



**ENVIRONMENTALLY-INDUCED DISPLACEMENT AND RELIGION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN:
Engaging the Normative and Legal Landscape**

Co-sponsored by American University's Center for Latin American & Latino Studies (CLALS), the South American Network for Environmental Migrations (RESAMA), Paraíba State University's Research Centre on Environmentally Displaced Persons (NEPDA), and the University of Brasília's Institute of International Relations (IREL), with support from the Henry Luce Foundation

Brasília, Brazil, January 23-24, 2020

WORKSHOP AGENDA

Day 1: Thursday, January 23rd

8:30am-9:00am Arrival and Registration

Please note: A shuttle will transport workshop participants from the Hotel Cullinan to our meeting venue. Our workshop will be held at the Instituto de Relações Internacionais (sala multiuso) on the Darcy Ribeiro Campus of the Universidade de Brasília.

9:00am-10:30am Session 1: Welcomes, Introductions and Framing Discussion

Description: Brief background of how we got here, including



Moderator: Jayesh Rathod (American University)

Panelists:

Elizabeth Keyes (University of Baltimore)

Andrea Pacheco Pacifico (Paraíba State University)

Carolina Claro (University of Brasília)

3:45pm-4:30pm Transport to public event

4:30pm-6:30pm Public Forum: The Crisis of Environmental Refugees: Addressing Knowledge Gaps to Meet Governance Challenges

Event location: Auditório Joaquim Nabuco, Faculdade de Direito, Darcy Ribeiro Campus, Universidade de Brasília

6:30pm-7:00pm Transport to dinner

7:00pm-9:00pm Dinner

Please note: We have made reservations at the Restaurante Coco Bambu (lago sul unit): <https://cocobambu.com/>, and have arranged for transport from the meeting space to the restaurant.



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Luciana Gandini (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico)

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4:00am-





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