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Building on a two-day workshop in Brasília, panelists will consider knowledge gaps, ways forward, and models of academic and policy collaboration to address the problem of environmental migration in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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EVENT DESCRIPTION

Recent years have seen a steady rise in human mobility as a consequence of environmental factors, ranging from extreme weather events to longer-term challenges made worse by climate change. At the same time renewed international and regional multilateralism has worked to address implications of a global crisis of migration.

In 2018 this resulted in two new landmark cooperative frameworks, the UN Global Compacts on refugees and for migration respectively. The latter acknowledges that adverse effects of natural disasters, climate change and environmental degradation are drivers of migration. And both compacts commit to the need to address existing knowledge gaps in our understanding of the relationship between our rapidly changing environment and human mobility.

Building on a two-day workshop in Brasília exploring relationships between “religion and environmentally-induced displacement in Latin America and the Caribbean,” and with attention to possible contributions from social science disciplines, round table participants will identify critical knowledge gaps, discuss promising ongoing and future scholarship to address these, and productive avenues of collaboration for academic and policy communities working to address looming challenges of environmental migration.

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