

UCSD conference to focus on migration, ethnicity

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A wide-ranging conference focusing on migration of various ethnic groups to the United States will be held May 24-25 at the University of California, San Diego.

"Rethinking 'Americanization': Transnational Migration, Ethnicity and Citizenship in the Twenty-First Century" is free and open to the public. The conference, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, the UCSD Southwest History Project, the Division of the Humanities, the Division of Social Sciences, and the California Institute of Technology, will be held at the Price Center Theater on campus.

Participants will be welcomed with a 1 p.m. conference introduction by UCSD professors Ramon A. Gutierrez, chair of the Ethnic Studies Department, and David Gutierrez, an immigration specialist in the History Department.

The conference will consist of four panel discussions on issues ranging from Asian ethnicity and citizenship to Latinos and immigration reform. Participants include faculty members from the University of California and other academic institutions, with expertise on ethnicity and citizenship issues.

In addition, Robert Bach of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) will provide his perspective on the current immigration debate.

Each panel discussion will be followed by comments and participation from the audience.

For a copy of the agenda or more information on the conference, please call the UCSD Ethnic Studies Department, (619) 534-3276.

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