

Call for papers for the next issue of *Ìrìnkèrindò: a Journal of African Migration*

"Rendered Invisible: African and Black Migrants and Asylum Seekers at the U.S. Mexican Border."

The humanitarian crisis at the U.S. Mexican border among African and Black migrants and asylum seekers challenges notions of the nation state as the only mediator of immigration policy. This raises fundamental questions about the ways that African and Black migrants seem to be deliberately invisible and excluded in the debates about migration, even though there has been a very long history of these migrants seeking to cross the U.S. Mexican border, only to face racism from both Mexican and U.S. officials and society. This is coupled with the further militarization of the U.S. Mexican border and the criminalization of blackness and the right to freedom of movement.

The purpose of this call for papers is to create awareness and to stimulate conversation about the geopolitics of African and Black migration at the U.S. Mexican border; to give voice to African and Black migrants and asylum seekers to share their personal stories; and to influence the global narrative and conversation about the ways in which African and Black migration and asylum is conceptualized and discussed in the larger global migration movement. We encourage submissions that use an interdisciplinary approach to this emerging and important topic. Creative artistic (poetry and images) submissions are also welcomed.

Possible topics to explore include:

- 1) African domestic politics and migration patterns.
- 2) Gender-specific and LGBTQ implications and vulnerabilities of migration.
- 3) African migration and U.S. foreign policy: An African immigrant perspective.
- 4) U.S. Multilateral protocols with Latin American countries.
- 5) The criminalization, detention and mass incarceration of African and Black migrants and asylum seekers.

- 6) What is the role of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) in African and Black migration and asylum policy?
- 7) Historical relationships between Black American refugees and African and Black migrants and asylum seekers.
- 8) Notes on designing culturally appropriate legal services for African and Black migrants and asylum seekers.
- 9) African and Black migrant organizational street politics: Envisioning a new model of ethical Pan Africanism.

Submission information

Submit your papers using the following form: <https://africamigration.com/paper-submissions>

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