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This year marks the bicentennial of the Latin American and Caribbean struggles against the U.S. Monroe Doctrine. This oppressive policy has been the root cause of countless horrors that people in Latin America and the Caribbean have faced over the years, including military invasions, the establishment of military dictatorships, human rights violations, economic blackmail and coups against democratic governments - forcing many to flee north in pursuit of safety and opportunity.

For this reason, CISPES is proud to be participating in "In Search of a New U.S. Policy for a New Latin America: Burying 200 years of the Monroe Doctrine," an exciting conference happening on **Saturday, April 29** at American University in Washington DC.

The entire forum (10 am - 5 pm ET) will also be available online! [Click here to learn more and to register](#) (and if you're planning on coming in from out of town, please reply to this email to let us know!)

The forum will provide a platform to examine the present political situation in the region and to formulate, alongside dozens of grassroots organizations, a **more equitable U.S. policy for the 21st century.**

Keynote speaker, Juan González, investigative journalist and co-host of Democracy Now!, will be joined by grassroots organizers, economists, scholars, filmmakers and other leaders from across the country and Latin America for an exciting day of panels ([Check out the full schedule here](#)). CISPES is excited to be presenting on the "Unearthing and Addressing the Causes of Migration" panel at 4:00 pm ET (1:00 pm PT) on Saturday afternoon.

[Learn more and register to attend here!](#) (To join from afar, visit www.americaspolicyforum.org, look for Register Now, choose Saturday's Forum and choose the ONLINE option)
Hope to see you - in person or online!

-Yesenia Portillo, Program Director

P.S. If you're coming in from out of town, we'd love to know. Just reply to this email so we can stay in touch.

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