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The World of Mexican and Central American Migration: Dependency, Labor, and Politics

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This call focuses on the world of Mexican and Central American migrants who represent the majority of immigrants in the United States in the last fifty years. Both regions have undergone profound transformations in their economies, institutions, politics, and ideologies by moving from the development model of import substitution industrialization to the neoliberal model of accumulation based on privatization, deregulation, and free trade. This transition forged new relations of dependency, understood as a social relation that reproduces the subordination of Latin America economies to that of the United States, through diverse mechanisms of value transfer from the periphery to the center of the capitalist world system. One such mechanism became the export of cheap labor and the reception of remittances. The Mesoamerican region is also affected by processes of displacement due to violence, ecological crisis, and the deep crisis of neoliberal capitalism.

In these scenarios, neoclassical thought, with its methodological individualism, its disciplinary rigidity, and its incapacity to analyze internal and external determinants within a totality of unequal social relations, does not have the theoretical and methodological tools to explain these processes. Instead, and in the face of the complexity of these processes, analyses of the particularities of this stage of capitalist development in Latin America become relevant. We therefore propose to incorporate Marxist dependency theory as a recuperated and valid conceptual framework for the study of topics such as international migrations from the region to the United States. We seek theoretical articles that invite dialogue between the Marxist critique of political economy and critical theoretical frameworks like decoloniality, the autonomy of migration, and others.

We welcome all relevant submissions but are especially interested in articles that analyze:

- the reasons for migratory displacement and mobility and which distinguish the role of dependency relations between the United States and Mexico and Central America
- the role of remittances in the reproduction of dependency relations
- the conditions of insertion of Mexican and Central American immigrants into North American labor markets

- the emergence and conditions of anti-migrant policies, and processes of racialization, racism, and domination in countries of transit and the United States
- the characteristics of the U.S. development model and the formation of immigrant labor markets
- the conditions of labor and social reproduction for migrants
- the level of agency in the individual or family decision to migrate
- the role of migrant advocacy in immigration policies in countries of transit and in the United States
- the externalization of US borders and the role of the governments of Mexico and Central America in migrant containment and repression
- changing migration strategies, such as the organization of caravans and requesting asylum
- the changing composition of US-bound migrant populations, including the growing presence of Central American children and families, as well as of migrants from the Caribbean and South America, among other places of origin
- whether, in the face of the current crisis, we are witnessing a change in the prevailing migration pattern
- the diversity of migrant populations, considering, for example, the mobility of women, LGBTQ populations, indigenous people, Afrodescendent people, children, and others

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