory remarks. Each panel will then unfold as an open discussion.

In order to facilitate exchange, all interventions should be concise and should not exceed 5-7 minutes. The aim is to encourage dialogue, identify emerging patterns and regional variations, and foster the articulation of comparative perspectives across regions, disciplines, and theoretical and methodological approaches. Contributions are expected to engage with one another, and participants are encouraged to revisit and further develop their ideas across the different panels.

To support participants’ preparation, the set of guiding questions are shared in advance (see next page). In order to foster a dynamic, comparative, and interdisciplinary discussion of the issues under examination, **the symposium prioritises a format of collective exchange over individual paper presentations.** Interventions are expected to be delivered in English; however, we understand that some participants may feel more comfortable speaking in Spanish, and this will be fully accommodated.

The estimated duration of each panel will be 105 minutes.



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