The focus of current migration debates in Germany and the U.S. has been on the impact of migration on receiving nations.

Our debate will place more emphasis on reasons why people are leaving their countries in Latin America and Africa. What triggers migration and what can the US and Germany do to fight reasons for flight, expulsion, and migration? Which historical ideas on migration, on Africa and Latin America shape German and American policies?

With: Associate Professor, Alexander Aviña (SHPRS); School Director and Professor, Nina Berman (SILC) and Instructor, Christiane Reves (SILC)

Moderated by: Assistant Professor, Volker Benkert (SHPRS)

Project Competition for Undergraduate Students

Students who attend the roundtable discussion are invited to participate in a project competition. Students should engage the topic of migration and produce a comparative work. A panel of faculty judges will vet the projects, and all five winning projects will be featured as part of each schools’ website. Participants can opt to:

- Write a 5 page essay
- Submit a collection of poetry or prose work
- Develop a 5 minute short film
- Create an interactive lesson plan to teach high school students in any of the topics

Eligibility: Undergraduate students from all majors, certificates and concentrations housed in SILC and SHPRS

Prizes: 1st place: iPad mini $399 | 2nd place: $100 Amazon gift card | 3rd place: $50 Amazon gift card | Two honorable mention slots

Deadline and Submission: Tuesday, December 4, 5pm. Please email your project to Volker Benkert, vbenkert@asu.edu or bring a copy to the COOR Hall 4562.

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