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INDIGENOUS VOICES AND U.S. POLICY IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Friday, Jan. 28, 1-2pm (AZ Time)

With **Jacob Omar Jerónimo**

Join via Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/84776888432>

This talk will be presented in Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation to English.

The Biden administration proposes a strategy of economic aid and investment to "address the root causes" of Central American migration. How can Indigenous peoples in the region have a greater voice in shaping U.S. policy to ensure their collective rights, especially concerning questions of land, territories, and integral rural development?



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