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Mexico-U.S. Migration: Past, Present, and Future Trends —and, Are There Other Mexicos in Our Future?

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Time: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Washington Marriott
1221 22nd Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

Summary: Between 1970 and 2011, the total foreign-born population in the U.S. (authorized and not) about quadrupled (rising from about 9.7 million to about 40.4 million). As a percentage of the total population it more than doubled (from about 4.7 percent to about 13.0 percent). In 2011, more migrants were from Mexico (11.7 million) than any other country, providing 30 percent of the foreign-born population and far surpassing the next two countries, India and China (each with only 5 percent of the foreign-born total). The total number of Mexican migrants increased more than fifteen-fold from 1970 to 2011.

Why did so many Mexicans come to this country? And why, since about 2005, has net migration from Mexico apparently fallen to about zero (with as many Mexicans returning to their place of birth as are entering the country)? Is this change likely to be permanent? Finally, regardless of whether there might be an indefinite pause in Mexican migration, are there other Mexicos—in Latin America or elsewhere—in our future? And what are the implications for policy?

Speakers:

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