

In the 21st century, migration patterns in the Americas have changed dramatically. Historically, the decision to migrate tended to rest heavily on economic factors, and the United States typically registered the largest number of migrants from countries like Mexico. Over the past 20 years, these patterns have changed. Dr. Mary Malone explores these changes with a focus on the ways in which crime and violence, particularly at the hands of organized criminal groups, have shaped the politics, economies, and societies of many Latin American countries.