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POLICY BRIEFING

## **America's Next Top Model? Interrogating the Canadian Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program as Best Practice in Managing Migration**

### When:

Friday, June 27, 2008  
8 AM, Continental Breakfast  
8:30 to 10:00 Program

### Agenda and Presenters

**Kerry Preibisch**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,  
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Championed by many observers as a "best practice" policy with high rates of return and tangible benefits, the Canadian Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAWP) has been considered as a potential model for U.S. guest worker programs. Closer examination of this model reveals arrangements that are far from exemplar. Professor Preibisch draws upon her extensive fieldwork to describe the evolution of the program, its challenges, and policy recommendations.

### Where:

Georgetown University Law Center  
McDonough Hall, Room 164  
600 New Jersey Ave., N.W.  
Washington, DC, 20001

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Kerry Preibisch is a rural sociologist with research interests in immigrant communities in rural Canada, labour migration and global agro-food systems, and gender and migration. Her current projects look at the new social relations of agriculture engendered by the increasing use of migrant labour; the challenge of diverse workplaces and homogenous towns in rural Ontario; and workplace health and safety among British Columbia's immigrant farm workers.

PAPER:

"Social Relations Practices between Seasonal Agricultural Workers, their Employers, and the Residents of Rural Ontario"

[http://www.nsi-ins.ca/english/pdf/exec\\_sum\\_preibisch.pdf](http://www.nsi-ins.ca/english/pdf/exec_sum_preibisch.pdf)

"Patterns of Social Exclusion and Inclusion of Migrant Workers in Rural Canada"

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