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**SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM**

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the symposium is to facilitate cross-national discussion and collaboration between scholars based in the U.S. doing work on transnational migration and scholars doing similar work in Italy. Among the most challenging and complex issues facing the world today is how to regulate the movement of peoples from one country to another. An increasing number are leaving their countries of origin to find freedom from political persecution, safety from war, gainful employment, and the opportunity to live fulfilling lives in other nations. It is certainly the case that this has occurred throughout the political development of the U.S. It is increasingly the case in Italy as well.

There is, however, only a limited degree of cross-national, comparative sharing of research and active collaboration among scholars who focus on issues of immigration. One result of this tendency for scholars

to focus exclusively on one country is that they are limited in their ability to develop empirically tested inclusive theories as to how migration affects national development. Moreover, it often leads to scholars being constrained in their ability to share their research ideas with policy decision makers to apply best principles and practices to their own policy recommendations.

The primary goal of our symposium, therefore, is to use this unique bi-national meeting to learn from one another about each country's current experiences regarding immigration as a way to expand the range of policy options that can inform our research. We will have achieved this goal if after our meeting each of us is better aware of what can be learned from each other's countries that can better inform how transnational migration related policies can be better pursued in the future.

## Wednesday, October 21

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4:30–8:30 p.m.

**Welcome Reception and Dinner**

## Thursday, October 22

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9–9:30 a.m.

**Opening and Purpose of the Symposium**

Luis Ricardo Fraga, Co-Director, Institute for Latino Studies,  
University of Notre Dame

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Religion and Transnational Migration**

### Session One

“Doing Theology from Bodrum: In Memory of Aylan, Galip, and Rehan”  
Giacchino Campese, Pontifical Urbaniana University

“Passing Over: Migration and the Eucharist”  
Fr. Daniel Groody, University of Notre Dame

### Session Two

“Migrations 2.0: A Perspective from Lampedusa”  
Paolo Naso, Sapienza University of Rome

“Ecclesial Integration Among Immigrants to the United States”  
Timothy Matovina, Co-Director of the Institute for Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame

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**12:30–2 p.m.**

**Lunch**

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**2–3:15 p.m.**

**Transnational Migration Past and Present**

“Expanding Italy’s ‘Neo-Ghettos’: The Management of Migrants, Old and New”  
Isabella Clough Marinaro, John Cabot University

“Blighted Belongings: The Politics of Deportation and Urban Renewal in Latino Chicago, 1947–1961”

Mike Amezcua, University of Notre Dame

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**3:45–5 p.m.**

**Politics, Policy Making, and Transnational Migration**

“From ‘Illegality’ to Tolerance and Beyond: Irregular Immigration as a Selective and Dynamic Process”  
Maurizio Ambrosini, University of Milan

“Access, Integration, and Social Rights: State and National Policy Choices in U.S. Immigration Policy”

Luis Ricardo Fraga, University of Notre Dame  
and Ricardo Ramírez, University of Notre Dame

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**6:30–9:30 p.m.**

**Dinner**

## Friday, October 23

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**8:30–10 a.m.**

**Evolving Social Relations Through Transnational Migration**

“Reinventing Migrants’ Integration Model by Exploiting Diversity: A Study of 10 European Union Countries”

Laura Zanfrini, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and Fondazione ISMU

“Race, Immigration and Civil Rights: The Role of Interracial Coalitions in Shaping Immigration Policy in the Deep South”

Jennifer Jones, University of Notre Dame

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**10:15–11:30 a.m.**

**Societal Transformations Through Transnational Migration**

“West African Transnational Mobilities and the Transformation of Italian Local Immigration Policies since the 90’s”

Bruno Riccio, University of Bologna

“Anthropology at the Edge: Clandestine Crossings and Abject Lives in the Borderlands”

Alex E. Chávez, University of Notre Dame

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**11:30–12 noon**

**Closing**

Lessons Learned and Future Collaboration

Luis Ricardo Fraga, Co-Director, Institute for Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame

## PARTICIPANTS

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### Maurizio Ambrosini

Professor, Department of Social and Political Sciences  
University of Milan

Maurizio Ambrosini is professor of sociology of migrations at the University of Milan and Chargé d'enseignement at the University of Nice (France). He is the editor of the journal *Mondi migranti* and the director of the Summer School of Sociology of Migrations in Genoa. He is the author of more than 200 articles, chapters, and books in this field. Among them, *Irregular Migrations and Invisible Welfare* (Palgrave, 2013) and *Sociologia delle migrazioni (Il Mulino, 2011)*, adopted as textbook in many Italian universities.

