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Florida at a Crossroads: Immigrant Integration or Criminalization?

The immigration debate is heating up again nationally as the 2012 Presidential election approaches. The Obama administration has renewed its push for national immigration reform legislation and Congress has reintroduced the DREAM Act—which would legalize immigrant youth enrolled in college or serving in the military.

Federal authorities continue to deport record numbers of people and increase resources for border enforcement while state and local police departments are increasingly involved in immigration enforcement.

At the same time, state legislatures across the country have proposed and in some cases passed legislation that would further restrict immigrants' rights and access to services. Restrictive legislation modeled on Arizona's SB 1070 failed in Florida but passed in Alabama, Georgia, and Utah and is under consideration in several other states.

Join the Discussion About:

- What are the prospects for DREAM and other immigration issues before the 2012 election?
- How are restrictive bills faring in state legislatures and the courts?
- What are the implications of state and local police involvement in immigration enforcement?
- What are immigrant and allied communities doing to prepare and respond?
- What options are open to Florida for immigration reform and immigrant integration?
- What steps can advocates, researchers and service providers take to influence the debate?

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8:00am Registration, 9:30am Program Begins

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