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The Washington Office on Latin America (<u>WOLA</u>), the Center for Justice and International Law (<u>CEJIL</u>), and Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of International Migration (<u>ISIM</u>) cordially invite you to:

Event: Responding to Venezuela's Migration Crisis Perspectives from Brazil, Colombia, and Peru

The ongoing political, humanitarian and socio-economic crises in Venezuela have caused more than three million people to flee to neighboring countries and beyond. The exodus of Venezuelan nationals is already the largest in the modern history of Latin America and the Caribbean and comprises a mixed flow of both refugees and migrants. With more than 5,000 daily arrivals in countries like Colombia, national capacities and host communities are becoming overstretched, increasing the risk of xenophobia if national and local capacities are not enhanced. In addition, a significant number of Venezuelans remain in an irregular situation, due to various factors including lack of documentation, administrative obstacles, long waiting periods, or high application fees, among others.

As the migration crisis intensifies, what policies must host governments put in place to afford Venezuelan refugees and migrants the assistance, rights, and protections they need? How can the international community and civil society support these responses? How can a coordinated regional response be developed to advance humane and sustainable solutions to the crisis? Please join us as we explore these and other questions in a discussion on the latest developments regarding Venezuela's migrant and refugee crisis.

Event Details

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Registration and Refreshments

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. EDT

Panel Discussions

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Copley Formal Lounge (Georgetown University) 3700 O St NW, Washington, DC 20007

Opening Remarks

Elizabeth Ferris

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Speakers

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