

AN INTRODUCTION AND INVITATION: SNX 2011

The South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Law



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Migratory Currents in the Americas

Corrientes migratorias en las Américas

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As the world globalizes in terms of nations' economies, trade and investment, borders are opened up more easily for "freer" flows of capital, goods and products. But globalization has also meant millions of transnational people; according to the UN's Population Division, there are now almost 200 million international migrants, doubling the figure recorded in 1980, only 30 years ago. Consequently, migrants are now to be found in every corner of the globe, some of them moving within their own regions and others travelling from one part of the world to another. Today, human migrations have reached higher volumes than ever before in history.

These migration trends present different characteristics from past times, prompting some to herald a "new" era of international migration. One key characteristic of this new era is the reconfiguration of the population movement map globally, created by a growing diversity of routes and connections—between shifting and morphing sites of origin and destination. Immigration therefore has been an increasingly complex and important issue for policy makers, historians, sociologists, jurists and many others. For these reasons, the SNX program centers international migration in the 2011 theme.

The 2011 SNX organizing committee invites paper proposals addressing:

1. Migration trends in the Americas, including South-to-North migration, South-to-South migrations, etc.
2. Skilled and unskilled workers' migration, and its impact on developing and developed countries.
3. Race, gender, class, sexual orientation and related identity issues as a feature or cause of migration.
4. Socio-cultural impacts of migration locally, regionally or globally.
5. Historic and/or comparative approaches to migration policymaking.
6. Human trafficking: causes, effects and possible remedies.
7. States' international responsibility for illegal immigration.
8. Challenges for progressive academics, and for organizing and/or integrating international workers and intellectuals.
9. Deportations, Repatriations, and return migrations;
10. Emerging legal interpretations of citizenship/membership;
11. Victimization and criminalization of immigrants: discrimination, exploitation, violence, etc.
12. Exploitation of minors.

The SNX on “*Human Migrations Across the Americas*” or “*Corrientes migratorias en las Américas*” will provide an opportunity for legal scholars, social analysts, policymakers, and activists to critically examine migrations from different perspectives. The event will take place in the Dominican Republic, a perfect scenario to discuss this issue: the DR is a place where contemporary currents of migration collide—where Haitian migrants arrive daily in search of a livable life while thousands of Dominicans leave for Puerto Rico, the US or other locations for the very same reason. Exemplifying the complexities of migration in these times, this localized dynamic will provide the backdrop for our exchange.

To participate in the Exchange, please fully complete and timely return this Form by February 24, 2011 with an Abstract (1-3 paragraphs) of your proposed presentation/paper.

For more information please contact:

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Paper Proposals and Abstracts Should Be Submitted Through the Following Link:

http://web2.uconn.edu/latcrit/confrence_form.php?id=1

Practical Information/Questions (e.g. housing, transportation): Sagrario Cochon, d.feliz@unibe.edu.do or sagrariocochon@hotmail.com

Hotel and Travel Information: Participants are encouraged to travel to the Aeropuerto de las Americas in Santo Domingo, D.R. Participants are required to make travel arrangements from the airport to the hotel (we recommend using a Taxi service). We will be using the Mercure Hotels in the Zona Colonial and encourage all participants to reserve their rooms right away:

Hotel Mercure-Comercial
El Conde, Esq. Hostos
Ciudad Colonial, Santo Domingo
Tel. 809-688-5500
www.mercure.com

When making reservations, please mention that you will be attending the UNIBE conference.

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Program Participation Guidelines and Form

ABSTRACTS, ADVANCE DRAFTS, FINAL PAPERS & PARTICIAPTION GUIDELINES: *Each session of the Exchange will feature three-four presentations (15-20 minutes each) based on the timely responses to this Form, and will be facilitated to ensure interactive dialogue. Presentations may consist of or be based on (a) recent or ongoing research projects relating to the Exchange topic; (b) a thought piece responsive to the Exchange topic; or (c) an analysis of current affairs in a particular locality or community as they relate to the Exchange topic. **To participate in the Exchange, please fully complete and timely return this Form by February 24, 2011 with an Abstract (1-3 paragraphs) of your proposed presentation/paper. To facilitate interactive discussion at the Exchange, all participants additionally are requested and urged to submit a short Advance Draft (2-5 pages) or outline of their papers by **Thursday, April 7, 2011** for advance circulation among Exchange participants. Finally, all Exchange participants are invited to submit a Final Paper (15-35 pages) based on their participation by **Thursday, August 26, 2011** for publication as part of a law review symposium. Thanks for your cooperation in meeting these Program Participation Guidelines ... see you soon in Santo Domingo!***

Please visit the following site to register and submit a paper proposal for the Exchange:
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