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**6th Regional Conference on Social Work and Migration in
Mexico, the United States, and Central America**

***Human Mobility in Times of Uncertainty: Responses from Social Work in
Central America, Mexico, and the United States***

Inaugural Webinar Information

January 27, 2022, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM CST

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Simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation provided by the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Inaugural Webinar Agenda

Welcome Session

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM CST

- 10:05am** Dra. María Vidal, Professor, School of Social Work, Loyola University Chicago, Director of the Center for Immigrant and Refugee Accompaniment
Chair of Conference Planning Committee
- 10:10am** Dr. Goutham M. Menon, Dean, School of Social Work, Loyola University Chicago
- 10:15am** Mtra. Carmen Casas Ratia, Director of the National School of Social Work of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and President of The National Network of Educational Institutions in Social Work (RENIESTS)
- 10:20am** Dra. Graciela Martínez Zalce, Directora del Centro de Investigaciones sobre América del Norte de la UNAM, México
- 10:25am** Ada Ruth Gonzalez, Director of International Relations, Universidad Luterana Salvadoreña, Executive Director of the INCA Network of Central America (Red INCA Centroamérica)

Keynote Presentation

10:30 AM-11:30 AM CST

The Integration experiences of Migrants and Refugees in Latin America

Alejandro Olayo-Méndez, S.J., PhD,

Assistant Professor, Boston College School of Social Work

Moderator: Luis Torres-Hostos, Founding Dean, School of Social Work, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley





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Break

11:30 -11:45 AM CST

**Social Work Deans and Directors
Part I: Presentations by Region**

11:45-1:15 PM CST

Introduction to Session. 11:45-11:50

- Dr. Luis Hostos-Torres, Founding Dean, School of Social Work, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 - Moderator: Dr. Alejandro Olayo-Méndez, S.J., Assistant Professor, School of Social Work. Boston College

Central America 11:50Am – 12:20 PM CST

- Prof. Gabriela Villalobos Torres, Director, Cátedra de Trabajo Social, Universidad Estatal a Distancia de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica
- Prof. Msc. Hilda Melany Erazo García, Coordinador of the Bachelors of Social Work Program Universidad Luterana Salvadoreña, San Salvador, El Salvador
- Dra. Mirna Aracely Bojórquez de Grajeda, Director, School of Social Work, Universidad San Carlos, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala
- Prof. Ulda Rosibel Borjas García, Director, Department of Social Work, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- Prof. Ruth Espinoza, Jefa, Departamento de Trabajo Social, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua, León, Nicaragua

México: 12:20-12:55 PM CST

- Mtra. Carmen Casas Ratiá, Director of the National School of Social Work of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and President of The National Network of Educational Institutions in Social Work (RENIESTS)
- Dra. Maria Elena Ramos Tovar, Coordinator of the Doctoral Program and International Affairs, Faculty of Social Work and Human Development, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León
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- Dra. Ana Gabriela Jacobo Flores, Director of the School of Social Work, Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa, Campus Culiacán.
- Mtro. Fermín Cáceres, Instituto Universitario de México, Chiapas
- Dr. Jesús Acevedo Alemán, Director of the School of Social Work, Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila



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United States: 12:55pm -1:15

- Dr. Megan Finno-Velazquez, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, New Mexico State University (NMSU); Director, NMSU Center for Child Immigration and Child Welfare; Director of Immigration Policy, Children, Youth and Families Department, State of New Mexico
- Dr. Goutham Menon, Dean, School of Social Work, Loyola University Chicago
- Dr. Eva Moya, Chair, Department of Social Work, The University of Texas El Paso

Social Work Deans and Directors Part II: Roundtable Discussion

1:15--1:50 PM CST

Close of Inaugural Webinar & Announcements

1:50-2:00 PM CST

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