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PSc 431 (3 cr)
Politics of Global Migration
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Course Description

The elective and forced migration of peoples within countries and across national boundaries will constitute one of the fundamental challenges of transnational relations and domestic politics in the 21st Century. In preparation for these challenges, this course explores recent and contemporary population movements from a multidisciplinary perspective. Geographical coverage will include Asia, North and Central America, Africa, and Europe. Attention will be devoted to policy issues surrounding economic and political migration; i.e., the relationship between state policy as a factor promoting or inhibiting migration, immigration, emigration, adaptation, and transmigration as well as the impact of population movements on public-policy making, health and development, and values in receiving and sending countries.

Course Objectives

Students should develop awareness of global migration patterns, pressures, processes, and implications; understanding of how population movements are related to the emergence of a world mobility system that involves intensified competition for skills and an expanding flow of people across national boundaries in ways that challenge the geopolitical framework of nation states; familiarity with the arguments and issues behind current debates and conflicts over migration policies and policies that impact migration; and individual and group analytical and problem-solving skills.

Course Conduct

Class sessions will be conducted in seminar format, with emphasis on student presentations, questions, and involvement based upon the assigned reading about the topic under discussion.

Course Requirements and Assessment

Mid-term examination or 3-page film review: 20%
Team Debates (2): 20%
Partner project 1: 20% (includes 5-page written report)
Partner project 2: 20% (includes 5-page written report)
Class participation: 20%

Required Reading

Course Pac available at UC Bookstore

Course Outline and Reading Assignments

28 Jan **I. Introduction**

30 Jan-1 Feb **II. International Population Movements: An Overview**

- *N. Wade, "Genes Tell New Story on the Spread of Man" (1999);
"New Weight for View Africa Was Human Cradle" (2000)
- *Angier, "Man vs. Woman: In History's Travel Olympics, There's No Contest"
- *United Nations, *International Migration and Development: The Concise Report*, pp. 41-44
- *B. Crossette, "Against a Trend, U.S. Population Will Bloom" (2001)
- *P. Koehn, "Introduction to Contemporary Cross-National Population Movements" pp.1-9, 15-19
- *T. Homer-Dixon, "Patna" [Free-floating terrorist Networks] (2000)

4-8 Feb **III. Migration Theory**

- *D. Massey, *et al.*, "Theories of International Migration: A Review and Appraisal," pp. 181-213.
- *P. Koehn, "Framework for Analysis," pp. 38, 45-48.
- *M. Weiner, "On International Migration and International Relations"
- *N. Schiller, *et al.*, "Transnationalism: A New Analytic Framework for Understanding Migration" (1999)

IV. Economic Migration

11-20 Feb. A. *Rural-urban issues* (Lucia video – 90 min.)

- *N. Shrestha, "Institutional Policies and Migration Behavior"
- *E. Rosenthal, "Rural Flouting of One-child Policy" (2000)
- *V. Chiu, "Where Dreams Live and Die" (1998)
- *L. Wong, "China's Urban Migrants – The Public Policy Challenge" (1994)
- *"Migrant Labor: At the Folcrum of Social Change" (1997)
- *D. Solinger, "China's Floating Population" (1999), pp. 220-221, 232-239
- *"Relaxed," "Cleanup," "Hunt;" E. Rosenthal, "100 Million Restless Chinese" (1999)
- *E. Rosenthal, "Harsh Chinese Reality Feeds a Black Market in Women" (2001)

