



# EXODUS FROM THE LAND OF OIL:

## Early Roots and Explosive Growth of Venezuela's Diaspora



with

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Oil has been central to Venezuela's development and national identity. It underwrote social mobility aspirations and lubricated the pathways of its current diaspora. Based on her research on Venezuelan migration to the U.S., Dr. Gouveia discusses how the first waves came to salvage dreams of progress and modernity fueled largely by unsustainable oil rents. Increasingly, they leave to save their livelihood and their very lives. Dr. Gouveia addresses some of these recent developments in the second part of her Charla.

*This Charla is free and open to the public.  
Light refreshments will be served.*



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