### Mike Amezcua

Assistant Professor, Department of History, and Faculty  
Fellow, Institute for Latino Studies, University of  
Notre Dame

Mike Amezcua specializes in 20th-century Latina/o history, U.S. urban history, and the making of racial landscapes and built environments. A graduate of UCLA, he went on to earn his Ph.D. from Yale University. His research has been supported by fellowships and awards from a number of institutions, including the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Princeton University, and the National Museum of American History. In 2013–2014, he held the UC Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of California, San Diego. He is currently completing his first book, provisionally titled, *Borderlands Bungalows: Race, Urbanism, and the Brown Metropolis in Postwar Chicago*.

### Gioacchino Campese, C.S.

Professor Pastoral Theology, Scalabrini International  
Migration Institute (SIMI)  
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Gioacchino Campese is a member of the Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians) currently serving as professor of pastoral theology of human mobility at the Scalabrini International Migration Institute (SIMI), Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome. He has been ministering with migrants in Mexico, U.S.A. and Italy. Among his most recent publications are: "The Irruption of Migrants. Theology of Migration in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" in *Theological Studies*; "Mission and Migration" in Stephen B. Bevans (ed.), *A Century of Catholic Mission. Roman Catholic Missiology 1910 to the Present*; and "Theologies of Migration. Present and Future Perspectives," in Tobias Kessler (ed.), *Migration als Ort der Theologie*.

### Alex E. Chávez

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and Faculty Fellow, Institute for Latino Studies,  
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Alex E. Chavez's research interests explore the innermost workings of transnational migration, embodiment, place-making, and everyday life as manifest in political economies of vernacular expressive culture. His most immediate research project was a multi-sited ethnographic study of huapango arribeño music performance among transnational Mexican migrants in both the United States and Mexico. His first book, *¡Huapango!: Mexican Music, Bordered Lives, and the Sounds of Crossing*, has been accepted for publication by Duke University Press. He has published in the *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* and *Southern Culture*. He is also lead producer of a Smithsonian Folkways recording of huapango arribeño to be included in the world-renowned Tradiciones series and serves as lead co-contributing editor for the Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists' column in *Anthropology News*—the official news source of the American Anthropological Association.

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## Luis Ricardo Fraga

**Co-Director of the Institute for Latino Studies, Arthur Foundation Endowed Professor of Transformative Latino Leadership, Joseph and Elizabeth Robbie Professor of Political Science, and Fellow at the Institute for Educational Initiatives, University of Notre Dame**

Luis Ricardo Fraga is the author/co-author of five books and over three dozen academic articles and book chapters related to elections, Latino politics, voting rights, immigration policy, and educational politics. His most recent book is the co-authored *Latinos in the New Millennium: An Almanac of Opinion, Behavior, and Policy Consequences* (Cambridge University Press 2012). He is a co-principal investigator of the Latino National Survey (LNS 2006), the first-ever state stratified survey of Latinos in the United States. He has received 15 awards for teaching, mentoring, and advising over his 31-year career as a scholar and professor. He has also received two awards for his work in Catholic education. In 2011, he was appointed by President Obama to serve on the Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, where he co-chairs the Postsecondary Education Subcommittee. Also in that year, *Hispanic Business* magazine named him one of top “100 Influentials” in the country.

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## Fr. Daniel G. Groody, C.S.C.

**Associate Professor, Department of Theology, and Director of Immigration Initiatives University of Notre Dame**

Daniel G. Groody is a Catholic priest, a Holy Cross religious, a scholar, teacher, and an award-winning author and film producer. Drawing on years of work in Latin America, particularly along the U.S.-Mexico border, he has authored various books and articles including *Border of Death, Valley of Life: An Immigrant Journey of Heart and Spirit* (2002) and *Globalization, Spirituality, and Justice: Navigating the Path to Peace* (2007). He is also the co-editor of *A Promised Land, A Perilous Journey: Theological Perspectives on Migration* (2007) and editor of *The Option of the Poor Beyond Theology: An Interdisciplinary Reader* (2013). He is the executive producer of various films and documentaries, including *One Border, One Body: Immigration and the Eucharist, and Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey*, which have received international acclaim and aired on various television stations including PBS.

