

## **The Effects of Migration on Sending Countries**

February 24-25 2006  
Mexico City, Mexico

*The Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS) and Universidad Iberoamericana (UIA) will co-host an international conference on "The Effects of Migration on Sending Countries." The major objective of this conference is to examine a variety of channels through which migration affects the sending countries. Migrants change the dynamic of sending households, alter labor market supply and the skill composition of the labor force in the sending countries. While abroad, they provide family members left behind with a source of income in the form of remittances, a connection to a broader labor market, and a form of insurance against income shocks, and they often return with learned experience. A better understanding of the overall effects of migration on sending countries will help policy makers integrate the reality of migrant communities and their impact on society in general to improve policy design.*

### **Conference Program**

**Universidad Iberoamericana, Auditorio Angel Palerm**

**Friday February 24, 2006**

**8:30 – 9:00 Registration**

**9:00 – 9:05 Presentation**

Gabriel Martínez, General Secretary, CISS

**9:05 – 9:10 Introductory Remarks**

Rodolfo de la Torre, Editor , Well-Being and Social Policy

**9:10 – 9:50 Keynote Speech**

Dr. Jorge Bustamante, Eugene Conley Professor of Sociology, University of Notre Dame

**9:50 - 10:10 Coffee Break**

**10:10 – 12:45 Session I**

**Moderator** Alejandra Cox Edwards, CSULB

10:15 – 10: 45 Guillermina Jasso, Sociology Department, New York University

“Migration impacts on origin countries: what do we learn from the U.S. New Immigrant survey?” (with Douglas S. Massey, Princeton University; Mark R. Rosenzweig, Yale University; James P. Smith, RAND)

10:45 – 10:55 Discussant John Scott, CIDE

10:55 - 11:05 Questions from the audience and authors response

11:05 - 11:35 Susan Pozo, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University  
“Evidence on the Impact of Remittances on Macroeconomic Fluctuations” (co author Alketa Hysenbegasi)

11:35 – 11:45 Discussant Carla Perdezini, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico

11:45 - 11:55 Questions from the audience and authors response

11:55 – 12:25 Maurice Schiff, The World Bank  
“Brain Gain: Claims about its Size and Impact on Welfare and Growth Are Greatly Exaggerated”

12:25 – 12:35 Discussant Ernesto Sepúlveda, Banco de México

12:35 – 12:45 Questions from the audience and authors response

**12:45 - 2:15 Break**

**2:15 – 5:10 Session II**

**Moderator** Edward Funkhouser, CSULB

2:20 – 2:50 Philip Martin, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California Davis “The Effects of Migration on Sending Countries: A Comparison between Mexico and Turkey”

2:50 – 3:00 Discussant Patricia Lopez, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico

3:00 – 3:10 Questions from the audience and authors response

3:10 - 3:40 Catalina Amuedo Dorantes, Department of Economics San Diego State University "Remittance Decay and Income Risk" (with Susan Pozo)

3:40 – 3:50 Discussant Luis Felipe López-Calva, ITESM/PNUD

3:50 – 4:00 Questions from the audience and authors response

**4:00 - 4:15 Coffee Break**

4:15 – 4:45 Carlos Alberto Medina, Banco de la República de Colombia  
Lina Cardona Sosa, Banco de la República de Colombia  
“Migration as a Safety Net and Effects of Remittances on Household Consumption: The Case of Colombia”

4:45 – 4:55 Discussant Nelly Aguilera, CIESS

4:55 – 5:05 Questions from the audience and authors response

**5:10 Closing and Announcements for Saturday Session**

**5:30 Reception**

**Saturday February 25, 2006**

**9:00 – 10:40 Session III**

**Moderator** Eduardo Rodríguez-Oreggia, IIDSES, U. Iberoamericana

9:00 – 9:30 Richard Adams Jr., The World Bank  
"Remittances, Household Expenditure and Investment in Guatemala."

9:30 – 9:40 Discussant Alfredo Cuecuecha, ITAM

9:40 - 9:50 Questions from the audience and authors response

9:50 - 10:20 Edward Funkhouser, Economics Department, California State U. Long Beach “The Effect of Emigration on the Labor Market Outcomes of the Sender Household”

10:20 – 10:30 Discussant Samuel Freije, UDLAP

10:30 – 10:40 Questions from the audience and authors response

**10:40 - 10:55 Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:30 Session IV**

**Moderator** Catalina Amuedo Dorantes, San Diego State University

11:00 – 11:30 Alejandra C Edwards, Economics Department, California State University, Long Beach and Eduardo Rodriguez-Oreggia, IIDSES, Universidad

Iberoamericana “The Effect of Remittances on Labor Force Participation: An analysis based on Mexico’s 2002 ENE”

11: 30 – 11:40 Discussant Rodolfo de la Torre, IIDSES, Universidad Iberoamericana

11: 40- 11:50 Questions from the audience and authors response

11:50 – 12:20 Mariano Sana, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University  
"Is International Migration a Substitute for Social Security?"

12:20 - 12:30 Discussant Liliana Meza, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico

12:30 – 12:40 Questions from the audience and authors response

**12:40 Conclusions**