This event seeks to contextualize the migration flow of thousands of Haitians from Chile who recently made the perilous journey to the US borderland seeking asylum. As the home of more than 180,000 Haitians, Chile became a main receiving country of Haitian migrants who left the Caribbean island after the devastating earthquake of 2010 and subsequent economic and humanitarian crises. By looking at Chile’s increasingly restrictive migration policies and racist views towards Haitians, the guest speakers will help us understand the challenges that Haitian immigrants confront and the reason why they are now leaving this South American country. This event will feature presentations in English and Spanish.

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