

Gendered Perspectives on Venezuelan Migration in the South American Context |

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According to the UN more than 4 million men and women have left Venezuela in the last 10 years, and most of the migrants have settled in neighboring South American countries. Venezuelans are fleeing from hunger, hyperinflation and sometimes also insecurity and violence. This flow is currently the most important exodus that South America has experienced in the last century.

This presentation will address some of the main social and demographic features of this exodus and will examine the gendered specific strategies and vulnerabilities that men and women go through during their journey. Issues around family separation, labor discrimination, and xenophobia will be discussed in a context of tightening migratory policies in several countries of South America.