

Second International Workshop



COMPARATIVE MIGRATION STUDIES

May 17–19, 2012

Host:

**Instituto Cubano de Investigaciones Culturales
"Juan Marinello"
Havana, Cuba**

Collaborator:

**Centre for the Study of Ethnocultural Diversity (ACSED)
Acadia University, Canada**

Workshop Goals:

This event brings together scholars from Canada, Cuba, and the Middle East. Many of the workshop participants are members of leading research centres in the field, and come together with a goal of building a lasting network of collaboration among centres that study and celebrate ethnocultural diversity.

Workshop Participants:

Ruth Amir	Political Science, Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezreel (ISRAEL)
Alexandra Dobrowolsky	Political Science, Saint Mary's University (CANADA)
Elena Socarras	Juan Marinello Institute (CUBA)
Jim Sacouman	ACSED, Acadia University (CANADA)
Terry Gibbs	Centre for International Studies, Cape Breton University (CANADA)
Fernando Martinez	Juan Marinello Institute (CUBA)
Ileana Sorolla Fernández	Center for Studies of International Migrations, University of Havana (CUBA)
Garry Leech	Social Justice and International Studies, Cape Breton University (CANADA)
Marta Núñez Sarmiento	Center for Studies of International Migrations, University of Havana (CUBA)
Rodrigo Espina	Juan Marinello Institute (CUBA)
Jaime Whidden	ACSED, Acadia University (CANADA)
Consuelo Martín	Universidad de la Habana (CUBA)
Ana Vera	Juan Marinello Institute (CUBA)

P R O G R A M

Wednesday, 16 May

Arrival, Hotel Bruzón
(on Bruzón Street, between Boyeros Ave. and Pozo Dulce St.)

Thursday, 17 May

Workshop Meetings

- 10:00-10:05 **Welcoming and Opening of the Event**
Fernando Martínez Heredia and James Sacouman
- 10:05-11:15 **Stream: Conceptualizing the Study of Migrations Comparatively**
Chair: Marta Nunez Sarmiento
R. James Sacouman, "Accumulation by Dispossession and the Migrations of 'The Shit of the Earth'"
- 11:15-11:45 Coffee break
- 11:45-1:00 **Stream: Dispossession and the Global South**
Chair: Fernando Martinez Heredia
Garry Leech, "Accumulation by Genocide: The Dispossession of Peasants in the Global South"
- 1:00-2:30 Lunch
- 2:30-3:45 **Stream: Economic Migrants**
Chair: Marta Nunez
Terry Gibbs, "Redefining Refugees: The Economic Migrant under Globalization"
- 3:45-5:00 **Stream: Migration and Daily Life**
Chair: Alexandra Dobrowolsky
Consuelo Martin Fernandez, "Migration and Daily Life, Family and Society"
- 8:00 pm **Dinner at Restaurant "El Patio Colonial" in front of the Cathedral Square in Old Havana**

Friday, 18 May

Workshop Meetings

- 9:00-10:15 **Stream: Creating National Borders**
Chair: Jamie Whidden
Ruth Amir, "Blood Brothers? The Duality of Structure in Israeli Ethno-Nationalism"

- 10:15-10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45-12:00 **Stream: Crossing National Borders**
 Chair: Terry Gibbs
 Alexandra Dobrowolsky, “Neoliberalism, Economic Immigration and Women: Not the Usual Story and Not the Usual Suspects”
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-2:30 Open Book Presentation, Garry Leech, Capitalism: A Structural Genocide, Zed Press, 2012. Introduced by Elena Socarrás
- Excursion:**
- 2:30-6:00 **City Tour to the Historic Area of Old Havana**
Visit to the Museum of the Yoruba Cultural Association of Cuba
- 8:00 pm **Dinner and Show at the Jazz Café**

Saturday, 19 May

Workshop Meetings

- 9:00-10:15 **Stream: Social Movements in the Diaspora**
 Chair: Ruth Amir
 Jamie Whidden, “Social Movements and the Arab Spring: Horizontalism in Egypt”
- 10:15-10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45-12:00 **Stream: The Cuban Case: Survival and ‘the New Person’**
 Chair: Ileana Sorolla
 Marta Nunez Sarmiento, “Overcoming the Global Crisis, Gender Legacies and Migration”
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-2:45 **Workshop (All Participants): ‘Tragedies Do Not Need to End as Farces’**
 Facilitators: Jim Sacouman, Rodrigo Espina, and Ana Vera
Migrations, Migrants and the Transformation of Capitalism
- 2:45-5:00 **Roundtable (All Participants): Moving from Here to There: Directions for Comparative Research** (and Third International Workshop)
 Facilitator: Fernando Martínez Heredia
- 7:00 pm Farewell Banquet at Marta’s