

## Seminar

# LATIN AMERICAN IMMIGRATION IN SPAIN. THE CURRENT STATE OF RESEARCH

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In recent years, Spain has become one of the prime destinations for emigration from Latin America, and countries from this continent have now become consolidated as the main origins of immigration into Spain from outside the EU — in 2005, Latin American immigration exceeded, for the first time, the number of immigrants from countries in North Africa and Eastern Europe. The speed at which this phenomenon has taken place has awoken the interest of public institutions, for the dual purpose of imposing regulations and developing political responses to the social changes, especially in the host society, at the same time as bearing in mind the impact the process is having on countries of origin. This situation has highlighted the need to possess quality information and studies that will help institutions to take decisions that are based on solid foundations and adapted to the local context, but which at the same time take into consideration national and international experiences. In just a few years, Spain's research community has gone from dealing with these migration dynamics from the standpoint of a country producing migration to one of a country receiving migrants, and this is a situation from which characteristic approaches can be derived.

The aim of this seminar is to examine the state of research projects currently in progress, focusing on the main aspects related with these migration flows and paying attention both to countries of origin and to host countries. The different aspects of migration policies, the economic dimension of the migration processes, migrants' access to the job market and the effects on social cohesion and family relations are just some of the subjects that will be dealt with in the seminar. The event will involve, on one hand, analysing the results of the main lines of research developed to date and, on the other, identifying which aspects are most lacking and will need greater attention in the future. This seminar takes place within a new line of research by the Migrations Programme in collaboration with the Latin America Programme, and it is hoped that it will represent the first step toward the development of a collaboration network of experts who can help to understand the phenomenon in a global sense, by approaching it in its multiple local and international dimensions.

### Programa

- 09.30 **Opening**  
Josep Ribera, Director, CIDOB Foundation
- 10.00 **Opening address. A new country of immigration and a recent immigration: Latin Americans in Spain**  
José Antonio Alonso, Director, ICEI-Complutense International Studies Institute
- 10.30 **Immigration policies and bilateral relations**  
Adrián Bonilla, Director, FLACSO Ecuador  
Sandra Gil Araújo, Researcher for the Eurosphere project, University of Granada
- Commentator: Iliana Olivie, Head researcher, Real Instituto Elcano
- Debate
- 11.30 **Coffee break**

**12.00 Social and political perspectives**

**Andrés Tornos**, Professor Emeritus , Researcher at the University Institute for Migration Research, Pontificia de Comillas University  
**Jorge Martínez Pizarro**, Researcher for the Population Division, CELADE-ECLAC

Commentator: **Marta Rodríguez-Tarduchy**, Director General for Immigration, Secretariat of State for Immigration and Emigration, Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs

Debate

**13.30 Lunch break**

**15.30 Economic perspective**

**Iñigo Moré**, Researcher and coordinator of the Proyecto Remesas.org  
**Sergi Jiménez Martín**, Permanent Lecturer, Department of Economy, Pompeu Fabra University  
**Susana Gordillo Gerlini\***, Professor for the International Economy and Development Doctorate, University of Barcelona

Commentator: **Gonzalo Bernardos**, Permanent Lecturer in Economic Theory, University of Barcelona

Debate

**17.00 Case studies**

**Walter Actis**, Researcher for the IOÉ Collective, "The case of Argentinean migration in Spain"

**Marta Carballo**, Coordinator of the Migrations, Gender and Development course at the IUDC, "Evolution and importance of transnational migration practices in the promotion of co-development and poverty reduction in the communities of origin of El Salvador (2000-2006)"

**Renzo Strocio**, Journalist and Anthropologist, "The case of Ecuadorian migration in Spain"

**Laura Tedesco**, Guest Lecturer at the Political Science Department of the Autonomous University of Madrid, "Latin American immigrants in Spain"

**18.00 The state of research and future challenges**

**Marieke Goettsch**, Research assistant, Latin America Programme, CIDOB Foundation

Summing-up

**Anna Ayuso**, Coordinator of the Latin America Programme, CIDOB Foundation  
**Gemma Pinyol**, Coordinator of the Migrations Programme, CIDOB Foundation

**19.00 End of seminar**

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