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The Venezuelan Humanitarian Crisis: Migration, Trauma and Resilience

While the world is in an 'Age of Migration' sudden migration can disrupt societies of both origin and destination. Just a few decades ago Venezuela had high standards of living and economic prosperity, but now Venezuelans represent the largest and fastest migration and refugee flows in the world. Latin American countries are taking in these migrants and while governments are designing specific national and regional policies to handle this migration the societies are displaying a mix of attitudes – from open arms to intolerance.

Using policy analysis, mass-media analysis and interviews, this project aims to study Venezuelan migration as a humanitarian crisis in three countries that have seen increasing inflows: Argentina, Portugal, and the United States. Findings will offer insights for public policy to more adequately address the problems encountered by Venezuelans abroad.

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