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A series of spatial conflicts and civil unrest in Latin America in past decades have caused severe migration of population inside and outside of the continent. From the slow drain of people from Cuba and Nicaragua, through the constant violent displacement of local and indigenous people in Colombia, to more recent exodus of people from Venezuela, migration has shaped not only local cultures and economies, but production of space as well. Although similar global tendencies have produced noticeable scholarship (Beeckmans, et al., 2022; Staničić et al., 2021), the case of South America so far failed to attract global attention.

With this special issue, we wish to explore how hidden, covert spatial infrastructures supported (and continue to support) migration routes in Latin America. Specifically, we wish to tackle the following questions:

- How we can use architectural research methods to define and explore hidden infrastructures of migration in Latin America?
- What are the main migration corridors, and how can we map them?
- How is migration impacting socio-cultural institutions of the host country? How is this changing the (local) policies as well?
- What are the global impacts of migration in Latin America? Is there an exchange of knowledge and resources with other parts of the world that is influencing local production of space?
- The (new) ecology/habitat of the migration-what are the ancillary systems that support migration processes (such as health care, food production, social networks, geographical/environmental characteristics of the territory, etc.)?
- What new technologies (communication, transportation and building technologies, among others) are being used in support of migration processes?
- How can we use architectural tools of representation to discuss/critique/expose hidden infrastructures of migration?

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