- 22 Feb B. *Environmental “refugees”*
- *A. Suhrke, “Environmental Degradation and Population Flows” (’94)
 - *Wu Ming, “Disaster in the Making?” (1998)
 - *E. Eckholm, “China Shifts on How to Resettle Million People for Giant Dam” (1999)
- 25 Feb C. South-North movement (*Desouneen* video)
- *D. Gonzalez, “Town Struggles to Keep from Being Washed Away” (1999); D. Sharp, “Haitian Refugees ... Drown” (1999); M. Dobbs, “Push to Free Markets Has Local Costs” (2000); and T. Gregoire, “The Revival of Civil Society” (2000)
- 27 Feb D. *Professional/skill migration*
- *T. Oommen, “India: ‘Brain Drain’ or the Migration of Talent?”
 - *A. Myerson, “With Techies Logged on Abroad” (1998)
 - *L. Alvarez, “Congress Backs Big Increase in Visas for Skilled Workers” (2000)
 - *J. Meyer, “The Brain Drain” (2001)
- 4 March E. *Transnational networks and circular migration*
- *A. Findlay, “Skilled Transients: The Invisible Phenomenon?”
 - *C. von Reichert and J. Sylvester, “Motives for Migration: A Study of Montana Newcomers” (1998)
 - *J. Stromnes, “High Price for Growth” (1998)
 - *E. Wickberg, “The Chinese as Overseas Migrants” (1994)
 - *A. Takanaka, “Transnational Community and Its Ethnic Consequences: Return Migration and the Transformation of Ethnicity of Japanese Peruvians” (2000)
- 6 March F. *Globalization and Global cities*
- *S. Sassen, *The Global City* (1991), pp. 22-34.
 - *R. Skeldon, “Of Migration, Great Cities, and Markets”
 - *B. Raynor, “Serfs of the Service Economy” (1999)
 - *S. Sassen-Koob, “Notes on the Incorporation of Third-World Women into Wage Labor Through Immigration and Off-Shore Production” pp. 143-161
 - ****Bread & Roses* (film)**

8-13 March G. *Gender and family issues*

- *U.N., *Concise Report*, pp. 45-49.
- *M. Specter, "Traffickers in Women Find a Rich Source in Slavic Lands" (1998) and P. McMichael, "Trafficking in Women" (2000)
- **Sisters and Daughters Betrayed* (video, VT09831)
- *M. McConahay, "The Baby Trade" (1990)
- *S. Sengupta, "Sending Babies to China" (1999)
- *P. Hondagneu-Sotelo & E. Avila, "I'm Here, but I'm There: Meanings of Latina Transnational Motherhood" (1997)
- *C. MacKinnon, "Can Fatherhood Be Optional?" (2001)
- *J. Varoli, "American Lion Seeks Russian Lioness" (2000)

H. *Porous boundaries; undocumented migrants; state policy & attempts to control inflow*

- 15-29 March
- *M. Boyd, "Family and Personal Networks in International Migration"
 - *U.N., *Concise Report*, pp. 33-37.
 - *M. Miller, "Illegal Migration," pp. 537-540.
 - *D. Gonzalez, "Scorched Forest Fuels Tension on Guatemala-Belize Border" (2001)
 - *S. Daley, "New South Africa Shuts the Door on its Neighbors" ('98)
 - *E. Rosenthal, "New U.N. Issue: North Koreans Seeking Haven" ('01)
 - *M. Landler, "Study Depicts Mainlanders in Hong Kong as Nightmare" (1999)
 - *H. French, "Still Wary of Outsiders" [Japan] (2000)
 - *C. Gall, "China's Migrants Find Europe's Open Back Door: The Balkans" (2000)
 - *E. Rosenthal, "Chinese Town's Main Export: Its Young Men" (2000)
 - *M. Ogito, "Change in Laws Sets Off Big Wave of Deportations" (1998)
 - *S. Greenhouse, "Labor, in Switch, Urges Amnesty for All Illegal Immigrants" (2000)
 - *US Looks to Tighten Borders with Mexico, Canada" (2001) and "Vast US_Canada Border Suddenly Poses a Problem" (2001)
 - *W. Branigin, "For Sale: U.S. Green Card to Investors of \$500,000" (1997); E. Schmitt, "U.S. Says Rich Foreigners Rig Immigration Program" (1998)

