This workshop seeks to connect social scientists with expertise on conditions driving migration from Central America with legal scholars and practitioners engaged in innovative thinking around ways to bridge the gap between complex forms of persecution in Central America and protections offered under U.S. immigration law.

**PANELS**

*8:30am – 9:00am*
Registration and Breakfast

*9:00am – 9:15am*
Welcome and Introductions

*9:15am – 10:45am*
Challenges to Deeper Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration on Asylum Representation
Lenni Benson, New York Law School; Elizabeth Keyes, University of Baltimore Law School; Kimberly Gauderman, University of New Mexico; Cristina Muñiz de la Peña, Terra Firma; Blaine Bookey, UC Hastings Center for Gender & Refugee Studies; Ian Philabaum, Innovation Law Lab
Moderator: Jayesh Rathod, American University

*11:00am – 12:15pm*
Country Conditions in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras: The State of Research (Part 1)
José Miguel Cruz, Florida International University; Alex Segovia, INCIDE; Ricardo Barrientos, Instituto Centroamericano de Estudios Fiscales; Mauricio Gaborit, Universidad Centroamericana “José Simeón Cañas”
Moderator: Clare Seelke, Congressional Research Service

*12:15pm – 1:30pm*
Lunch Presentation - A Flawed System: Structural Challenges Facing Central American Asylum Seekers
Stephen Manning, Immigrant Law Group PC

*1:30pm – 2:45pm*
Country Conditions in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras: The State of Research (Part 2)
Elizabeth Kennedy, San Diego State University; Steven Dudley, American University; Cecilia Menjívar, University of Kansas; Robert Brenneman, St. Michael's College
Moderator: Eric Hershberg, American University

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