



## **Responding to the Central American Crisis**

**Featuring: Laura Macdonald**

Tuesday, April 30, 2019      Palais Imperial Restaurant,  
12:00 p.m. Lunch and Presentation      311- 313 Dalhousie St., Ottawa  
12:45 p.m. Presentation Only



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### **Summary:**

Donald Trump's repeated calls to "build a wall" and his threat to cut off development assistance to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador overlook the complex causes of Central American migration to the United States and the ways in which the U.S. is implicated in migrants' decision to leave their homes. In this talk, Laura Macdonald examines the causes of migration and the recent caravans, and the role of the Mexican government. She calls for a regional response, including from Canada, to the overlapping environmental, economic, and security crises faced by the region.

### **Bio:**

Laura Macdonald is a Professor in the Department of Political Science and the Institute of Political Economy at Carleton University. She has published numerous articles in journals and edited collections on such issues as the role of non-governmental organizations in development, global civil society, social policies and citizenship struggles in Latin America, Canadian development assistance, Canada-Latin American relations and the political impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Her recent work looks at transnational activism in North America around labour rights, migration, and human rights in Mexico, and policies to reduce crime and violence in Mexico City.

**\$30 for luncheon and presentation (12:00 p.m.)**

**\$5 for presentation only (arrive 12:45 p.m. coffee and tea will be available)**

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