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## Jennifer Jones

**Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, and Faculty Fellow, Institute for Latino Studies University of Notre Dame**

Jennifer Jones completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Ohio State University in the Department of Sociology as a Social and Behavioral Sciences Diversity Fellow, and received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 2011. As a scholar, Jones seeks to examine the social construction of race by exploring three distinct sources of change in the contemporary racial landscape—immigration, the growing multiracial population, and shifting social relations between and within racial groups. Specializing in race and ethnicity, immigration, political sociology, and Latin America and the Caribbean, Jones' recent work can be found in such journals as *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, and *Latino Studies*. Jones is currently completing her first book manuscript, provisionally entitled: *Majority Minority: Race, Immigration and the Browning of the New South*, under contract with University of Chicago Press.

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## Isabella Clough Marinaro

**Assistant Professor of Italian Studies, and Chair, Department of Modern Languages and Literature John Cabot University**

Isabella Clough Marinaro teaches courses on migration, globalization and crime, and social science research methods, as well as a range of courses focusing on contemporary Italian politics and society at John Cabot University. Her Ph.D. dissertation (University of Bath 2006) examined the political and social conditions of Roma communities in Italy and the policy processes affecting them and she has published widely on these issues. Her current research interests include immigration to Italy, Romani political activism, urban development and its social consequences in Rome, changing forms of crime and the informal economy in Italy. She recently co-edited a book entitled *Global Rome: Changing Faces of the Eternal City* (Indiana University Press, 2014).

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## Timothy Matovina

**Co-Director, Institute for Latino Studies and Professor,  
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Timothy Matovina works in the area of theology and culture, with specialization in U.S. Catholic and U.S. Latino theology and religion. He has authored over 100 essays and reviews in scholarly and opinion journals. He has also written or edited 16 books, most recently *Latino Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church* (Princeton, 2012), which has won five book awards, including selection as a *CHOICE* "Outstanding Academic Title" for 2012. His current book project is tentatively titled *Engaging a New World: Theologies of Guadalupe in the Americas*.

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## Paolo Naso

**Professor of Political Science  
Sapienza University of Rome**

Paolo Naso teaches political science and coordinates the masters program in Religions and Cross-Cultural Mediation. His research and publications focus on religious pluralism and the social role of communities of faith in a post-secular society. He is involved in a program of humanitarian corridors from North African to Europe, jointly supported by the Italian government and Church-related agencies.

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## Ricardo Ramírez

**Associate Professor, Department of Political Science,  
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Ricardo Ramírez's broad research interests include political behavior, state and local politics, the politics of race and ethnicity, and immigrant politics. His research is geared to understanding the transformation of civic and political participation in American democracy by focusing on the effects of political context on participation, the political mobilization of and outreach to Latino immigrants and other minority groups, and the causes and consequences of increasing diversity among elected officials. He is author of *Mobilizing Opportunities: The Evolving Latino Electorate and the Future of American Politics* published by University of Virginia Press in 2013.

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## Bruno Riccio

**Associate Professor, Cultural Anthropology,  
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Bruno Riccio Bruno Riccio (Laurea Politics Bologna; MA DPhil Social Anthropology Sussex) is the director of the research center MODI (Mobility Diversity social Inclusion) at the Department of Education of the University of Bologna. He teaches Cultural Anthropology and Anthropology of Migration within the School of Psychology and Education of the same University. His research interests include West African transnational migration, co-development, citizenship, mobility, diversity, Italian multiculturalism and racism. He has published numerous articles in journals including the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, and *Urban Anthropology*. He is the editor of academic volumes and journal issues and among his recent publications are *Transnational Migration and Dis-located Borders* (2010), *Disasters, Development and Humanitarian Aid* (2011), and *Antropologia e migrazioni* (2014).

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Laura Zanfrini is full professor at the Catholic University of Milan, where she teaches Sociology of Migrations and Interethnic Relations and is the scientific director of the Human Mobility and Global Justice summer school. As one of the main Italian experts of migratory processes, she is member of various research networks and consultant of many organisations, included the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants. She is the head of the Economic and Labour Division of the ISMU Foundation and the author of many books, essays, and articles.





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