



# Between Island and Isthmus: Movements Across Caribbean and Pacific Worlds

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## The Brackish Waters of Migration: Global Currents, Local Convergences

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The United States has often presented itself as a beacon of light for people of other countries who wanted to leave their homelands and start a new life in the land of milk and honey. However, the realities diverge starkly from these perceptions. For those who experience the need to leave, the factors pushing them away are often influenced by external forces. For those who embark on their journey experience an arduous journey culminating with a deep experience of “othering” in the societies they arrive in either in the form of social ostracization or incarceration. Increasingly, these vectors have come to bear in California. This panel seeks to bring into conversation the experiences of migrants from Asia and the Caribbean to draw into relief the shared realities that come to define these immigrants’ realities.



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