27 March **Mid-term examination**

V. Political Migration

- 1 April A. *Root causes*
- *A. Suhrke, "Uncertain Globalization: Refugee Movements in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century," pp. 217-234
 *K. Maynard, "Identity Conflicts" (1999)
- 3-5 April B. *Official refugees, asylum seekers, nonreturnees, and classic diasporas*
- *G. Loescher, *Beyond Charity*, pp. 75-92.
 *Amnesty International, *Refugees*, pp. 26-27, 51, 53, 111-116 ('97)
 *J. Kifner, "How Serb Forces Purged One Million Albanians" (1999);
 DePalma, "Kosovo Family's Journey from Torment to Torment" ('99);
 Gall, "Gypsies and Others Said to Draw Kosovar Fury" ('99)
 *Kerri Faughnan, "Kelele Refugee Camp" (1995)
 *R. Cohen, "Diasporas, the Nation-State, and Globalisation" (1997)
- 8 April C. Internal displacement and colonization by population resettlement
- *Cohen and Deng, *Masses in Flight* (1998), Chapter 2, pp. 15-72
 *K. Maynard, "Communities in Conflict" (1999)
 *Weiss and Pasic, "Dealing with the Displacement and Suffering Caused by Yugoslavia's Wars" (1998)
 *Wilkinson, "Western Hemisphere's Worst Humanitarian Crisis" ('00)
 *E. Eckholm, "Remaking a Vast Frontier in China's Image" (1999)
- 10-12 April D. "*Durable solutions*"
1. *Local integration; third-country resettlement*
 *R. Zetter, "Incorporation and Exclusion: The Life Cycle of Malawi's Refugee-Assistance Program"
 *E. Hall, "Vocational Training for Women Refugees in Africa"
 *B. Whitaker, "Changing Opportunities: Refugees and Host Communities in Western Tanzania" (1999)
 *P. Ngai and P. Koehn, "Organizational Communication in Refugee-camp Situations" (2002)
2. *Repatriation*
 *J. Rogge, "Repatriation of Refugees" (1994)
 *P. Koehn, "Repatriation of African Exiles: The Decision to Return," pp. 347-351.
 *C. Phuong, "Freely to Return: Reversing Ethnic Cleansing in Bosnia-Herzegovina" (2000)
 *"Welcome Back to the Living Hell" (2001)

*N. Kanhema, "Eritrea: at Last...." (2001)

15-17 April E. *State policy and attempts to control inflow*

- *G. Loescher, "Asylum Crises in the Industrialized World," in **BC**, pp. 93-128.
- *A. Bloch, *et al.*, "Editorial Introduction" [Eur. Asylum Policy] (2000)
- *L. Getter, "Asylum in the 'Land of the Free'" (2001)
- *P. Koehn, "Applications of U.S. Admission Policy," pp. 205-237.
- *J. Brinkley, "New Protection for Refugees from Right-wing Oppression" (1999)
- *R. Smothers, "Secret Evidence Standing in Way of New Life for Some Immigrants" (1998); "Use of Secret Evidence is Ruled Illegal by U.S. Judge" (1999); "Congress Reviewing Use of Evidence Kept Secret" (2000)
- *A. Chardy, "'Special Circumstances' Can Keep INS Detainees in Custody" (2001)
- *G. Lahav, "Rise of Nonstate Actors in Migration Regulation in the United States and Europe" (2000)
- *J. Forero, "Prosperous Columbians Flee, Many to US, to Escape War" (2001)
- *"America's Refugee Admissions Decline" (1997)

VI. Migrant Rights, Treatment, Responses

19-24 April A. *Rights & treatment in receiving countries/cities*

- *H. French, "'Japanese Only' Policy" (1999)
- *M. Ojito, "Report Says Immigrants are Jailed with Convicts" ('98); Ojito, "Judge Allows Suit on Abuse v. Officials of I.N.S." ('98)
- *K. Musalo, "Epilogue" (1998)
- *M. Wilch, "Detect, Detain, Deter, Deport" (2000)
- *C. Hedges, "Condemned by Past Crimes: Deportation Law Descends Sternly" (2000)
- *E. Nieves, "Calif Calls Off Effort to Carry Out Immigrant Measure" (1999)
- *S. Greenhouse, "US to expand Labor Rights to Cover Illegal Immigrants" (1999)
- *B. Crossette, "Testing the Limits of Tolerance as Cultures Mix" ('99)
- *S. Okin, "Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?" (1999)
- *A. Al-Hibri, "Is Western Patriarchal Feminism Good for third World/Minority Women?" (1999)
- *B. Parekh, "A Varied Moral Order" (1999)
- *M. Simons, "Sentence for Genital Cutting" (1999)
- *R. Shweder, "What about 'Female Genital Mutilation'?" (2000)

26 April

B. *Global migration and migrant health*

- *I. Kickbusch & K. Buse, "Global Influences and Global Responses: International Health at the Turn of the 21st Century" (2001)
- *"People Who Move: New Reproductive Health Focus" (1996), pp. 1-2, 20-21
- *"For Many Immigrants, Health Care Underground" (2000)

29 Ap-3 May

C. *Economic, social, and political adaptation*

- *M. Suarez-Orozco, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Assimilation but Were Afraid to Ask" (2000), pp. 10-24.
- **Korean Americans* (video) VT10841 (50 min)

1. *Enclaves*

- *C.K. Bun and O.J. Hui, "The Many Faces of Immigrant Entrepreneurship," pp. 523-529.
- *G. Grenier and L. Perez, "Refugees to Immigrants: The Rise of the Cuban American Community in Miami" (1999)

2. *Bicultural and transnational competence*

- **When East Meets East* (video, 2000) VT10843 (53 min)
- *P. Koehn, "Economic Adjustment and Social Adaptation"
- *M. Hopkins, "Becoming Bicultural" (1992)
- *E. Schmitt, "For 7 Million People in Census, One Race Category Isn't Enough" (2001)
- *Koehn and Rosenau, "Dimensions of Transnational Competence"

3. *Underclass assimilation*

- *"Culture Eroding Ethics" (1996)

4. *Naturalization, citizenship, and transnational participation*

- *S. Sachs, "Pressed by Backlog, US Rethinks Citizenship Test" ('99)
- *P. Levitt, "Migrants Participate across Borders" (2000)

6-8 May

D. *Migrant contributions*1. *Development in receiving/sending countries?*

- *L. Guarnzo, "Emergence of a Transnational Social Formation and the Mirage of Return Migration among Dominican Transmigrants" ('97)
- *S. Russell, "Remittances from International Migration"
- *T. Weiner, "Mexico Seeks Lower Fees on Funds Sent from US" ('01)
- *K. Kwong, "Rich Returns for Shantau" (1997)
- *F. Khan, "Mobilizing the Resources of Migration" (2001)
- *N. Snyder, "Enduring Separation: Psychological Consequences of Mexican Migration to the United States" (in press)

- *D. Cammack, "Development and Forced Migration: The Case of Afghan Refugee Women in Pakistan," pp. 461-465.
- **"Wages & Squalor for Immigrant Workers" ('99); P. Zielbauer, "Utica Welcomes Refugees as Hope for Prosperous Future" ('99); P. Belluck, "Short of People, Iowa seeks to be Ellis Island of Midwest" (2000); E. Schmitt, "To Fill in Gaps, Shrinking Cities Seek a New Wave of Foreigners" (2001)

2. *Transnational understanding & relations*

- *P. Koehn, "Chinese Americans and U.S.-China Relations in the 21st Century" (2000)

3. *Strength in diversity?*

VII. The Search for Innovative and Effective (Policy) Approaches

10 May

A. *Constructing fences or opening borders?*

- *J. Carens, "Aliens and Citizens: The Case for Open Borders"
- *S. Sachs, "Changes Called Likely in Policy on Immigration" (2001)
- *Burke, "Now Is Time to Keep US from tearing at the Seam" (2000)

10 May

B. *Burden sharing*

- *P. Schuck, "Refugee Burden-sharing: A Modest Proposal" (1997)

15 May (10:10-12:10)

C. *International rapid-reaction force*

- *L. Rosenblatt & L. Thompson, "The Door of Opportunity: Creating a Permanent Peacekeeping Force" (2002)
- *J. Pomfret, "Agencies Caught between Battling Factions" (1997)
- *S. Ogata, "Peace, Security, and Humanitarian Action" (2000)

D. *Community healing & peacebuilding*

- *K. Maynard, *Healing Communities in Conflict* (1999), pp. 12-13, 131-143, 163-193.
- *S. Weine, "Bosnian Refugees: Memories, Witnessing, and History after Dayton" (1996)

E. *Global Refugee Corps (GRC)*

- *P. Koehn, "Refugee Settlement and Repatriation," pp. 106-107 ('94)